

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

Date: January 16, 2019  
Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting  
Members Present: Mr. Robert Sweeney, President; Ms. Lynn Jordan, Vice President; Ms. Kerri Anderson, Trustee; Ms. AnneMarie Henninger, Trustee; Mr. Stephen Koepper, Trustee; Mr. Edward Law, Trustee; Mr. Peter Van Middlelem  
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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Mr. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Opening  
of Meeting**

Ms. Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Koepper, to convene to Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. for a personnel matter.

**Executive  
Session**

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

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

**Adjourn  
Exec. Session**

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

Mr. Sweeney called the Regular meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. after the salute to the flag.

**Opening of Meeting**

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Ms. Jordan, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the Minutes of the December 19, 2018 Regular meeting as submitted.

**Minutes**

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

Mr. Brosdal discussed the role of the District-Wide Social Worker, Kayla Muglia, who was hired this year to work with at-risk students as well as serve as a resource for all district students.

**Superintendent's  
Report**

Also discussed were the current STEM/STEAM initiatives that are happening on each grade level throughout the District.

Mr. Brosdal presented the 2019-20 budget proposals for the following areas: BOE/Central Administration, Insurance, Central Printing, BOCES, Administration Charges, Transportation, Technology and Debt Service. Questions/comments from the Board and community were addressed.

**Budget  
Presentation**

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

**Agenda Items**

**PERSONNEL**

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

**Substitute  
Teachers**

<i>Name of Employee</i>	<i>Appointment Date</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Compensation</i>
Raquel Lobasto	January 17, 2019	Sub. Teacher	\$111/day
Caitlyn Talmage	January 17, 2019	Sub. Teacher	\$111/day

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

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

**Joseph Schibani**

Name of Employee: Joseph Schibani  
Appointment Date: January 28, 2019  
Area: Network & Systems Technician  
Compensation: Step 1 (Computer Tech column)

**Network & Systems Tech**

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

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

**Robert Rooney**

Name of Employee: Robert Rooney  
Appointment Date: January 16, 2019  
Area: Middle School Boys Lacrosse Coach  
Compensation: Step 1

**Lacrosse Coach**

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

Ms. Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Law, 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	December 7, 2018
Elementary School	December 19, 2018
Elementary School	December 20, 2018
Middle School	December 12, 2018
Middle School	December 13, 2018
Middle School	December 14, 2018
High School	December 18, 2018
High School	December 19, 2018
High School	January 3, 2019
Out of District	January 2, 2018

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

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Ms. Jordan, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the first reading of the amended *Sexual Harassment Policy* as attached.

**Amended Sexual Harassment**

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

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Mr. Koepper, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Teachers’ Association dated January 15, 2019.

**Policy  
MOA  
Teachers’  
Assoc.**

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

Ms. Henninger moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that the Board of Education hereby establishes the following Advisory Board Committees for the 2018-19 school year:

**Board  
Committees**

**Stem Committee**

Robert Sweeney (Chairperson)  
Edward Law  
Steve Koepper

**Policy Committee**

Lynn Jordan (Chairperson)  
Robert Sweeney  
Steve Koepper

**Wellness/Health & Safety/  
Building Visitation Committee**

Robert Sweeney (Chairperson)  
Pete Van Middlelem  
Steve Koepper  
Building Nurse  
Health Teacher  
Parent(s)  
Student(s)-as determined by principal

**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 declares the following items as obsolete and authorizes disposal as listed:

**Obsolete  
Equipment**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Tag/Serial Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Disposal</i>
Chair	002742	Middle School	Discard
Journeys Textbooks	See attached	Elementary School	BOCES Purchase - \$437.50
DeWalt 18 volt tool set		High School	Discard
Jugs Pitching Machine	20140281	High School	PK Metals

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

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Ms. Jordan, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby reaffirms the maximum income for the **Partial Senior Citizen Tax Exemption** (RP467) at \$37,399.

**Partial  
Senior  
Citizen  
Exemption**

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

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Ms. Anderson, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby reaffirms the income limits for the **Limited Income Disability Tax Exemption** (RP459C) at \$37,399.

**Limited  
Income  
Disability  
Exemption**

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

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middeltem, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby reaffirms the following **Alternative Veterans Exemption** (RP 458A) resolution:

**Alternative  
Veterans  
Exemption**

WHEREAS, Chapter 518, section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), subparagraph (i), of the Real Property Tax law of the State of New York, allows the District to provide tax exemptions to certain qualified owners of qualified real property who are veterans, as defined by section 458-a, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the veterans of our District; it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mount Sinai School District elects to participate in the exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c),

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District adopts the statutory basic maximums as defined by Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) for its maximums for exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c).

Gold Star Parents Exemptions:

WHEREAS, paragraph (b) of subdivision 7 of section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, allows the District to provide tax exemptions to “Gold Star Parents,” as defined by section 458-a, who are owners of qualified real property in the District and such property is the primary residence of such Gold Star Parent, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the Gold Star Parents residing in our District; it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mount Sinai School District elects to participate in the exemptions afforded to “Gold Star Parents” of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 7, paragraphs (b),

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District adopts the statutory basic maximums as defined by Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b) for its maximums for exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b).

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

Ms. Jordan moved, seconded by Ms. Henninger, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby reaffirms the following **Cold War Veterans’ Exemption** (RP458B) resolution:

**Cold War  
Veterans’  
Exemption**

WHEREAS, Section 458-b subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b), of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York (RPTL), allows the Mount Sinai School District (District) to provide tax exemptions to certain qualified owners of qualified residential real property, as defined by Section 458-b; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education agreed that it would be in the best interest of the

community to provide such relief to the Cold War veterans of the District;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mount Sinai School District (Board) elects to participate in the exemptions of RPTL Section 458-b, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to RPTL Section 458-b, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), subparagraph (ii), the Board adopts the 15% exemption, which amount shall not exceed the statutory basic maximum set forth therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to RPLT Section 458-b, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), the Board adopts the exemption relating to service connected disabilities, which amount shall not exceed the statutory basic maximum set forth herein.

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

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Mr. Koepper, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby reaffirms the following **Fire/Ambulance Workers Exemption** (RP466C) resolution:

**Fire/  
Ambulance  
Workers'  
Exemption**

BE IT RESOLVED, real property owned by an enrolled member, or an enrolled member and spouse, of a volunteer fire department located within the Mount Sinai School District shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of ten (10%) per cent of the assessed valuation of such property for School District purposes multiplied by the latest State equalization rate for the School District in which the property is located.

Such exemption shall not be granted to an enrolled member of the Volunteer Fire Department/Ambulance Corps residing in the Mount Sinai School District unless:

- The applicant resides in the School District which is served by such Fire Department/Ambulance Corps.
- The property is the primary residence of the applicant.
- The property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this Resolution.
- The applicant has been certified by the Chief of the Fire Department/Ambulance Corps as an enrolled member of the Fire Department/Ambulance Corps for at least five (5) years.
- Application for such exemption shall be filed with the Assessor of the Town of Brookhaven on or before the taxable status date on a form prescribed by the State Board of Real Property Services.

**Those in Favor – 5  
Abstention – Mr. Koepper, Mr. Van Middlelem  
MOTION CARRIED**

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

**Community  
Discussion**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middlelem, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

**Adjourn  
Meeting**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Maureen Poerio  
District Clerk**