

BOARD OF EDUCATION

05/19/21

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 in the School Cafeteria and via zoom.

Members Present: Doris Warner, Marc Osterweil, Kurt Holcherr and Kent Brown, Absent: Mike Boice **ROLL CALL**

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

At 7:01PM, President Warner called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER

In Comments from the Board, Mrs. Warner thanked Mr. Brown, Mr. Osterweil and Dr. Chakar on their incredible work on the budget that passed. Congratulations to Mr. Osterweil winning another three year term. Mr. Holcherr did not run again this year so we would like to congratulate Mr. Matthew Steen that will join us as a new board member. Mr. Brown attended a webinar with CASSAC and mentioned he felt that the webinar should have been directed to Social Studies teachers instead of Board Members. Mr. Osterweil attended a stimulus webinar with NYSSBA. NYSED wants assigned assurance by May 24. State wants districts to use all the money, not just a portion or the state will have to give money back. Time is of the essence and the district needs to set up a public workshop to proceed.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In Comments from the Superintendent, Dr. Chakar commented that our budget passed and thanked the budget committee as they did a great job. Looking forward to next year.

**COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

In Comments from the Public via zoom, a community member wanted to thank the Board for all their work. Also asked if was a possibility to check out Chromebook over the summer.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to approve the Minutes from 04/21/21. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board audited the Warrants and Reviewed the Internal Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants #0072-0079.

WARRANTS**REPORTS**

Policy - The board met on Tuesday May 11, 2021 via zoom and have finished the 4000's and made progress on the 5000's. Next meeting is scheduled for June14, 2021 at 5PM.

Building Condition - The committee has met several times and had the 3rd walk through on May 12. The committee will meet one more time before the June BOE meeting to present the findings.

The Board received the enrollment report as of 05/12/21 - 349 students (330 in-district + 14 in BOCES + 2 in Gilboa, 1 in Cobleskill & 2 in Milford BOCES). Remote Students K-5 =89, 6-12 =13, total of 21 Students

ENROLLMENT**PRESENTATIONS****ELECTION UPDATE
ROBERT L. CHAKAR**

Dr. Chakar updated us on the Budget Election. Budget passed with a vote of 162 -23. Bus proposition passed with a vote of 150 - 33. Kent Brown wins a 1-year term with 167 votes. Marc Osterweil wins over Noel Amundsen with a vote of 128 - 47. Matthew Steen wins a 3-year term with a 140 votes. 3-write in votes. Mr. Steen will take over the seat of Kurt Holcherr. Mr. Holcherr did not run this year. Thank you to all who worked at the polls for the 2021-22 Budget.

END OF YEAR UPDATE**LAURA NORRIS**

Ms. Norris did an update on the end of the year events. She commented that MCS is revving up for the end of the year. Regents exams and final exams have been scheduled. Working on a plan for graduation. Junior class will be having their prom on June 12. Friday June 11th the cap & gown parade will take place on Main Street for the Class of 2021 starting at 5:30PM. Baccalaureate will be held at the Catholic Church. NYS assessments went well this year with almost 100% participation.

Mrs. Reither spoke on the progress of our sports program. Athletic coaches and community are thrilled to be out to watch our spring sports. Teams are doing well and the season will end on June 5th.

**SPORTS PROGRESS UPDATE
TRACY REITHER**

Dr. Catherine Huber the District Superintendent of ONC BOCES introduced herself to our MCS Board Members along with our community members. She started at ONC BOCES on October 1, 2020. She has visited 19 school districts and is also attending their BOE meetings. She is here to support all Board of Educations in the ONC BOCES region. She stated it has been a joy to visit all the communities.

Dr. Oclatis attended our BOE meeting via zoom to answer questions on the Mental Health status in our school. The previous grant started in the summer of 2017. With this federal grant it covered all expense in the program. This provided licensed mental health workers to have a clinic within the school building at no cost to the family. All expenses were covered by this federal grant. The grant expired at the end of March 2021. The medical center looked into other grant opportunities and applied for them but did not have assurance to receive the grant. The Medical Center is seeking a license from NYS to have a satellite office in the school. We need a license to be able to bill for services. We have a license in Poughkeepsie and Westchester. At this time we can zoom services and can bill through telehealth. We had two full time social workers assigned to MCS but with losing the grant they decided not to continue with the program. Trying to find new staff, the positions are posted but recruitment is very difficult. They have 1 full time therapist that is working at RCS and now has also picked up some MCS students. The timeline for the clinic at MCS will depend of Westchester to submit a staffing plan to NYS and at this time we still do not have the staff to even submit this plan. After we submit the documents it would take 2 months before the clinic could open up at MCS. Mental Health number at Margaretville Memorial Hospital is 845-586-4332.

Ms. Laura Norris recognized the new 4th grade teacher Suzanne Ghersi for the Professional Development in Science Education. Suzanne has a special interest in Math & Science. She has been selected to participate in a summer program in July with the MWEE, Meaningful Watershed Education Experiences. She plans to bring what she had learned back to her lesson plan along with classroom materials from the watershed.

Ms. Laura Norris recognized the Business teacher Christina Stickle. Christina applied for a grant for classroom materials. SFCU awarded \$100 to Ms. Stickle to buy those classroom materials.

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

To approve Linda Pesa as the Advisor for the 5th grade celebration for the 2020-21 school year.

Approve Jennifer Sands and Kristin Vignona as the Advisors for the Spring Scitamard Play for the 2020-21 school year.

Approve Milissa Bruno as the CASEBP District's interim designee for the 2021-22 school year.

Motions carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to approve Laura Norris' School Principal Agreement for the 2021-2025 school years. Motion carried unanimously.

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

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of Education Law, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby grant tenure to Laura Norris as Building Principal effective June 30, 2021."
Motion carried unanimously.

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

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of Education Law, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby grant tenure to Joy Holden as .6 Administrator effective August 31, 2021."
Motion carried unanimously.

**DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT
DR. CATHERINE
HUBER**

**WESTCHESTER
MEDICAL CENTER
DR. KEN OCLATIS**

**RECOGNITION
SUZANNE GHERSI**

**RECOGNITION
CHRISTINA STICKLE**

**PERSONNEL
5TH GRADE
CELEBRATION
ADVISOR
LINDA PESA
SCITAMARD
ADVISORS
JENNIFER SANDS &
KRISTIN VIGNONA
CASEBP INTERIM
DESIGNEE
MILISSA BRUNO**

**PRINCIPAL
AGREEMENT
LAURA NORRIS**

**TENURE
APPOINTMENT
LAURA NORRIS**

**TENURE
APPOINTMENT
JOY HOLDEN**

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

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of Education Law, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby grant tenure to Frances Hayes as ESL Teacher effective August 31, 2021."
Motion carried unanimously.

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

Approve the Confidential Employees Contract for the 2021-22 School Year.
Motion carried unanimously.

**CONFIDENTIAL
EMPLOYEES
CONTRACT**

OTHER

**CSE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Holcherr, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to approve the disposal of assets with our technology equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOU WITH
DELAWARE
OPPORTUNITIES
COMMENTS**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to approve the MOU between Margaretville Central School and Delaware opportunities. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Holcherr commented that the Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 31, 2021 in Fleischmanns at 9AM and in Margaretville at 11AM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to move into executive session at 8:17PM to discuss the performance of an employee.
Motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:47PM.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:48PM. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved: June 16, 2021

Clerk: Beth E. Seibert