

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

03/17/21

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, March 17, 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 7:03PM, President Warner called the meeting to order.

**CALL TO ORDER**

In Comments from the Board, Mr. Osterweil discussed the CASSAC training that he attended. Mr. Holcherr thanked Dr. Chakar and the team for another month of success. March 17 was the 1-year anniversary of when we shut down in 2020.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In Comments from the Superintendent, Dr. Chakar commented that it is our 1-year anniversary of shutting down. This week of March 15-19, 2021 we are remote and will be back to school on Monday, March 22, 2021. The transition has been good.

**COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Holcherr, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the Minutes from 02/10/21. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Board audited the Warrants and Reviewed the Internal Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants #0056-0064.

**WARRANTS****REPORTS**

Policy - The board met on Monday March 8, 2021 and have reviewed most of the 4000's and will be moving on to the 5000's. Next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2021 at 5PM.

Finance - The committee met for their March meeting. Expenses are all known at this time for the upcoming budget. Budget to go up 2.3% and the Tax Levy to raise 1.15%. Debt Service meeting will be with Greg Beall on Tuesday March 23, 2021

The Board received the enrollment report as of 03/09/21 - 346 students (328 in-district + 14 in BOCES + 2 in Gilboa, 1 in Cobleskill & 1 in Milford BOCES). Remote Students K-5 = 9, 6-12 =13, total of 22 Students

**ENROLLMENT****PRESENTATIONS**

Ms. Norris gave an update on the school progress. End of year Regents dates have been set along with the NYS testing dates. Still waiting on a Federal Government to see if MCS can apply for a waiver. If there is no waiver there will be 4 Regents exams administered. Algebra 1, Earth Science, Living Environment and ELA. It may benefit some students to receive a regular diploma. MCS is on remote this week but back next week on Monday March 22, 2021.

**SCHOOL UPDATE LAURA NORRIS**

Dr. Chakar discussed the Tax Levy. It will increase by 1.15%. This is what we are focusing on and we will meet the challenge.

**TAX LEVY****ROBERT L. CHAKAR**

Mr. Jeremy Marks stated that we now have all our members of the Building Condition Committee. The first meeting will be next week and then will have another meeting in April. We will bring all of our ideas to the board and present it to them in June.

**INITIATION OF FACILITY / BUILDING CONDITION COMMITTEE**

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

**PERSONNEL**

"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 Dale Hoffman to the permanent position of Bus Driver effective March 15, 2021."

**PERMANENT****APPOINTMENT OF****BUS DRIVER****DALE HOFFMAN**

Approve Dawn Reidlinger as a Substitute Teacher for the 2020-21 school year.

**SUBSTITUTE****TEACHER****DAWN REIDLINGER**

Approve Sally Simon as a Substitute Teacher for the 2020-21 school year. Motions carried unanimously.

**SUBSTITUTE****TEACHER****SALLY SIMON**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Holcherr  
Approve Jennifer Sands as the County Music Festival (All County) advisor for the 2020-21 school year.

**COUNTY MUSIC  
FESTIVAL ADVISOR  
JENNIFER SANDS  
NYSMMA ADVISOR  
JENNIFER SANDS**

Approve Jennifer Sands as the NYSMMA advisor for the 2020-21 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, 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 Dorothy Rose from her position of Kindergarten Teacher effective June 30, 2021."

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Approve Carol Barnes as the long term sub for 5th grade teacher Kimberly Smith as she takes her FMLA Maternity leave to begin April of 2021.

**SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHER  
CAROL BARNES  
SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHER  
JUDY SUGAR**

Approve Judy Sugar as the long term sub for the High School Science/Chemistry Teacher, Evette Garofolo as she takes her FMLA Maternity leave to begin May of 2021.

Motions carried  
unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Brown  
"SHALL the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire a school bus, at a maximum aggregate cost of approximately \$59,414; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid and trade-in values; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds, notes and/or installment purchase contracts of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$59,414, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?"

Motion carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Osterweil  
"RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO THE PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR THE MARGARETVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE ONC BOCES WHEREAS, the Margaretville Central School District requires additional Instructional Technology software and hardware beyond that which they currently own or is available to it and, WHEREAS, the Margaretville Central School District wishes to spread the cost of purchasing said equipment over several years with a multi-year installment purchase contract, NOW THEREFORE, the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES is hereby authorized to expend annually, on behalf of the Margaretville Central School District, funds to acquire the equipment as follows: Equipment (All Prices are estimated based on current NYS Contract and vendor pricing) Quantity Description Unit Cost Total Cost 47 Dell Latitude 5420 \$ 620.00 \$ 29,140.00 47 Dell Pro Briefcases \$ 14.00 \$ 658.00 110 Dell Chromebook 11 3100 \$ 256.00 \$ 28,160.00 110 Google Chrome Management Console Licenses \$ 24.00 \$ 2,640.00 110 Targus laptop carrying cases \$ 14.00 \$ 1,540.00 \$ 62,138.00 \$ 1,312.75 \$ 63,450.75 Estimated Cost of Equipment Estimated Interest 1.820% (Estimate based on a 3 Year Lease) Estimated Total Cost of Equipment Annual payments (estimated) will be made in the following amounts to ONC BOCES; 2021-2022 School Year = \$ 21,150.25 2022-2023 School Year = \$ 21,150.25 2023-2024 School Year = \$ 21,150.25 Estimated Total Payments (Including Interest) = \$ 63,450.75"

**INSTRUCTIONAL  
TECHNOLOGY  
EQUIPMENT  
RESOLUTION**

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**OTHER  
CSE  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Holcherr, seconded by Mr. Boice to approve the 2021-22 School Calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

**2021-22 SCHOOL  
CALENDAR**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to approve the Pandemic Plan for the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

**PANDEMIC PLAN**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Holcherr, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2021-22 School Year. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOCES  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
BUDGET**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Boice to approve the candidates for the BOCES Board Election. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOCES BOARD  
ELECTION**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to approve the Mental Health Agreement between MidHudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center and Margaretville Central School. Motion carried unanimously.

**MENTAL HEALTH  
AGREEMENT**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to move into executive session at 8:02PM to discuss the performance of an employee. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The regular meeting resumed at 8:19PM.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

*4/21/2009*  
*Robert E. Seibert*