

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

Date: June 17, 2020
Kind of Meeting: Remote 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 8:04 p.m. after the salute to the flag. Mr. Sweeney thanked the community for their support in his reelection as well as well as for Mr. Law and Mr. Van Middlelem. He also thanked community resident Karen Pitka for putting her name on the ballot for this volunteer Board position. **Opening of Meeting**

Mr. Brosdal thanked the community for passing the budget, which maintains the programs and class sizes that are currently in place. Mr. Brosdal thanked the Board of Education for their dedication and leadership provided throughout this most challenging school year. **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Brosdal also recognized and thanked Frank LaBianca, Social Studies teacher and Director of Humanities/HSAP, for his 20 years of outstanding service to the District and, more importantly, for always being there for the students of Mount Sinai. Mr. Roberts four years of service as the Director of Music and Applied Arts was also recognized.

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting and the June 2, 2020, Public Budget Hearing as submitted. **Minutes**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

The community was informed that questions relating to the agenda would be received in writing using the Zoom chat function. **Agenda Items**

PERSONNEL

Mr. Henninger moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby grants tenure as follows: **Tenure**

Name of Employee: Kelly Doran
Tenure Area: ELA
Date of Tenure: August 31, 2020
Certification Status: Professional

**Kelly
Doran**

**Those in Favor – 6
Abstention – Mr. Van Middlelem
MOTION CARRIED**

Ms. Pfeffer moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby grants tenure as follows:

Tenure

Name of Employee: Gianna Pomponio
Tenure Area: Family & Consumer Science
Date of Tenure: August 31, 2020
Certification Status: Professional

**Gianna
Pomponio**

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 grants tenure as follows:

Tenure

Name of Employee: Stacy Bugdin
Tenure Area: Special Education
Date of Tenure: August 31, 2020
Certification Status: Professional

**Stacey
Bugdin**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Pignatello moved, seconded by Ms. Henninger, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation, for retirement purposes, of Mitchell Wolman, Technology Teacher, effective June 20, 2020.

Resignation

Mitch Wolman

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Koepper, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation, for retirement purposes, of Susan Vassallo, School District Aide, effective June 26, 2020.

Resignation

Susan Vassallo

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby recalls excessed Elementary Teacher Laura Trikouras to her full-time position effective September 1, 2020.

Resignation

Laura Trikouras

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

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

Leave

Replacement

Name of Employee: Joseph Arico
Appointment Date: September 1, 2020
Expiration of Appointment: June 25, 2021
Area: ELA
Compensation: Step C, MA
Certification Status: Initial

Joseph Arico

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 Lucas Krucher as Robotics (STEM) advisor for the 2019-20 school year at a stipend amount of \$4,500.

Robotics
Lucas Krucher

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby authorizes a Summer School Program (Distance Learning Model of Instruction) for Grades 7&8 (Math & ELA) and appoints the following persons to fill the necessary positions. The program will be held Monday-Thursday, June 29 – August 7, 2020. Compensation will be as per the Teachers’ Contract for instructional positions.

Middle School
Summer School

ELA 7/8	Andrea DeGiorgio	Entire Session
Math 7/8	Nicole Pomaro	Entire Session
Principal	Elizabeth Hine	Entire Session

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middlelem, 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>
Middle School	January 23, 2020
Middle School	February 4, 2020
Middle School	February 13, 2020
Middle School	February 25, 2020
Middle School	March 3, 2020
Middle School	March 9, 2020
High School	February 4, 2020
Out of District	April 1, 2020
Out of District	April 2, 2020
Out of District	April 3, 2020

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Pignatello moved, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Mount Sinai Teachers’ Association dated June 16, 2020.

MOA
Teachers’
Assoc.

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 following motion:

Destruction
of Cast
Ballots

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2019, the Mount Sinai School District conducted its Annual Budget Vote and Election; and

WHEREAS, the District is currently in possession of all cast ballots resulting from such annual Budget Vote and Election; and

WHEREAS, the Record Retention and Disposition Schedule ED-1 provides for the destruction of such ballots after one year from the date of the Annual Budget Vote and Elections; and

WHEREAS, at least one year has elapsed from the date of the Annual Budget Vote and Election held on May 21, 2019, and no proceedings have been commenced with regard to such Annual Budget Vote and Election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mount Sinai School District hereby orders the destruction of all cast ballots (and unused ballots) resulting from the May 21, 2019 Annual Budget Vote and Election.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Ms. Henninger moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middlelem, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves a maximum of \$500,000 appropriation be expended from the EBALR Fund to satisfy terminal payments due retiring District employees.

**EBALR
Terminal
Payments**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

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

**EBALR
Compensated
Absences**

WHEREAS, the District has determined that they have contractual obligations to pay for the value of compensated absences to certain employees separating from the District, in accordance with the current agreements and memoranda, and the District has also determined that it would be fiscally responsible to fund for those obligations in accordance with the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve (EBALR), as authorized under General Municipal Law, Section 6-p, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to fund the EBALR in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the amount to be funded in the Retirement Reserve Fund for the 2020-21 school year shall not exceed \$500,000.

**NYSERS
Reserve
Fund**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Pignatello moved, seconded by Mr. Koepper, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby designates the following dates as Regular Meetings of the Board of Education for the 2020-21 school year:

**Regular
Board
Meetings**

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| August 26, 2020 | February 10, 2021 |
| September 16, 2020 | March 17, 2021 |
| October 21, 2020 | April 21, 2021 |
| November 18, 2020 | May 11, 2021 (Tuesday) |

December 16, 2020
January 20, 2021

June 8, 2021 (Tuesday)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Ms. Pfeffer moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby designates Thursday, July 1, 2021, as the date of the 2021-22 Reorganization Meeting.

**Reorg.
Meeting
Date**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Van Middeltem moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following breakfast/lunch prices for the 2020-21 school year as follows:

**Breakfast/
Lunch
Prices**

Breakfast	Cost
Elementary School	2.25
Middle School	2.25
High School	2.25
Lunch	
Elementary School	3.25
Middle School	3.50
High School	3.50

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Ms. Henninger moved, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby extends the Regular Transportation, Occupational Education Transportation, In-District Handicap Transportation, Non-Public Transportation, Special Education Transportation, Field Trips and Athletic Trips contracts for the 2020-21 school year with First Student at a maximum May 2020 Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, New York-Northeastern New Jersey area.

**District
Transportation**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby extends the contract for School Lunch with Whitson's School Nutrition Corp., for the 2020-21 school year, at an increase of May 2020 Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, New York-Northeastern New Jersey area.

**Lunch
Contract**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints ex post facto the following persons to act as Inspectors of Election for the Budget Vote/Board Election being held by absentee ballot on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour:

**Election
Inspectors**

Jaqui Comings
Emma Tyrell

Sarah Hagenburg
Leigh Little

Barbara Wright
Roberta Guise

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

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

**Community
Discussion**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Adjournment

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

**Maureen Poerio
District Clerk**