

BOARD OF EDUCATION

01/20/21

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 in the School Cafeteria.

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 7:03PM, President Warner called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER

In Comments from the Board, Mr. Holcherr wanted to thank everyone again. Mr. Brown stated it is great that MCS is still open and we are very lucky. Being a new board member he recognized that Doris Warner is doing a great job. Mrs. Warner thanked Mr. Brown for taking the 5hour School Board training last week with CASSAC. (Catskill Area School Study Council) Mr. Boice mentioned that today January 20, 2021 is the 25th anniversary of the 1996 flood.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In Comments from the Superintendent, Dr. Chakar stated its been a success. 82 days and holding on. Custodial staff is cleaning diligently. Teachers and the children are coming in and we are in great hopes that we make it to February break.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to approve the Minutes from 12/16/20. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board audited the Warrants and Reviewed the Internal Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants #0037-0047.

WARRANTS**REPORTS**

Policy - The board reviewed proposed policies on January 11, 2021. The Board has gotten through Section 3 and part of Section 4. The next policy meeting will be on February 8, 2021 at 5PM.

Finance - The committee met on January 12, 2021 at 10AM. Mr. Brown commented Dr. Chakar showed them the preliminary parts of the budget and was more like an orientation to understand. Dr. Chakar gave the committee an overview were we are in January in regards to TRS, ERS and Health Care. Spoke about the State Aid Cuts. Dr. Chakar will be meeting with cafeteria manager Connie Mathiesen and Head of the bus garage Beth Smith to discuss what may be needed for the next years budget. The next meeting will be on February 9, 2021 at 10AM.

ENROLLMENT

The Board received the enrollment report as of 01/13/21 - 344 students (327 in-district + 14 in BOCES + 2 in Gilboa & 1 in Cobleskill). Remote Students K-5 = 9, 6-12 =13, total of 22 Students

PRESENTATIONS**SCHOOL UPDATE
ROBERT L. CHAKAR**

Mrs. Warner commented kudos for everyone following the rules and keeping us in business for 81 days. Dr. Chakar updated us on the school progress. An updated letter went out stating that there will be no change at this time to instruction. Will be sending out another to update before February break. Neighborhood districts are remote until February 1, 2021. No sports at this time. There will be another Section 4 meeting soon. No afterschool in person crop, only virtual. Everyone, teachers, custodians doing a good job wiping down and cleaning surfaces.

**FINANCIAL
IRS MILEAGE RATE**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Holcherr, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the 2021 IRS Mileage Rate of .56. Motion carried unanimously.

REMOTE LEARNING

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to Transfer \$107,963.94 from the Unrestricted Fund Balance to the General Fund for the 2nd Semester of Remote Learning. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER
CSE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**COOPERATIVE
ENERGY
RESOLUTION**

IT WAS MOVED by, Mr. Holcherr, seconded by Mr. Boice to approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Cooperative Energy Purchasing for Electricity. Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Boice to approve the billing schedule and agreement for Electricity Cooperative Energy Purchasing. Motion carried unanimously.

**BILLING SCHEDULE,
AGREEMENT FOR
COOPERATIVE
ENERGY
PURCHASING**

**DISCUSSION TOPICS
UPDATE GOALS**

The Board of Education discussed updating their goals for the 2021-2022 School year. They will be setting a date to have a public goal workshop in February. By March of 2021 the new goals should be set.

SUPEREVAL

The Board of Education discussed SuperEval. Two years ago in March the Board had reviewed the Superintendent. The Superintendent will have to log into SuperEval and evaluate himself first. The Board of Education can then log on and perform their own evaluation. The Board will meet in March to evaluate the Superintendent.

**FACILITIES
COMMITTEE**

Within the discussions, Mrs. Warner discussed forming a committee to evaluate the building needs. The committee needs to evaluate the issues that need to be fixed within the school building. The purpose of this committee is to identify needed repairs and see what upgrades may need to be done. Identify the urgency on the needed repairs. The committee will evaluate, prioritize and bring a report back to the board by June 2021. Mrs. Warner asked Mr. Jeremy Marks if he would facilitate this committee. Mr. Kent Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to form a building committee to explore the needs of the building. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterwell, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to move into executive session at 8:12PM. Motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:39PM.

MESPA CONTRACT

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Boice, seconded by Mr. Osterwell to approve the 1-year roll over for the MESPA contract. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Osterwell to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved: 2/16/2021
Clerk: Beth E. Sewler