

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

03/16/22

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 in the Board Room.

Members Present: Doris Warner, Marc Osterweil, Matthew Steen, Kent Brown and Mike Boice

Others Present: Laura H. Norris (Acting Superintendent) Beth E. Teuber (Clerk & Secretary) & Joy Holden (CSE Chair)

At 5:03PM, President Warner called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Warner welcomed Ms. Norris as Acting Superintendent and thanked her for her assistance.

Ms. Norris commented that she is getting the hang of things as Acting Superintendent and stated that everyone has been very supportive with this change.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Boice, seconded by Mr. Steen to approve the Minutes from 02/16/22, 02/21/22, 03/03/22 & 03/08/22. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to accept the Treasurer's Report from January, 2022 and Activity Fund Report for February, 2022 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board audited the Warrants and Reviewed the Internal Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants #0052-0059.

Policy - The meeting scheduled for February / March will be moved to April 11, 2022 at 4:30PM.

Finance Committee - The committee met on March 16, 2022. Mr. Beall commented that the Budget is staying firm and the tax increase will be 0. The committee will get into the budget with more detail at next meeting.

The Board received the enrollment report as of 03/09/22 - 341 students (323 in-district + 14 in BOCES + 1 in Gilboa, 1 in Cobleskill, 1 in Milford BOCES & 1 in Oneonta New Visions).

Jane Hamilton from Bassett Healthcare gave a presentation on "School Based Health 101." This would be a partnership between Margaretville Central School and Bassett Healthcare. Bassett is in 4 schools in Delaware County. Delhi, Sidney, South Kortright and Stamford. They would provide Comprehensive primary healthcare, mental health services and preventive and restorative dental care. The school based health center staff would include Advanced Practice Clinician, Mental Health Clinician, Licensed Practical Nurse, Ambulatory Office Assistant, Pediatrician 1-2x per month, Care Coordinator, Registered Dietician, Dental Hygienist and a Dentist. Ms. Hamilton explained that their would be no out of pocket cost for families for services provided. School based health care will be open daily while school is in session. One day per week in July and a few days in August. SBHC would need at least 75% of student enrollment over the first 3 years. The next step would be to survey the learning community to see how many would be interested in this program.

The Strategic Planning Committee gave a presentation on the next steps. The three next steps for them are Academic Priorities, Socio-Emotional Learning Priorities and Family Engagement Priorities. They presented the "What", "Why", and "How", for each step to the Board. As these steps are completed they will again present to the Board of Education.

Ms. Norris commented that she is happy to say the kids have been great. Teachers have done a great job with social distancing the kids. She is proud of the kids that choose to wear masks and kids that do not are respectful to those who are. Ms. Norris stated she is optimistic we have figured out how to live with COVID.

The ARP Plan has been approved by the state. Now we must follow the rules and regulation on how to spend the money. Next step is to start talking about enrichment programs. Ms. Norris is excited about moving forward and the next steps. Mrs. Warner commented that the Board is available for Ms. Norris if she needs anything.

**ROLL CALL****CALL TO ORDER****COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD****COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****TREASURER'S REPORT****WARRANTS****REPORTS****ENROLLMENT****BASSETT HEALTHCARE JANE HAMILTON****STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE NEXT STEPS****MASK UPDATE LAURA NORRIS****ARP UPDATE LAURA NORRIS**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Boice

"RESOLVED, that the Margaretville Central School Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Adriana Bregman, as the Speech Language Pathologist, who holds a Certificate in Speech - Language Pathology for a probationary period of four years (presuming no interruption by unpaid leaves) to commence on 3/18/22 and expire on 3/17/26 at a salary of \$62,500 prorated for the 2021-22 school year. This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time." Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Boice, seconded by Mr. Brown to Approve Stephanie Soules as a Substitute Aide for FMLA Maternity Leave for Erika Molnar for the 2021-22 School Year. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Boice, seconded by Mr. Steen

Approve James Milton as a Substitute Teacher for the 2021-22 School Year.

Approve Beth Kapps as a Substitute Teacher for the 2021-22 School Year.

Approve Gregory Binfield as the Extended School Year Special Education Teacher.

Approve Roxanne Mathis as the Extended School Year Special Education Aide.

Approve Jeremy Marks as the Boys Modified Baseball Coach for the 2021-22 School Year.

Approve Daniel Leon-Molina as the Boys Modified Baseball Aide for the 2021-22 School Year.

Motions carried unanimously.

Mr. Beall presented the Board of Education with a spreadsheet with all the factors that affect the 2022-23 Budget. Keeping the Budget at 0% increase by detailed budgeting. Tax increase proposed 0% increase by using Reserves and Unrestricted Fund Balance. Tax Cap allows a 4.22% increase.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Steen

Shall the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire a one school bus, at a maximum aggregate cost of approximately \$124,263; and (2) finance such school bus by expending \$118,763 from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund and trade-in value? Motion carried with a 4-Ayes, and 1-Nays

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Osterweil

Approve the BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2022-23 School Year and Approve the candidates for the BOCES Board Election. The Board of Education Approves the Acting Superintendent to cast the vote for the BOCES Board Election. Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL**

**PROBATIONARY  
APPOINTMENT OF  
SPEECH LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGIST  
ADRIANA BREGMAN**

**SUBSTITUTE AIDE  
STEPHANIE SOULES**

**SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHER  
JAMES MILTON**

**SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHER  
BETH KAPPS**

**EXTENDED SCHOOL  
YEAR SPECIAL ED  
TEACHER  
GREGORY BINFIELD**

**EXTENDED SCHOOL  
YEAR SPECIAL ED  
AIDE  
ROXANNE MATHIS**

**MODIFIED BOYS  
BASEBALL COACH  
JEREMY MARKS**

**MODIFIED BOYS  
BASEBALL AIDE  
DANIEL LEON-MOLINA**

**FINANCIAL**

**2022-23 BUDGET  
REVIEW  
GREGORY BEALL**

**BUS RESOLUTION  
MAY 2022 BUDGET  
VOTE**

**RESOLUTION FOR  
BOCES ADMIN  
BUDGET/ELECTION**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Brown

WHEREAS, the Margaretville Central School District is the beneficiary of testamentary gift of the Estate of Abe Savetman, and the Board of Education has had the opportunity to review said gift and determined that pursuant to New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law Section 555(d) that the current restrictions on the gift are unlawful, impracticable, impossible to achieve, or wasteful, and that the testamentary gift otherwise meets the requirements of N.Y. Not-For-Profit Corporation Law Section 555(d) in that the gift has a total value of less than \$100,000, more than twenty years have elapsed since the gift was established, and the District intends to use the property in the matter consistent with the purposes expressed in the gift,

**MODIFICATION OF THE SAVETMAN ACCOUNT**

It is RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the modification of the testamentary gift of the Estate of Abe Savetman by removing the restriction that the Margaretville Central School District may access only the income of said gift and the Board intends that the District may now access the entire corpus or principle of said gift. The District will provide notice to the Attorney General of said modification. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Boice, seconded by Mr. Brown

Approve the Transfer of \$119,924 from the Unrestricted Fund Balance to the Repair Reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPAIR RESERVE**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Boice, seconded by Mr. Osterweil

Approve the Transfer of \$250,000 from the Unrestricted Fund Balance to the Property Loss Reserve. Motion carried unanimously.

**PROPERTY LOSS RESERVE**

**OTHER**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Steen to Approve Option #3 as the 2022-23 School Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

**2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Boice to approve the CSE Recommendations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**CSE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board discussed the 5th grade trip to Massachusetts. At this time the Board is not comfortable approving this trip.

**5th GRADE TRIP TO MASSACHUSETTS**

Mr. Greg Beall gave the Board and update on the National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant for School Authorities. At this time the Cafeteria Manager, Connie Mathiesen has applied for a new milk cooler for the cafeteria. She is in the progress of applying for a garbage disposal also. She is getting quotes for this garbage disposal.

**LUNCH PROGRAM EQUIPMENT GRANT**

The Board discussed the upcoming opening of the Guidance Secretary Position. Explained that this is a Civil Service position and that the school will have to pick from the top 3 candidates. The results will not be in until July of 2022.

**GUIDANCE SECRETARY POSITION**

The Board discussed the Shared Superintendency with Andes Central School. It was discussed that Margaretville Central School is in need of a full time Superintendent at this time. We need more presence in our school and community. IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Boice to not renew our contract with Andes Central School as of July 1, 2022 for Shared Superintendency.

**SHARED SUPERINTENDENCY WITH ANDES CENTRAL SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Margaretville Central School District (the "District") entered into an agreement with the Andes Central School District for the shared services of a Superintendent of Schools for the 2021-2022 school year, in accordance with Section 1527-c of the New York Education Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board has deliberated and determined that it is in the best interest of the District to procure the services of a full-time, on-site Superintendent of Schools, rather than continue the shared arrangement with the Andes Central School District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District hereby terminates its shared Superintendent of Schools arrangement with the Andes Central School District, effective July 1, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the President of the Board to take any steps necessary to implement the action set forth herein, including providing notice to the Andes Central School District of District of the action set forth herein. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS**

Mrs. Warner stated that Julia Marks will have an outline next month on our District Communication Plan. She will lay out how to meet the Strategic Plan. The Board would like Mr. Marks to present on the Building Condition.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Steen to move into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** Executive Session at 7:24 PM to discuss 2 personnel issues.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:10 PM.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Boice to adjourn the meeting at **ADJOURNMENT** 8:12PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved: 4/20/23  
Clerk: Bob E. Seiber