

**MOUNT SINAI BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MOUNT SINAI UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Mount Sinai, New York 11766**

Date: September 13, 2017  
Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting  
Members Present: Ms. Lynn Capobianco, President; Mr. Michael Riggio, Vice President; Ms. Kerri Anderson, Trustee; Ms. Lynn Jordan, Trustee; Mr. Edward Law, Trustee; Mr. Robert Sweeney, Trustee; Mr. Peter Van Middlelem, Trustee  
Members Absent: None  
Others Present: Mr. Gordon Brosdal, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Linda F. Jensen, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Ms. Maureen Poerio, District Clerk

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Ms. Capobianco called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Opening**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Ms. Anderson, to convene to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Riggio, to adjourn Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

**Adjourn  
Exec. Session**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Ms. Capobianco called the Regular meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. after the salute to the flag.

**Opening of Meeting**

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent the Board of Education hereby approves the Minutes of the August 23, 2017 Regular meeting as submitted.

**Minutes**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

The Board and Superintendent recognized the following students for their achievements in the recent Anthem Essay Contest. Ms. Thalen, along with Mr. LaBianca, spoke on the students' behalf highlighting their talent, dedication and work ethic.

**Student Recognition**

Jackie Black – Third Place  
Denver Dagostino – Semi-Finalist  
Mario Xerri - Finalist

The Board Members shared the District's Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Core Beliefs as well as the recently developed District Goals which are necessary to accomplish these tasks.

**Superintendent/  
Board's Report**

***VISION STATEMENT***

*The Mount Sinai School District will be an exemplary 21st century learning community. Our students will become lifelong learners prepared and ready to thrive in the global community as responsible, productive and engaged citizens.*

***MISSION STATEMENT***

*Our mission is to provide all students with an excellent academic environment that will ensure all learners reach their highest potential. Our learning community will provide an academic environment in which each student will develop curiosity, engage in problem solving strategies,*

*and employ critical thinking skills. Our goal is to enable each learner to acquire 21st century skills and knowledge, develop strong work habits and a healthy lifestyle, become independent thinkers, and gain an appreciation of the arts and a proficiency in technology. Our teachers shall collaborate with each other and professionally develop to meet the challenges of an academically evolving and challenging environment. We will promote a climate that fosters tolerance, respect, integrity and which leads students on a path to become lifelong learners and good citizens.*

## **CORE BELIEFS**

- *The students are our community's most valuable asset.*
- *This school district is a reflection of its community and the community is a reflection of the high standards of the district. Both must work together to ensure quality education for all.*
- *The educational program is based on a culture of respect, trust, professionalism and strong leadership.*
- *Excellence in learning is directly related to excellence in teaching. All adults should share the vision, invest in its attainment, align their work and work collaboratively with colleagues, families and the community.*
- *All students should have their learning needs accommodated by differentiated instruction and other accommodations as needed or prescribed.*
- *It is our expectation that all who enter district properties and buildings will be highly respectful of the faculty, staff and facilities. In turn they will be treated respectfully.*

## **DISTRICT GOALS**

### **EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

*Provide an engaging and high standards learning environment that meets student's needs and provides scholastic opportunities for all students to meet their individual levels of excellence.*

### **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

*Demonstrate an understanding and application of fiscal responsibility, which recognizes the tax burden on our community and maintains the district's long-term financial health while meeting our district's priorities.*

### **LEADERSHIP**

*Facilitate a district wide culture that fosters growth, creativity and an individual responsibility to meet the district's vision of an exemplary educational community.*

### **COMMUNICATION**

*Provide timely information to our parents, students and community at large in a consistent, reliable manner regarding opportunities, achievements and events at all levels.*

### **TECHNOLOGY**

*Implement strategic planning to utilize technology resources to meet the highest level of student achievement.*

Mr. Law, Chairperson of the District's Bond Committee, reviewed the status of the committee to date. Over the past year, Board Members Lynn Jordan, Pete Van Middlelem, and Mr. Law, along with district administrators, community members, and the District's architectural firm have been meeting to consider items to be included in the scope of work that will be funded by a bond referendum. At this point the committee is working to cull down the list of items and present a package to the full Board at the November meeting. Following the Board's approval, we will hold a series of informational meetings for the community. The goal is to hold a referendum vote sometime in January/February.

**Bond  
Committee**

Questions and comments from the audience were addressed by the Board and Superintendent.

**Agenda Items**

**PERSONNEL**

Ms. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Riggio, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Christina Coburn, Registered Nurse, effective September 1, 2017.

**Resignation**

**C. Coburn**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Ms. Jordan, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Danielle Hammarth, School District Aide, effective September 1, 2017.

**Resignation**

**D. Hammarth**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Riggio moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Kendra Demosthene, School District Aide, effective September 1, 2017.

**Resignation**

**K. Demosthene**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Sweeney moved, seconded by Ms. Jordan, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby amends the following appointment:

**Amend  
Compensation  
Date**

Name of Employee:	Brandon Loomis
Area:	Physical Education
Appointment Date:	August 29, 2017
Compensation:	Step A, BA - .8 position ( <i>previously listed as MA</i> )
Certification Status:	Initial

**B. Loomis**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Ms. Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Riggio, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following appointment:

**P/T  
Nurse**

Name of Employee:	Lisa Bracken
Appointment Date:	September 5, 2017
Position:	Registered Nurse (part-time)
Compensation:	Step 1 (.6)

**L. Bracken**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following appointment:

**Substitute  
Aide**

Name of Employee: Kendra Demosthene  
 Appointment Date: September 13, 2017  
 Area: Substitute Aide (former Aide)  
 Compensation: \$10/hr.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Ms. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middlelem, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following appointments:

**Coaching  
Appointments**

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>COACH</u>	<u>STEP</u>
Varsity Baseball	Eric Reichenbach	12
Junior Varsity Baseball	Jeff Koustantanou	8
7/8 Baseball	Dave Clark	6
Varsity Softball	Thomas Tilton	5
Junior Varsity Softball	Dave Herrschaft	2
7/8 Softball	Michael Hacker	3
Varsity Boys Track	Lee Markowitz	7
Assistant Varsity Boys Track	Kurt Wagner	10
7/8 Boys Track	Mike Pappalardo	6
Varsity Girls Track	Bill Dwyer	23
Assistant Varsity Girls Track	Brandon Loomis	2
7/8 Girls Track	Lindsey Ferraro	4
Assistant Varsity Track (Field)	Eric Giorlando	9
Varsity Boys Tennis	Tom Duffy	22
7/8 Boys Tennis	Pete Shapiro	24
Varsity Girls Golf	John Mees	3
Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Harold Drumm	10
Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Luke Daquino	6
JV Boys Lacrosse	Jamie Caretta	9
7/8 Boys Lacrosse	Conrad Bernatzky	14
Varsity Girls Lacrosse	AL Bertolone	6
Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Tracey Carron	3
JV Girls Lacrosse	Chris Ramos	3
7/8 Girls Lacrosse	Chris Carannante	4

**Volunteers**

Dan Tappin	Baseball
Julianne Bernatzy	Lacrosse
Joe Maro	Lacrosse
Ryan Pembroke	Baseball
Michael Massari	Lacrosse
Marisa Colacino	Lacrosse
Joseph DeMaio	Lacrosse
Morgan O'Reilly	Lacrosse

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Riggio, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Middle School co-curricular clubs and appoints the persons listed below as advisors for the 2017-18 school year:

**Middle  
School  
Clubs/  
Advisors**

<i>Club</i>	<i>Advisor</i>
Art Club 7/8	Megan Stankiewicz
Literary Magazine	Cory Doyle (replacing Morgan O'Reilly)
Science Club	John Joyce

Yearbook Club	William Chilton (split with Kelly Doran)
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**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Riggio moved, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following appointments:

**Dean of Students**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Compensation</i>
Harold Drumm	Dean of Students – 2 periods/day	\$5063
Matthew Armstrong	Dean of Students – 2 periods/day	\$5063

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

**ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Sweeney moved, seconded by Ms. Jordan, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education has no objections to the following Special Education recommendations and approves the authorization for the funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such:

**Committee on Special Education**

<i>Special Education Committee</i>	<i>Meeting Date</i>
Elementary School	April 25, 2017
Elementary School	April 28, 2017
Elementary School	June 5, 2017
Elementary School	June 12, 2017
Elementary School	June 14, 2017
Elementary School	July 13, 2017
Elementary School	August 2, 2017
Middle School	August 3, 2017
Middle School	September 6, 2017
High School	April 25, 2017
High School	April 26, 2017
High School	April 27, 2017
High School	May 2, 2017
High School	May 3, 2017
High School	May 4, 2017
High School	May 5, 2017
High School	May 9, 2017
High School	May 10, 2017
High School	May 15, 2017
High School	May 16, 2016
High School	May 19, 2017
High School	May 24, 2017
High School	May 25, 2017
High School	June 1, 2017
High School	June 2, 2017
High School	July 25, 2017
High School	July 25, 2017
Out of District	August 25, 2017

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Ms. Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Riggio, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby declares the following items as obsolete and further authorizes disposal as listed:

**Obsolete Equipment**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Tag/Serial Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Disposal</i>
Detecto Scale	#005411	High School	Discard
Teacher Resource File		High School	Discard
Health Textbooks and Binder Workbooks		High School	Discard
Projection 8mm Movie Reels		High School	Discard
Sunburst Communications Cassettes		High School	Discard
Various VHS Movies		High School	Discard
(12) Totally Awesome Helath Textbooks-1999		High School	Discard
Relationships & Family Living Textbook-1992		High School	Discard
Health Making Life Choices Textbook-2010		High School	Discard
Connections VHS, Cassette tape, Workbook set-Teaching Resilience in Children of Alcoholics		High School	Discard
(2) Delta Shopmaster BS100 band saws		High School	Discard
(1)Delta 4" x 6" horizontal band saw		High School	Discard
(3) Cello Racks		Middle School	Discard
(2) Power Conditioners	#007893, #007907	Middle School	Discard
Circular Saw	#20090903	Middle School	Discard
Miller Environmental Textbooks		High School	Discard
Solomon & Berg Biology Books		High School	Discard

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Mr. Riggio, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby acknowledges the following organizations/persons for the purchase of championship rings from Josten's for the Girls' Varsity Lacrosse team:

**Championship Rings**

- Mt. Sinai Teachers Association - \$500
- Anonymous Donor - \$1000
- Mt. Sinai Lacrosse - \$1700

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Ms. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middlelem, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby establishes the 2017-18 school district tax levy in the amount of \$39,350,460.

**School Tax Levy**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Riggio, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby establishes the 2017-18 public library tax levy in the amount of \$1,833,069.

**Public  
Library  
Tax Levy**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Riggio moved, seconded by Ms. Jordan, that the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the Superintendent of Schools, Gordon Brosdal, and/or the Assistant Superintendent for Business, Linda Jensen, as Purchasing Agents for the fiscal year 2017-18.

**Amend  
Purchasing  
Agents**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Sweeney moved, seconded by Ms. Jordan, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Tina Millman, Esq. as the Impartial Hearing Officer for case number 506436 with an effective date of September 1, 2017.

**Impartial  
Hearing  
Officers**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

Questions and comments from the community were addressed by the Board of Education and Superintendent.

**Community  
Discussion**

Mr. Sweeny moved, seconded by Mr. Riggio to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Maureen Poerio  
District Clerk**