

MENANDS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
19 Wards Lane  
Menands, NY 12204

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

**5:30 p.m Audit Committee Meeting  
6:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting**

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- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**
- MOTION TO ENTER PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion: Mr. Masline  
Second: Mr. Nevins

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0

Time: 6:31 p.m.

- ROLL CALL**

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| Mr. Masline      | Present |
| Ms. Wilson       | Present |
| Mr. Pustay       | Present |
| Mr. Nevins       | Present |
| Mr. Diefenderfer | Present |

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 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.

## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion: Ms. Wilson

Ayes: 4

Second: Mr. Diefenderfer

Nays: 0

## 7. BUSINESS MATTERS

### Discussion Item

- **Superintendent (District) Goals 2018-2019-** Dr. Long stated that she updated the the goals that had been discussed at the last meeting. No questions or comments at this time.
- **Building Project Update-** Dr. Long spoke in regards to the positive turn out for the bid opening. She will keep the board updated as things proceed.

### Business Office for Information

### Warrants

Enclosed for the information of the Board are copies of warrant #'s 4,7, 8, 10, 11 and 13 Fund A and warrant # 1,2, 3 and 4 Fund H for the month of August 2018.

### Business Office for Approval

### Budget Transfer - August 2018

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District approve the enclosed budget transfer for August 2018 in the amount of \$20,000.

Motion: Mr. Diefenderfer

Ayes: 4

Second: Mr. Pustay

Nays: 0

### Treasurer's Report

Enclosed for the Board's approval is a copy of the August 2018 Treasurer's Report.

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District approve the August 2018 Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Mr. Pustay  
Second: Mr. Nevins

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0

### **2017-2018 Audit**

Upon recommendation of the Audit Committee that the Board of Education may accept the 2017-2018 district external audit as completed by West & Company. Amy Pedrick is present to address the Board if needed.

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the MENANDS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT accept the 2017-2018 district external audit as completed by West & Company.

Motion: Mr. Nevins  
Second: Mrs. Wilson

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0

### **Capital Project - Underground (UG) Utilities Relocation Contract**

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District approve the Underground (UG) Utilities agreement with National Grid of Albany, NY for the Electric Service in the amount of \$21,472.92 .

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District approve the Underground (UG) Utilities agreement with National Grid of Albany, NY for the Gas Service in the amount of \$13,550.63.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson  
Second: Mr. Diefenderfer

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0

### **2018-2019 Intermunicipal Agreement -Hudson City School District**

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District approve the intermunicipal Agreement with Hudson City School District for Human Resources support Services from September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 per the attached.

Motion: Mr. Diefenderfer  
Second: Mr. Pustay

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0

### **2018-2019 Tax Warrant**

Enclosed is the resolution for the tax warrant and assessed valuations and calculations to be approved and signed by the Board of Education.

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District approves the resolution for the 2018-2019 tax warrant in the amount of \$6,748,122 minus taxes funded by the STAR exemption of \$265,690.37, add \$134,715.89 for the Menands Public Library, the net amount to be collected on this warrant shall be \$6,617,147.52. This warrant is effective after it is properly signed by a majority of the Board of Education.

Motion: Mr. Pustay  
Second: Mr. Nevins

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0

### **Donation of Various School Supplies for the 2018-2019 School Year**

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District accept the donation of various school supplies from Simmons Machine, CapCom, School Systems FCU.

Motion: Mr. Nevins  
Second: Mrs. Wilson

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0

## **8. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

### **Appointments**

#### **Substitute Custodian- Scott Losee**

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District does hereby authorize former Building Maintenance Mechanic, Scott Losee to act in a consultant capacity, as may be requested by the Superintendent on an as needed basis for the 2018-2019 school year. Such consultation shall not exceed 250 hours and shall be payable at an hourly rate of \$30.00 for hours worked.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson  
Second: Mr. Diefenderfer

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0

**9. BOARD OF EDUCATION MATTERS**

**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.

|                 |                   |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Shaelie Butler  | Christopher Davey | Allison Gallaher  |
| Shannon Grier   | Brenda King       | Paul Kisseloff    |
| Kelly Landers   | Erin Lange        | Sara Neidziejko   |
| Anthony Sanchez | Nicole Woodcock   | Jacoba Vandenberg |

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| Motion: Mr. Diefenderfer | Ayes: 4 |
| Second: Mr. Pustay       | Nays: 0 |

**Homework Club Tutors**

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District approve the following Homework Club Tutors for the 2018-2019 school year at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.

Michele Ervin    Katie Nersesian    Aleksandra Malkiewicz    Rachel McQuade

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| Motion: Mr. Pustay | Ayes: 4 |
| Second: Mr. Nevins | Nays: 0 |

**10. STUDENT MATTERS**

Class Size Update as of 9/6/18

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Kdg.-46 (split)   | Gr. 5- 24                |
| Gr. 1- 41 (split) | Gr. 6- 35 (split)        |
| Gr. 2- 35 (split) | Gr. 7- 22                |
| Gr. 3-27          | <u>Gr. 8- 40 (split)</u> |
| Gr. 4- 36 (split) | Total - 306              |

**11. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS**

- Start of 2018-2019 School Year - Dr. Long thanked all of the staff for all of their hard work that made for a great opening day.

- Work with Village- Dr. Long thanked the employees from the village that worked hard to complete the work on the water line to have it completed for the first day of school. Dr. Long also mentioned that she attended the swearing in of the new police chief and looked forward to a positive working relationship with the department.

## 12. **PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS**

- New Family Orientation- Ms. Schroeder said that they had a nice turnout for the event and everyone was excited and enjoyed the evening.
- Start of the New School Year- Ms. Schroeder said that the school year was off to a good start. She thanked the MAT for the hard work they did for a successful breakfast opening day. The 8th graders left for their trip and were very excited. She also thanked Mr. Herrmann and Ms. Bettinger for their hard work.
- PTA Update- Every Child Travel Safely event 9/13 thanked all participants. Mum sale and PTA meeting 9/20.

## 13. **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Nevins spoke in regards to the swearing in ceremony of the new police chief and is looking forward to a positive relationship between the police department and the district.

Mr. Diefenderfer asked about the contract with Whitney Young. Dr. Long said she is working on it and hopes to have it on the October agenda.

## 14. **INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL**

- Grade 8 to Camp Chingachgook - September 11th-13th
- 1st Trimester Clubs/Sports Begin - September 11th
- K-8 NWEA Testing Begins - September 11th
- Parent's Night - September 17th at 6:00 p.m
- Yom Kippur - No School - September 19th
- PTA Mum Sale & Pick Up - 3:30-6:30-September 20th
- Columbus Day - No School - October 8th
- Next Board of Education Meeting - Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30 p.m.

## 15. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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