

01/16/19

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 in the Board Room.

Members Present: Doris Warner, Terence Johnson, Mike Boice, Kurt Holcherr and Marc Osterweil

Others Present: Robert Chakar (Clerk and Superintendent) and Teresa Goodchild (Treasurer)

At 7:00PM, President Warner called the meeting to order.

In comments from the Superintendent, Dr. Chakar commented on the Talent Show held the night before and that it was very well attended.

Comments from the Public, Cruz Garcia asked the Board to consider a change in name from SADD to TI (Teen Institute) explaining that it would attract more participation as it's about character and leadership building and works alongside our PBIS. Dr. Chakar will investigate if there's a problem in regards to the teacher contract with a name change. The Board explained that it's not a Board decision and for the students to work with the Administration to make it happen.

Ashton Grocholl was present to question the Board regarding their review and decision on the change in bus route to add Turk Hollow. Mrs. Grocholl questioned why the decision wasn't being made by the transportation supervisor and the Board. Dr. Chakar explained that the district was looking into an expert through BOCES and that other Superintendents in the area had as well. She expressed that she feels it's a dangerous intersection and that a decision should be made sooner rather than later. Dr. Chakar and Mrs. Warner both expressed that it's being looked into.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to approve the Minutes from 12/19/18. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to accept the Treasurer's Report and Activity Fund Report for December 2018 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board audited the Warrants and Reviewed the Internal Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants #043-050.

In communications, the Board received a copy of the letter to Roxbury Central School thanking them for their assistance with a broken down bus with children last week.

OCUS Update-Will be meeting tomorrow and have begun the work on collecting the data. Facilities/Transportation-Met yesterday and discussed what has been completed and work to be done, particularly the intercom system that still is not fully functional. Will be doing the front steps in the spring. One of the doors has been repaired from the salt rot, and discussed possibly having awnings over some of the doorways. In transportation, discussed balancing out mileage due to 5 year rotation.

Policy - Met and reviewed a few pages and have returned to Dr. Chakar with questions. Making progress.

Finance - Have met. Had a presentation on the budget and went into a discussion on transportation. Mr. Osterweil explained it's a work in progress.

The Board received the enrollment report as of 1/10/19 - 367 students (324 in District, 24 in Special Classes and 19 to BOCES).

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

"RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, pursuant to Section 5 of the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Law, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Dustin Soules to the permanent position of Mechanic/Bus Driver effective January 9, 2019." Motion carried unanimously.

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

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby accept the retirement resignation of Rebecca Miller from her position of Licensed Teaching Assistant (LTA) effective June 30, 2019."

Motion carried unanimously.

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

A discussion took place regarding investments. Mr. Greg Beall, ONC BOCES Shared Business Office Business Manager recommended that the Board put reserves in NYLAF and see how they do, and to keep the other half in NBT Bank, as they agreed to pay a higher interest rate on the District's money market accounts.

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District accepts the recommendation of Teresa Goodchild, Treasurer, that Margaretville Central School open a new "Multi-Reserve Fund" and "General Fund" Accounts with NYLAF. These accounts will be used to move Multi-Reserve balance from the Multi-Reserve account currently held in the General Fund."

Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL

CALL TO ORDER

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

SADD ORGANIZATION

TURK HOLLOW BUS STOP

ROUTINE BUSINESS APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

WARRANTS

COMMUNICATIONS

REPORTS

ENROLLMENT

PERSONNEL

CIVIL SERVICE

PERMANENT

APPOINTMENT

Dustin Soules

RETIREMENT

RESIGNATION - LTA

Miller

FINANCIAL

NYLAF INVESTMENTS

IT ~~WAS~~ MOVED by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Boice to approve selling of the truck sander with a starting bid of \$1,000 by sealed bid. Motion carried unanimously.

TRUCK SANDER

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

OTHER
CSE

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Boice, seconded by Mr. Johnson to move into Executive Session at 7:50PM to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried unanimously.
The Regular Meeting resumed at 9:19PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Boice to approve Mary Greene as a Substitute Teacher Aide for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

SUBSTITUTE AIDE
Greene

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Warner, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to adjourn the meeting at 9:20PM. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved: 2 | 13 | 19

Clerk:

