

MENANDS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 10, 2018

6:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting
Executive Session if Necessary Following the Meeting

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. MOTION TO ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: Mr. Diefenderfer

Ayes: 4

Second: Mrs. Wilson

Nays: 0

Time: 6:31

3. ROLL CALL

Jeff Masline Present

Jennifer Wilson Present

William Nevins Present

John Diefenderfer Presnet

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Courtney Jaskula

WHEREAS, effective October 31, 2018, Joseph Pustay resigned his seat on the Board of Education, resulting in a vacant seat on the Board of Education;

WHEREAS, Education Law Section 1709(17) and Board Policy 2150 authorize the Board of Education to fill such vacancy by appointment;

Resolution NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints

Courtney Juskula to the aforesaid vacant seat and authorizes the oath of office to be administered to said individual, effectively immediately, and said Board member shall serve until the next succeeding annual meeting on May 21, 2019

Motion: Mr. Diefenderfer

Ayes: 4

Second: Mrs. Nevins

Nays: 0

- **Oath of New Board Member**

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Jaskula.

6. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

Just a reminder for those members of the public in attendance. This is one of two opportunities afforded members of the public to comment on or inquire about agenda items. Members of the public also have an opportunity at the end of the evening's agenda to ask questions or voice concerns or comments on matters not formally noted on the agenda. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

No Comment

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District accept the minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson

Ayes: 5

Second: Mr. Nevins

Nays: 0

8. BUSINESS MATTERS

Discussion Items

- **Athletics-** Ed Dopp Executive Director of Section 2 shared some information with the Board in regards to NYSPHAA and Section 2 membership.

- **Building Project Update-** Dr. Long had a brief slideshow to bring the Board up to date on that amount of progress that has been made in a short time span. Dr. Long stated that she is very pleased with the progress to date. Dr. Long Thanked the staff, children and parents for their dedication, patience and cooperation during the project. The Board members also expressed their excitement and appreciation of the time that The staff has put in to date.

Business Office for Information

Enclosed for the information of the Board are copies of warrant #'s 22, 23, 25 and 26 Fund A and # 9 Fund H for November 2018.

Mr. Nevins had some questions that were answered by Dr. Long and Ms. Cietek.

Business Office for Approval

Budget Transfer - November 2018

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District approve the attached budget transfers for November 2018 .

Motion: Mr. Nevins Ayes: 5

Second: Mrs. Jaskula Nays: 0

Treasurer's Report

Enclosed for the Board's approval is a copy of the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2018.

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2018.

Motion: Ms. Jaskula Ayes: 5

Second: Mr. Diefenderfer Nays: 0

2019-2020 Budget Calendar

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the attached 2019-2020 Budget Calendar for the purpose of developing the school budget.

Motion: Mr. Diefenderfer

Ayes: 5

Second: Mrs. Wilson

Nays: 0

Tax Collector's Report

Enclosed for the information of the Board is the Town of Colonie 2018-2019 School Tax Collection Report and affidavit of Collector C. Michele Zilgme, Town of Colonie, of the warrant in the amount \$6,617,147.52, \$6,159,571.06 was collected and transferred and \$457,576.46 was uncollected. The Tax Collection Report is available for review upon request.

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District accept the Tax Collection Report as submitted; the affidavit to be signed by each Board member.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson

Ayes: 5

Second: Mr. Nevins

Nays: 0

Standard Work Day Resolution for Employees

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District, Location code 70104 hereby, establishes the following as standard work days for the 2018-2019 school year elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the timekeeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body as per attached.

Motion: Mr. Nevins

Ayes: 5

Second: Mrs. Jaskula

Nays: 0

Donation of Painting

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District accept the donation of a painting from Mr. Raymond Perricone and Dr. Janet Shideler to be displayed in the school.

Mr. Perricone presented the painting to the school.

Motion: Mrs. Jaskula

Ayes: 5

Second: Mr. Diefenderfer

Nays: 0

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations as submitted.

Motion: Mr. Diefenderfer

Ayes: 5

Second: Mrs. Wilson

Nays: 0

Substitute Teachers - Fully Cleared

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District approve the following substitute teachers for the 2018-2019 school year.

Patrick Biel

Ashley Ferraro

Olivia Mules

Mikayla Rossier

Cynthia Cadwallader

Elise Gabriel

Lucinda Neal

Anne Ryan

Michael Christensen

Giselle Gutierrez

Deborah Poletto

Seema Syeda

John Daniels

Madeleine Lenox

Alison Putman

Miriam Vargas

John Fay

10. Student Matters

Class Size Update as of: 12/6/17

Kdg. -47 (split)

Gr. 5 - 24

Gr. 1 -37 (split)

Gr. 6 - 36 (split)

Gr. 2 -31 (split)

Gr. 7 - 18

Gr. 3 -28

Gr. 8 - 38 (split)

Gr. 4 -35 (split)

Total - 294

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- **Grant Opportunity-** Dr. Long shared information in regards to a consortium with Watervliet and Mohonasen.
- **Technology Funding-** Dr. Long spoke on how to maximise the Smart School and Erate Grants to best fit the needs of the districts infrastructure.
- **Draft Letter to Senator Breslin-** A letter will be drafted collectively with the BOE.
- **Happy Holidays to All-**

12. PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

- **Citizen/Scholar/Honor Roll-** Mrs. Schroeder recognized the students that were honored during this event.
- **Spelling Bee-** Mrs. Schroeder thanked Mrs. Ball for organizing the event. It was very nice and the winners will move on to the next level at Proctor's in February.
- **Middle School Fun Night-** A very nice night the children had a lot of fun. Wanted to Thank the PTA, parents and students that participated.

13. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Nevins commented that the Honor Roll Assembly was very nice. His children enjoyed the Fun Night. He also said the basketball shootout event, sponsored by the Elks Club, during PE Was very nice. Also, CYO basketball will sponsor a trip to a UAlbany basketball game for students.He also expressed his concerns in regards to Private and Parochial schools not Required to report sexual assault incidents.Is there a way to track students from the district. Mrs. Wilson Thanked everyone for the Middle school Fun Night. She said the time of the Honor Roll ceremony was hard to attend for working parents. Mr. Masline shared information from a recent workshop that he attended in regards to Mental Health issues that have to be addressed in school districts.

14. INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

PTA Middle School Fun Night- Friday December 7, 5:30-7:00 pm
Parent Teacher Conference Early Release- Wednesday December 12, 11:20 am
Holiday Recess- December 24- January 1, No School
Next Board of Education Meeting- Monday January 7 at 6:30

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Ms. Mercado Congratulated the new Board member and invited everyone to the next PTA Meeting on January 23rd at 6:30.

16. MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education may enter into Executive Session for the reason(s) indicated below as specified:

Motion: Mr. Difenderfer
Second: Mrs. Wilson

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

Time: 8:04

- Matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed.
- Any matter that may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer.
- Information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed.
- Discussion involving proposed, pending, or current litigation.
- Collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.
- The medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.
- The preparation, grading, or administration of exams.
- The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition, sale or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of these things.

17. MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Mrs. Wilson

Ayes: 5

Second: Mr. Nevins

Nays: 0

Time: 9:21

18. MOTION TO RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: Mrs. Wilson

Ayes: 5

Second: Mr. Nevins

Nays: 0

Time: 9:22

19. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Mrs. Wilson

Ayes: 5

Second: Mr. Nevins

Nays: 0

Time: 9:23

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