

BOARD OF EDUCATION

12/15/21

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 in the Board Room.

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

Others Present: Robert Chakar (Superintendent) Beth E. Teuber (Clerk & Secretary) Laura Norris (Building Principal) & Joy Holden (CSE Chair)

At 5:00PM, President Warner called the meeting to order.

In Comments from the Board, Mrs. Warner thanked Ms. Norris and Dr. Chakar on taking the best steps and keeping the kids safe during our Shelter In Place. She commends them.

Dr. Chakar commented that they held a community forum after the Shelter In Place and the Administration learned a lot from it and took in all the suggestions that the parents had. We will communicate more frequently.

Mr. Mike Hill attended the meeting and commented on the Jones Hollow Road Bus Stop. He stated the facts are the safety of our children. For them to walk a mile in inclement weather with no sidewalks is dangerous for his children. It is dark and their is no posted speed limit. Mr. Hill produced photos of the driveway for the turnaround and of the unsafe road where the children would be walking.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the Minutes from 11/17/21. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Boice to accept the Treasurer's Report from October, 2021 and Activity Fund Report for November, 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thomas Murphy the Executive Director of the Central Business Office at ONC BOCES introduced himself to our Board of Education. Mr. Murphy is the replacement of Mr. Gregory Beall. Mr. Murphy commented that he has large shoes to fill after taking over for Mr. Beall. He stated that our district is in very good shape. MCS is a better example of a well growing school district.

The Board audited the Warrants and Reviewed the Internal Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants #0033-0035.

The Board received the enrollment report as of 12/08/21 - 348 students (329 in-district + 14 in BOCES + 1 in Gilboa, 2 in Cobleskill, 1 in Milford BOCES & 1 in Oneonta New Visions).

Dr. Chakar commented that there are 5 days until our holiday recess. We got through the play and holding on in Athletics. Working with Tracy Reither overall to be the best as we can in the climate. As to the Security Issue, Dr. Chakar responded with a letter to our learning community, relaying that we will make adjustments to how we communicate with families and with our Action Plan. We learned a lot and the school is getting positive feedback. Ms. Norris commented that we are persistent with dealing with little flair ups with COVID and we will make it to break. The Elementary Concerts were today. We broke the grades up into groups and it was very successful. Still in search for the Speech Pathologist. Their is possibly another candidate but will not be able to start until next year. Mrs. Holden commented that she is working with our BOCES and also a Headhunter to try and find a Speech Pathologist. An option that may work is tele speech at this time. Mrs. Holden will keep looking.

Mrs. Tanzer our High School Math Teacher gave a presentation on her Summer Staff Development Project. She set out to review the new curriculum that MCS purchased in the Applied Math Course. The curriculum is called Foundations in Personal Finance by Dave Ramsey. She reviewed all the chapters and compared to the old version. She focused on the major section of the course which were budgeting, saving, credit and debt, insurance, banking, income and taxes, real estate and investing and retirement. The activities were similar but made more clear. She printed the new activities and created a binder for the students.

ROLL CALL**CALL TO ORDER****COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION****COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT****COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC****APPROVAL OF MINUTES****TREASURER'S REPORT****INTRODUCTION****WARRANTS****REPORTS ENROLLMENT****SCHOOL UPDATE ROBERT CHAKAR LAURA NORRIS****SSD PRESENTATION ELIZABETH TANZER**

Mr. Leon-Molina our High School LOTE teacher gave a presentation on his Summer Staff Development Project. His project was to develop a cognitive approach to teach a Second Language. He explained the curriculum will be changing in NYS. He gave two approaches. The Cognitive Approach is to incorporate new objects into the structure. Process of modifying schemas to accommodate new information. Second approach is the Linguistic Approach, the use of grammar. English is students first language, they have grammar which is used for the assimilation of the second language by comparison. Students have benefited from these new techniques in my class.

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

Approve Laura O'Brien as the Substitute Teacher for Katy DiBenedetto (FMLA Maternity Leave).

Approve MOA between Margaretville Central School and Stacey Johnson.

Approve MOA Agreement between Margaretville Central School and Courtney Fairbairn as our School Psychologist for the 2021-22 School Year.

Motions carried unanimously.

Greg Beall reviewed the quarterly reports as presented to the Board.

Ms. Norris presented the Board with an executive summary on the ARP plan. A few corrections needs to be completed on the grant applications. As soon as these corrections are completed the application should be accepted by the state.

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

The Board discussed the Mental Health crisis within our school. Discussed using General Fund monies to fund this program and get it off the ground. Margaretville CSD will have to hire a Licensed Clinical Social Worker to fill this position. Mr. Osterweil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steen, to call Bassett and ask about Mental Health Services and to post for a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the bus route up Jones Hollow Rd. Mr. Boice made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brown to continue the run as is and if the road is not safe to continue to the end of route then the bus driver will call the school, and the school will call the parents to let them know that they will need to self transport. This will be at the discretion of the bus driver. Motion carried with 3-Approved, 1-Opposed and 1-Abstain.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Boice to move into Executive Session at 6:52 PM to discuss personnel matter.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:02PM.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Boice, seconded by Mr. Steen to adjourn the meeting at 7:03PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved:

Clerk:

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SSD PRESENTATION DANIEL LEON-MOLINA

PERSONNEL
 SUBSTITUTE
 TEACHER LAURA
 O'BRIEN

MOA
 STACEY JOHNSON
 MOA SCHOOL
 PSYCHOLOGIST

FINANCIAL
 REVIEW QUARTERLY
 REPORTS

REVIEW ARP PLAN

OTHER
 CSE
 RECOMMENDATIONS

**DISCUSSION OF
 MENTAL HEALTH**

**BUS ROUTE
 JONES HOLLOW RD**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT