

BOARD OF EDUCATION

09/22/21

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Margaretville Central School District was held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 in the Board Room.

Members Present: Doris Warner, Marc Osterweil, Kent Brown, Mike Boice and Matthew Steen

ROLL CALL

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

At 5:06PM, President Warner called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER

In Comments from the Board, Mrs. Warner commented welcome back and a big thank you to the administration and to all who made it possible to open our doors for the beginning of the year.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In Comments from the Superintendent, Dr. Chakar commented that we are on day 12 and we are all excited to be here.

COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Boice to approve the Minutes from 08/18/21. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board audited the Warrants and Reviewed the Internal Claim Auditor's Reports for Warrants #0008-0021.

WARRANTS**REPORTS**

Policy - The board has no report on policy this month. Next Policy meeting will be held on Monday September 27, 2021 at 4:30PM.

ARP UPDATE

ARP - Ms. Norris spoke on the American Rescue Plan money. The committee had the breakdown of budget items. Steps are to give initial report to the state. They will be able to go back and change or shift categories but it will have to fit within the heading characteristics. After the approval from the state we will have to post on our website. Ms. Norris stated it is time to implement.

HOGAN, SARZYNSKI, LYNCH, DEWIND & GREGORY, LLP

Wendy DeWind and her associate Daria Gerasimova attended our Board of Education Meeting. Ms. DeWind introduced herself to the new Board members and gave a presentation on what services Hogan & Sarzynski offer. She gave an update on the free services that they offer to us. She also supplied the board with a publication on their legal services. This included the attorneys resume's along with a list of clients they service. She stated that they are working on an informational YouTube podcast for the future.

NBT BANK INTEREST ACCOUNTS - JAMIE REYNOLDS

Mr. Jamie Reynolds the Senior Vice President of NBT Bank gave an update on the interest rates. He stated the interest rates are at the lowest due to the 2008 financial crisis. The federal reserves states the interest rates will be where they are until 2022. Mr. Reynolds suggested keeping up with what is going on by following their website because Kenneth Entenmann from NBT Bank does a weekly seminar and also puts out a bi-weekly article.

SIEMENS UPDATE JEREMEY MARKS

Mr. Marks updated the BOE on the work that Siemens is completing. Mr. Marks stated that Siemens will be doing an audit of every single room in the building on the heaters. The board is comfortable with the progress that is being made. The board asked to schedule a tentative workshop in November with Siemens to come and discuss the work that has been completed.

CHORAL CLUB RAINA CORBINE

Mrs. Corbine presented to the Board a field trip she would like to take the choral club to. This trip will be the Phantom of the Opera on Broadway in New York City. 10 kids would be attending the matinee along with 6 chaperones. The earliest date would be October 28, 2021 and the latest would be December 9, 2021.

ENROLLMENT

The Board received the enrollment report as of 09/15/21 - 352 students (333 in-district + 14 in BOCES + 1 in Gilboa, 2 in Cobleskill, 1 in Milford BOCES & 1 in Oneonta New Visions).

**SCHOOL PROGRESS
UPDATE
ROBERT L. CHAKAR
LAURA NORRIS**

Dr. Chakar updated the board on the school progress to date. Opening went very well, the team was ready along with the building being ready. We are moving forward. The plan is to do the mandated testing on unvaccinated employees at this time. Working with BOCES on this. Our first step is to only test the unvaccinated. As we move along our next step will be to test the employees that are vaccinated but still want to test. Our third is to test the children who's parents give permission to be tested. Ms. Norris commented that the data is in on the testing for ELA and Math. At this time the test results are in embargo form but the scores exceeded the norm.

**SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER UPDATE
JOY HOLDEN**

Mrs. Holden gave a update on the substitute teacher status. Have another training scheduled for September 24, 2021. Plan on doing monthly training for any new subs that join our team. Mrs. Holden commented that she has definitely received positive feedback on this training.

**10TH GRADE
COLLEGE TOUR
LAURA NORRIS**

Ms. Norris and Mrs. Triebe would like to take the 10th grade class on a college tour. This tour would take place on November 2, 2021. The colleges they would be visiting will be Syracuse University, Tompkins-Cortland Community College, SUNY Cortland, and SUNY Binghamton. IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Warner, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to approve the 10th grade college tour. Motion carried unanimously.

**PERSONNEL
RESIGNATION OF
AIDE
CHRISTINA BREWER**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Steen, 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 resignation of Christina Brewer from her position of Aide effective August 29, 2021."

**PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT OF
AIDE
ERICA MENDOZA**

"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 Erica Mendoza to the position of 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 09/01/21 and expire on 02/28/22 at a salary of \$17,420 for the 2021-22 school year."

**PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT OF
AIDE
ERIKA MOLNAR**

"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 Erika Molnar to the position of 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 09/01/21 and expire on 02/28/22 at a salary of \$17,420 for the 2021-22 school year."

**PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT OF
AIDE
JAIMEE NIGRO**

"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 Jaimee Nigro to the position of 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 09/01/21 and expire on 02/28/22 at a salary of \$17,420 for the 2021-22 school year."

**PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT OF
AIDE
MELINDA PETERS**

"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 Melinda Peters to the position of 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 09/01/21 and expire on 02/28/22 at a salary of \$17,420 for the 2021-22 school year."

**SUBSTITUTE AIDE
RENEE ANFIMOVAS
SUBSTITUTE AIDE
LINDA MEAD
SUBSTITUTE
TEACHER
SUE ALLEN**

Approve Renee Anfimovas as a substitute aide for the 2021-22 school year.

Approve Linda Mead as a substitute aide for the 2021-22 school year.

Approve Sue Allen as a substitute teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

"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 Jennifer Sands to begin with an anticipated start date of January 2022." Motions carried unanimously.

**FMLA MATERNITY
LEAVE
JENNIFER SANDS**

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

"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 Danielle Fronckowiak to the position of Administrative 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 09/01/21 and expire on 02/28/22 at a salary of \$25,935 for the 2021-22 school year." Motion carried unanimously.

**PROBATIONARY
APPOINTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE
AIDE
DANIELLE
FRONCKOWIAK**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Brown to Approve the Independent Contractor, Speech Language Pathologist, Tina N. Caswell for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

**SPEECH LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGIST
TINA N. CASWELL**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Steen to approve the MOU between Margaretville Central School and John Rosa. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOU BETWEEN
MARGARETVILLE
CENTRAL SCHOOL
AND JOHN ROSA**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Steen to Approve moving Unassigned Unappropriated Fund Balance into the Insurance Reserve in the amount of \$50,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL
FUND BALANCE**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Osterweil, seconded by Mr. Steen to Approve the increase in our Flood Insurance on the Margaretville Central School's building to \$250,000 with an increase of deductible to \$10,000 along with purchasing the excess Flood coverage of \$1,000,000. Motion carried unanimously.

FLOOD INSURANCE

OTHER

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

**CSE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Brown to move into executive session at 6:43PM to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The regular meeting resumed at 7:30 PM.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Osterweil to adjourn the meeting at 7:31PM. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved: 10/20/21

Clerk: B. Boice