

MENANDS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 8, 2018

5:30 p.m. - Audit Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting
Budget Workshop Immediately Following Regular Meeting
Executive Session if Necessary Following the Budget Meeting

*The Audit Committee meeting will commence at 5:30 p.m.. The regular Board of Education meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. for the Public Session and followed by a Budget Workshop. There will be no action or discussion other than a motion to go into Executive Session immediately following the Budget Workshop if necessary.

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. MOTION TO ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: Mrs. Wilson

Ayes: 4

Second: Mr. Diefenderfer

Nays: 0

Time: 6:30 p.m.

3. ROLL CALL

Mr. Masline Present

Mrs. Wilson Present

Mr. Pustay Present

Mr. Nevins Present

Mr. Diefenderfer Present

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. 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.

Derek Senior of the Raptors Basketball League thanked the board for their support with

using the gym for practices last season. They would also like to send flyers home through the school to go home with the students. Derek Senior will get in touch with Ms. Nicoll to get the language the District requires to be on the fliers.

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 December 11, 2017 meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Wilson

Ayes: 4

Second: Mr. Diefenderfer

Nays: 0

7. BUSINESS MATTERS

Discussion Item

- **Recess Update** - Dr. Long met with members of the MAT as well as attorneys for both parties regarding recess. It was a positive conversation and the parties plan to meet again on January 18th and 23rd for further discussions.
- **School Calendars** - Dr. Long spoke about the recent legislative action relative to school calendars specifically regarding changes in the length of day going from days to hours.

Business Office for Information

Enclosed for the information of the Board are copies of Warrant #42 Fund A for the month of December 2017.

Business Office for Approval

Treasurer's Report

Enclosed for the Board's approval is a copy of the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2017.

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 December 31, 2017.

Motion: Mr. Diefenderfer

Ayes: 4

Second: Mr. Pustay

Nays: 0

8. POLICY

Final Reading of Policy

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District, upon recommendation of the Policy Committee, approve the final reading of the following policy:

a. Annual District Election and Budget Vote - #1050

Motion: Mr. Pustay

Ayes: 4

Second: Mr. Nevins

Nays: 0

9. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Appointments

Temporary Senior Account Clerk - Sharleen Schaffer

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District appoint Sharleen Schaffer to the temporary senior account clerk position commencing on December 18, 2017 as needed through June 30, 2018 not to exceed 26 hours per week at a rate of \$27.00 per hour.

Motion: Mr. Nevins

Ayes: 4

Second: Mrs. Wilson

Nays: 0

10. **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: Mrs. Wilson

Ayes: 4

Second: Mr. Diefenderfer

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 2017-2018 school year.

Mary Theresa Streck

Motion: Mr. Diefenderfer

Ayes: 4

Second: Mr. Pustay

Nays: 0

Substitute Teacher Compensation

Dr. Long recommends that the Board set the substitute teacher pay rate at \$86.00 per day for the balance of the 2017-2018 school year.

Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Menands Union Free School District approve the substitute teacher pay rate at \$86.00 per day for the balance of the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion: Mr. Pustay
Second: Mr. Nevins

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0

11. STUDENT MATTERS

Class Size Update as of 1/2/18:

Kdg. - 37 (split)	Gr. 5 - 29 (split)
Gr. 1 - 35 (split)	Gr. 6 - 23
Gr. 2 - 22	Gr. 7 - 43 (split)
Gr. 3 - 31(split)	<u>Gr. 8 - 24</u>
Gr. 4 - 29	Total - 273

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- **Building Project** - Dr. Long reported that the building project is currently in process with the State Education Department.
- **High School Fair** - Dr. Long thanked Cheri Vandenberg and her intern, Lilly Ferris for their work in organizing the annual High School Fair for the current 8th graders and their families. The event will take place on Wednesday, January 10th.
- **Committee Updates** - Dr. Long updated the Board and those present at the Board meeting about several committees and dates when each committee recently met or will be meeting in the future.

13. PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

- **NWEA Assessment** - Mrs. Schroeder announced that the NWEA computer based assessments will begin for students later this month.
- **Internet and Social Media Safety Presentations** - Mrs. Schroeder thanked Investigators Smith and Mink for the presentations they did at the school for both 7th and 8th grade students and parents regarding internet safety. Mrs. Jankowski and Mrs. Schroeder are developing a survey stemming from the presentation for students and look forward to working with the investigators in the future.

- **Upcoming Events** - Winter Concert will be held on January 18th at 6:30pm. Inclement weather date will be January 23rd at the same time.

14. INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

- Next Board of Education Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30pm
- 1/10/18 - Gr. 8 High School Fair - Students at 1:30pm, Parents & Students 5:30-6:30pm
- 1/15/18- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
- 1/18/18 - Winter Concert - at 6:30pm

14A. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Nevins congratulated the Menands Biddy Boys Basketball Team for their 1st place win of a tournament that was held over 3 days during the recent holiday break.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

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16. MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION

Motion: Mrs. Wilson

Ayes: 4

Second: Mr. Diefenderfer

Nays: 0

Time: 7:10p.m.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The first Budget Workshop for the 2018-2019 budget took place immediately following the regular Board meeting and was adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Executive Session was not necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aileen Nicoll
District Clerk