

BOARD OF EDUCATION

11/18/20

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 in the Cafeteria.

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

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

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

In Comments from the Board, Mr. Osterweil welcomed our newest board member Kent Brown. Mrs. Warner welcomed Mr. Brown and stated his seat would fill Mr. Johnsons until the next election in May of 2021. Mr. Holcherr thanked the staff for another successful month.

Mr. Kurt Holcherr as the Commander of American Legion Post 216 read a letter that thanked everyone involved in the Veterans Day Ceremony. MCS has proved positive that the veterans of the community are not forgotten. The heart felt effort has made the children in our community, the next generation more aware of what was done in the past and is still done today by men and women in uniform, in order to preserve our rights and all privileges of our Free American Democracy.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Holcherr, seconded by Mr. Boice to approve the Minutes from 10/21/20. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board audited the Warrants and Reviewed the Internal Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants #0024-0029.

The Board received the enrollment report as of 11/12/20 - 346 students (329 in-district + 14 in BOCES + 2 in Gilboa & 1 in Cobleskill).

In presentations, Dr. Chakar commented that we are holding on well. The school is sending a lot of info out to parents as we progress. We are in constant contact with DOH, Mandy Walsh. NYC schools will be going remote on November 19, 2020. Parents like that we are open. We will be keeping the same structure for the next 17 days. We can revisit after the Christmas Break.

Mrs. Geehrer-Todd presented her SSD Project. She put together an interactive bulletin board in the elementary hallway. This board targets student vocabulary skills/development, using evidenced based strategies for improving vocabulary including: context clues, graphic organizers and affixes. The board is a functional way of learning and reinforcing skills. It captures student's interest, mentally challenge's the students and helps students practice skills related to their learning. Mrs. Geehrer-Todd switches the board info weekly.

Mrs. Warner commented that the community authorized the BOE to finance busses. She reintroduced the Bus Bond as approved by the Board in March. A motion was by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to Bond the Busses for the 2020-21 school year. The vote was a 4-0, with 1-Abstain. The Margaretville Central School will be purchasing 1 large bus. Mr. Boice commented that he can't see how the District can justify buying a bus.

The Strategic Planning Team presented their Framework for Success. They presented their Mission and Visions statement, Core Beliefs and Commitments. The focus is on the Academic Achievement and Excellence, Social Emotion Learning and Family Engagement. The committee presented their priority process along with their timeline and their benchmarking goals.

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

"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 Raina Corbine to begin with an anticipated start date of May 2021."

"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 Katy DiBenedetto as a UPK - 5 Art Teacher effective November 26, 2020."

Approve Caitlyn Roberts as the Teacher Mentor for 4th Grade Teacher, Somer Demeree for the 2020-21 School Year.

ROLL CALL

CALL TO ORDER

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

WARRANTS

REPORTS ENROLLMENT

PRESENTATIONS SCHOOL PROGRESS - ROBERT L. CHAKAR

SSD REPORT BRENDA GEEHRER-TODD

BUS UPDATE DORIS WARNER

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL FMLA MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE RAINA CORBINE

TENURE APPOINTMENT - KATY DIBENEDETTO

TEACHER MENTOR CAITLYN ROBERTS

Approve Karina Santos as a Substitute Teacher for the 2020-21 School Year.

Approve Changing the Class for Civil Service Appointment from Aide to School Monitor for ToniAnn Forcaretta.

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER KARINA
CIVIL SERVICE
APPOINTMENT FROM
AIDE TO SCHOOL
MONITOR - TONIANN
FORCARETTA
PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT
TONIANN
FORCARETTA**

"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 ToniAnn Forcaretta to the position of School Monitor 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 01/01/20 and expire on 04/30/21 at a salary of \$16,510 for the 2020-21 school year."

Approve Anne Stern as a Part Time Custodial Worker for the 2020-21 School Year.

**P/T CUSTODIAL
WORKER
ANNE STERN**

Approve Joan Lawrence-Bauer as a Substitute Teacher for the 2020-21 School Year.

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER JOAN
LAWRENCE-BAUER
AFTERNOON BUS
AIDE ARIEL BOGERT**

Approve Ariel Bogert as an afternoon Bus Aide for the 2020-21 School Year.
Motions carried unanimously.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to approve the Auditor's Report for 2019-20. Motion carried. 1-Abstain

**FINANCIAL
AUDITOR'S REPORT
2019-20**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Holcher to approve the Margaretville CSD Audit Response. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIT RESPONSE

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to approve the amendment to income level in relation to the partial tax exemption for all who live within the Margaretville Central School District for 65 years of age or more. Motion carried unanimously.

**TAX EXEMPTION FOR
65 YEARS OF AGE OR
MORE**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Holcherr to approve the 2020 Tax Collectors Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**TAX COLLECTORS
REPORT**

The Board reviewed the quarterly financial reports as presented.

QUARTERLY

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Holcherr, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to approve the 2020-21 TRS funding amount of \$55,708.00. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS
2020-21 TRS FUNDING**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Holcherr, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the 2020-21 State & Federal Grants. Motion carried unanimously.

**2020-21 STATE &
FEDERAL GRANTS**

The Board reviewed the updated District Safety Plan as presented. The Board will act on this at the December 2020 meeting.

OTHER

**DISTRICT SAFETY
PLAN**

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

CSE

**RECOMMENDATIONS
2020-2021 BUDGET
TIMELINE**

The Board was presented the Strategic Plan - Missions & Visions and will act on the approval at the December, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board of Education will have a zoom meeting on December 14, 2020 from 5:30-6:30 to review Policy Section 3000.

POLICY

In comments from the Public, Kate VanBenschoten thanked Mr. Kent Brown for taking on the vacant board seat. She stated she is grateful.

COMMENTS

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Holcherr, seconded by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:21PM. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved: 12/16/20
Clerk: B. A. S. S. S. S.