

BOARD OF EDUCATION

02/10/21

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 in the School Cafeteria and via zoom.

Members Present: Doris Warner, Marc Osterweil, Mike Boice, Kurt Holcherr and Kent Brown

ROLL CALL

Others Present: Robert Chakar (Superintendent) and Beth E. Teuber (Clerk & Secretary)

At 7:05PM, President Warner called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER

In Comments from the Board, Mr. Holcherr thanked everyone for another month of success. Good job, outstanding.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In Comments from the Superintendent, Dr. Chakar stated that it is day 95 and things are going well.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

In Comments from the Public, Toni Smith wants to keep up the in person learning and keep the students and staff in school.

COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Boice to approve the Minutes from 01/20/21. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to accept the Treasurer's Report from December, 2020 and Activity Fund Report for January, 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board audited the Warrants and Reviewed the Internal Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants #0048-0055.

WARRANTS**REPORTS**

Aids Advisory - Mr. Osterweil took lead on this committee. Regulation that stipulates that the Board of Education is responsible for Health Education. A counsel of members needs to be established that would oversee Health Education. The counsel needs to consist of a staff member, parent and a board member. Mrs. Tracy Reither commented that she teaches HIV curriculum in her Health classes. In 6th & 7th grade she brings students to the Aids quit that is presented in Albany. The students seem to really get a lot of information from this trip.

Policy - The board met on Monday February 8, 2021 and reviewed half of the 4000's. It's a long process but will eventually get to the end. Next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2021 at 5PM.

Finance - The committee met on February 9, 2021 at 10AM. Dr. Chakar went over the budget. The committee should have a better outlook on it soon. Next meeting will be in March.

The Board received the enrollment report as of 02/03/21 - 347 students (330 in-district + 14 in BOCES + 2 in Gilboa & 1 in Cobleskill). Remote Students K-5 = 9, 6-12 =13, total of 22 Students

ENROLLMENT

Dr. Chakar stated Margaretville is doing the best we can to stay open. Day 95 and still going. Delaware County Department of Health had zoomed with the Faculty and Staff for any questions that they had on Friday February 5, 2021. It was very informational for all.

PRESENTATIONS**SCHOOL UPDATE
ROBERT L. CHAKAR**

Brian LaTourette from the New York State School Boards Association presented Margaretville Central School with a NYSSBA Banner. NYSSBA initiated a program, which they call the Champions of Change for Kids. Margaretville's creative program the Senior Citizen Dinner/Dance was the program they paid tribute to. Recently retired Carol Norwick took the lead on this meritorious program. Carol along with other staff and students were honored. NYSSBA extended their congratulations to our BOE along with our staff and students for all their hard work.

**NYSSBA BANNER
PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Amanda Wells presented her SSD project. The summer project was guided in three broad ideas. The first was the importance of student choice as a means of increasing student engagement. The second was the need for students to develop background knowledge to increase reading comprehension. The last is the power of Project Based Learning and inquiry in increasing both student engagement and learning outcomes. The majority of her work was focused on developing two projects incorporating these three ideas. She has brought these to her high school students. At this time her students are working on making documentaries, creating a virtual museum. She will be glad to share these with the BOE when they are completed.

**SSD REPORT
AMANDA WELLS**

Sydney Asher and Amaal Bahnas presented what the Climate Action Team has been working on this 2020-21 school year. The yearly key workshop was held virtual this year in October in which they attended. School projects are to recycle every week. Their newest project was to say goodbye to disposable plastic utensils in the cafeteria. Connie Mathiesen was a huge part in this project. We now have metal silverware in our cafeteria to use daily. Producing less waste is so much better for our school and our students. Both Sydney and Amaal look forward to doing more with the team.

**CLIMATE ACTION
SYDNEY ASHER
AMAAL BAHNAS**

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

PERSONNEL

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby grant a child rearing leave of absence for Evette Garofolo to begin with an anticipated start date of May 2021."

**FMLA MATERNITY
LEAVE OF ABSENCE
EVETTE GAROFOLO**

"RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Law, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Ariel Bogert to the position of P/T Cafeteria Helper, P/T Bus Aide to carry out the duties of the position as set forth in the New York State Civil Service Laws and or Rules for a probationary period of six months to commence 03/01/21 and expire on 07/31/21 at a salary of \$20,240 pro-rated for the 2020-21 school year."

**PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT OF P/T
CAFÉ P/T BUS AIDE
ARIEL BOGERT**

"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 Kristi Gavette to the permanent position of Aide effective March 1, 2021."

**PERMANENT
APPOINTMENT OF
AIDE
KRISTI GAVETTE**

"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 Sarah Scully to the permanent position of Aide effective March 1, 2021."

**PERMANENT
APPOINTMENT OF
AIDE
SARAH SCULLY**

"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 Kathryn VanBenschoten to the permanent position of Aide effective March 1, 2021."

**PERMANENT
APPOINTMENT OF
AIDE
KATHRYN
VANBENSCHOTEN**

Motions carried unanimously.

Mr. Greg Beall our District Treasurer presented the Quarterly Financial Reports to the Board of Education.

**FINANCIAL
QUARTERLY
FINANCIAL REVIEW**

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

**OTHER
CSE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board of Education discussed SuperEval. SuperEval sent links out to the BOE to review Dr. Chakar with the online program. The Board has set March 15, 2021 at 5PM to review Dr. Chakar.

**SUPEREVAL
DISCUSSION**

The BOE discussed Goal Setting for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. They will be reaching out to NYSSBA to help with the goal setting for next year.

GOAL SETTING

The BOE received 3 draft calendars for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. Dr. 2021-22 SCHOOL
Chakar is leaning towards draft #2. CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION
executive session at 8:43PM. Motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting resumed at 9:12PM.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Holcherr, seconded by Mr. Boice to adjourn the meeting ADJOURNMENT
at 9:13PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved: _____

Clerk: 3/17/2021
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