

**MOUNT SINAI UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA**

**THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION UP TO THE START OF THE MEETING**

Meeting Date: January 15, 2020  
Meeting Place: Middle School  
Meeting Time: 8:00 p.m.

**TONIGHT’S BOARD MEETING IS BEING VIDEOTAPED**

- I. OPENING OF MEETING** – Pledge of Allegiance
- II. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT/BUDGET PRESENTATION** – BOE/Central Administration, Insurance, Central Printing, BOCES, Administrative Charges, Transportation, Technology and Debt Service
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the Minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting as submitted.

- IV. 15 MINUTE COMMUNITY QUESTION PERIOD (Questions must relate to agenda)** - Once recognized by the President, please identify yourself before addressing the Board.
- V. PERSONNEL**

- A. APPOINTMENTS**

- 1. Office Assistant (part-time) – Lisa Lopez**

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following appointment:

Name of Employee: Lisa Lopez (current school district aide)  
Start Date: January 6, 2020  
Area: Office Assistant (.5 position)  
Compensation: Step 1, (10.5 months)

- 2. Office Assistant (part-time) – Sharon Oliveri**

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following appointment:

Name of Employee: Sharon Oliveri  
Start Date: December 2, 2019  
Area: Office Assistant (.6 position)  
Compensation: Step 1 (12 months)

**3. Substitute Custodian – Brendan Teague**

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following appointment:

Name of Employee: Brendan Teague  
Start Date: January 16, 2020  
Area: Substitute Custodian  
Compensation: \$14.75/hr.

**4. School District Aide – Lisa Palermo-Zanfardino**

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following appointment:

Name of Employee: Lisa Palermo-Zanfardino  
Start Date: January 16, 2020  
Area: School District Aide (presently sub. Aide)  
Compensation: Step 2

**5. Volunteer Coach – Ryan Wilson**

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following appointment:

Name of Employee: Ryan Wilson  
Start Date: January 16, 2020  
Area: Volunteer Track Coach  
Compensation: N/A

**VI. ACTION ITEMS – Educational**

**Committee on Special Education**

Resolved, 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:

<i>Special Education Committee</i>	<i>Meeting Date</i>
Elementary School	December 13, 2019
Elementary School	December 17, 2019
Elementary School	December 18, 2019
Middle School	December 10, 2019
Middle School	December 11, 2019
Middle School	December 17, 2019
Middle School	December 18, 2019
High School	December 11, 2019
High School	December 13, 2019
High School	December 19, 2019

## VII. ACTION ITEMS – Business

### A. Policy – Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the second reading of the Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards Policy that was proposed at the December 18, 2019 meeting.

### B. Partial Senior Citizen Exemption

Resolved, 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.

### C. Limited Income Disability Exemption

Resolved, 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.

### D. Alternative Veterans Exemption

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby reaffirms the following **Alternative Veterans Exemption** (RP 458A) resolution:

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).

**E. Cold War Veterans Exemption**

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby reaffirms the following **Cold War Veterans Exemption** (RP458B) resolution:

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 RPTL 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.

**F. Fire/Ambulance Workers' Exemption**

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby reaffirms the following **Fire/Ambulance Workers Exemption** (RP466C) resolution:

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.

**VIII. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY**

**IX. ADJOURN MEETING**