

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

Date: January 15, 2020
Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting
Members Present: Mr. Robert Sweeney, President; Mr. Stephen Koepper, Vice President; Ms. AnneMarie Henninger, Mr. Edward Law, Ms. Lisa Pfeffer, Mr. Robert Pignatello, Mr. Peter Van Middlelem
Members Absent: None
Others Present: Mr. Gordon Brosdal, Superintendent; Ms. Linda Jensen, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Ms. Maureen Poerio, District Clerk

Mr. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. after the salute to the flag. **Opening of Meeting**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, to convene to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a particular personnel matter. **Executive Session**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Mr. Koepper, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. **Adjourn Executive 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. Mr. Sweeney reminded the audience that public comments must not include student and staff names, shall be free from disparaging remarks, and shall be limited to two minutes. **Regular 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 December 18, 2019 meeting as submitted. **Minutes**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Brosdal presented the 2020-21 budget proposals for the following areas: Insurance, BOE/Central Administration, Central Printing, BOCES, Transportation, Technology and Debt Services. These areas represent 12 percent of the budget and reflect a slight increase from last year. **Budget Presentation**

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

PERSONNEL

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

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

Compensation: Step 1, (10.5 months)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

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

Office Assistant

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

Sharon Oliveri

**Those in Favor – 6
Abstention – Mr. Koepper
MOTION CARRIED**

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

Substitute Custodian

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

Brendan Teague

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

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

School District Aide

Name of Employee: Lisa Palermo-Zanfardino
Start Date: January 16, 2020
Area: School District Aide (presently sub. Aide)
Compensation: Step 3

Lisa Palermo-Zanfardino

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

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

Track Coach

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

Ryan Wilson

**Those in Favor – 6
Abstention – Mr. Law
MOTION CARRIED**

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, 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

Committee on Special Education

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, that 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.

**Uniform Grant
Guidance for
Federal Awards**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, 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. Koepper moved, seconded by Mr. Law, 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. Pignatello moved, seconded by Mr. Koepper, 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. Henninger moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, 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. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middlelem, that 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.

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 9:02 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Poerio
District Clerk