

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

Date: March 20, 2019
Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting
Members Present: Mr. Robert Sweeney, President; Ms. Lynn Jordan ,Vice President (left meeting at 8:00 p.m.); Ms. Kerri Anderson, Trustee; Ms. AnneMarie Henninger, Trustee; Mr. Stephen Koepper, Trustee; Mr. Edward Law, 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

Mr. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Opening
of Meeting**

Ms. Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Law, to convene to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and to meet with the District’s Internal Claims Auditor.

**Executive
Session**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Ms. Jordan, 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 8:00 p.m. after the salute to the flag.

Opening of Meeting

Along with Athletic Director Scott Reh, the Board and Superintendent recognized this year’s winter season athletes who participated on the following State Championship teams: Varsity Cheerleading, Varsity Boys Wrestling, as well as individual athletes from Varsity Girls Track and Varsity Boys Track who were State Champions.

**Student
Recognition**

Ms. Tara Davidson, Technology Staff Developer, explained to the audience how to navigate through the District’s revised website and highlighted new available features.

**Website
Presentation**

Mr. Brosdal reviewed the District’s fund balance and explained how these monies have been used and will continue to be used to fund capital projects. Mr. Brosdal also discussed the District’s declining enrollment, which within the last five years has gone from 2500 students to our current enrollment of 2240. We anticipate losing another 100 students next year.

**Superintendent’s
Report**

Mr. Brosdal presented the 2019-20 budget proposals for the following areas: Operations & Maintenance, Grounds, Security, Athletics, Health Services, Salaries & Benefits

**Budget
Presentation**

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the Minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting as submitted.

Minutes

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

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

Agenda Items

PERSONNEL

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

Reading Teacher

Brittany Maloney

Name of Employee: Brittany Maloney
Appointment Date: January 3, 2017
Area: Reading
Tenure Date: May 2, 2021 (four months unpaid leave)
Compensation: Step 00, MA
Certification Status: Initial

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

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

Substitute Custodian

Gennaro Aliperti

Name of Employee: Gennaro Aliperti
Appointment Date: March 21, 2019
Area: Substitute Custodian
Compensation: \$14/hour

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

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

School District Aide

Deana Alex

Name of Employee: Deana Alex
Appointment Date: March 21, 2019
Area: School District Aide
Compensation: Step 2

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

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

Track Coach

Donald Slingerland

Name of Employee: Donald Slingerland
Appointment Date: March 4, 2019
Area: Assistant Varsity Track & Field Coach
Compensation: Step 5

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Koepper 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>
Preschool	February 15, 2018
Elementary School	January 10, 2019
Elementary School	January 11, 2019
Elementary School	January 16, 2019
Elementary School	January 17, 2019
Elementary School	January 25, 2019
Elementary School	January 25, 2019
Elementary School	January 30, 2019
Elementary School	January 30, 2019
Elementary School	January 31, 2019
Elementary School	January 31, 2019
Elementary School	February 1, 2019
Elementary School	February 6, 2019
Elementary School	February 6, 2019
Elementary School	February 7, 2019
Elementary School	February 14, 2019
Elementary School	February 15, 2019
Elementary School	February 15, 2019
Elementary School	February 28, 2019
Elementary School	March 1, 2019
Elementary School	March 6, 2019
Elementary School	March 7, 2019
Elementary School	March 7, 2019
Elementary School	March 7, 2019
Middle School	January 10, 2019
Middle School	January 15, 2019
Middle School	January 17, 2019
Middle School	January 29, 2019
Middle School	January 29, 2019
Middle School	January 31, 2019
Middle School	February 4, 2019
Middle School	February 6, 2019
Middle School	February 12, 2019
Middle School	February 25, 2019
Middle School	March 6, 2019
Middle School	March 11, 2019
High School	February 4, 2019
High School	February 4, 2019
High School	February 7, 2019
High School	February 12, 2019
High School	February 13, 2019
High School	February 25, 2019
High School	February 26, 2019

Out of District	February 8, 2019
Out of District	February 12, 2019
Out of District	February 28, 2019
Out of District	March 8, 2019

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middeltem, 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>
Belton Audiometer	#8600	Middle School Nurse	Discard
(3) Luma Projection Screen	#008214 #008216 #008217	Elementary School	Discard
Journeys Common Core K-4 Kindergarten-256 Grade 1 – 913 Grade 2 – 319 Grade 3 – 324 Grade 4 – 150 Tchr Manual-50		Elementary	
(6) Acoustic shells	13267, 13261, 13264, 20140201, 13262, 13263	High School	Discard/ metal parts to PK Metals
(4) Café Tables	12847, 20144007 4, 20140066, 20140071	High School	Discard
Daktronics hand controller	9793	High School	e-waste
L Desk	003471	Elementary School	Discard
Brother Printer	011268	Elementary School	e-waste
Cafeteria Table	20090539	Middle School	Discard

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

Ms. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the publication of the Notice of Budget Hearing, Budget Vote and Election for the May 21, 2019 Annual Meeting as attached.

**Notice of
Budget Hearing,
Vote & Election**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

Ms. Henninger moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middlelem, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves a \$1,000 stipend for Interpretation Services to Abel Fernandez for the 2018-19 school year.

**Interpreter
Stipend**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Mr. Koepper, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the Federal Single Audit Report as submitted by the firm of Cullen & Danowski, LLP for the school year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

**Federal
Single
Audit**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following SEQRA resolution:

**SEQRA
High School
Roof**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Mount Sinai U.F. School District desires to embark upon a Roofing Replacement capital improvement project at the Mount Sinai High School; and

WHEREAS, said capital improvement project at Mount Sinai High School is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, routine activities such as maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility; and replacement, rehabilitation of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.5 of this part; and

WHEREAS, the SEQRA Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement project and has determined that said capital improvement, Roofing Replacement at the Mount Sinai High School is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5 (1,2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that the capital improvement project Roofing Replacement at the Mount Sinai High School is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with

a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed projects from the New York State Education Department.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

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

**SEQRA
Middle
School A/C**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Mount Sinai U.F. School District desires to embark upon an HVAC Upgrade capital improvement project at the Mount Sinai Middle School; and

WHEREAS, said capital improvement project at Mount Sinai Middle School is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, routine activities such as maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility; and replacement, rehabilitation of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.5 of this part; and

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement project and has determined that said capital improvement, HVAC Upgrades at the Mount Sinai Middle School is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5 (1,2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that the capital improvement project HVAC Upgrades at the Mount Sinai Middle School is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed projects from the New York State Education Department.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

Ms. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby designates Thursday, April 18, Thursday, May 23, Friday, May 24 and Tuesday, May 28 as official school closing days (unused snow days) for students and teachers in order to comply with the professional staff agreement.

**Unused
Snow Days**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

Ms. Henninger moved, seconded by Ms. Anderson, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby amends the February 13, 2019 motion increasing the amount of money awarded to Landtek Group. The amount shall not exceed \$1,009,300, which includes the completion of the bleachers and press box, fencing and backstop by the varsity baseball field, cut-through (high school parking lot) for student and teacher access, and related site work.

**Capital
Project**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following co-advisors for the High School Red/Black Night as per contract:

**Black/
Red
Advisors**

John McHugh
Lisa Fredriksen
Christina Romeo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Ms. Henninger, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the appropriation of funds into the established 2018 Capital Reserve Account in the amount of \$850,000.00 to be derived from the District's unassigned fund balance.

**Capital
Reserve
Fund**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

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

**Community
Discussion**

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Ms. Henninger, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

**Adjourn
Meeting**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

**Maureen Poerio
District Clerk**