

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

Date: August 26, 2020  
Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting (remote)  
Members Present: Mr. Robert Sweeney, President; Mr. Stephen Koepper, Vice President; Ms. AnneMarie Henninger, Mr. Edward Law, Ms. Lisa Pfeffer, Mr. Peter Van Middlelem  
Members Absent: Mr. Pignatello  
Others Present: Mr. Gordon Brosdal, Superintendent; Ms. Linda Jensen, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Ms. Maureen Poerio, District Clerk

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Mr. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. after the salute to the flag. **Opening of Meeting**

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the Minutes of the July 1, 2020 Regular/ Reorganization meeting as submitted. **Minutes**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (6-0)**

Mr. Brosdal reviewed the District's Reopening Plan that has been approved by the State and the Department of Health. Mr. Brosdal reminded the public that this is a living document and revisions and changes will be made as necessary. **Superintendent's Report**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

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

**PERSONNEL**

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Jenna Rickert, Social Studies Teacher, effective August 27, 2020. **Resignation  
J. Rickert**

**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 accepts the resignation of Dina Barone, School District Aide, effective August 27, 2020. **Resignation  
Dina Barone**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Jennifer Zacchino, School District Aide, effective August 27, 2020. **Resignation  
J. Zacchino**

**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 resignation of Trisha DiGennaro, School District Aide, effective August 27, 2020.

**Resignation  
T. DiGennaro**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation, for retirement purposes, of Debra Santoro, Elementary Teachers, effective August 1, 2020.

**Retirement  
D. Santoro**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

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 Marcy Dionisio, Custodial Worker I, effective August 31, 2020.

**Retirement  
M. Dionisio**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Ms. Pfeffer moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middlelem, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Teachers' Association dated August 26, 2020.

**MOA  
Teacher  
Transfers**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Ms. Pfeffer moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Teachers' Association dated August 26, 2020.

**MOA  
Substitute  
Teachers**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Ms. Henninger moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following substitute teacher appointments based on the agreement with the Teachers' Association dated August 26, 2020.

**Substitute  
Teachers**

<i>Name of Employee</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Area</i>
Nicole Bronleben	September 1, 2020	Elementary
Gabby Conceico	September 1, 2020	Elementary
Bridget Simonsen	September 1, 2020	Elementary
Alexandra Crerend	September 1, 2020	Elementary
Julea Montalbano	September 1, 2020	Elementary
Gina Mecca	September 1, 2020	Elementary

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

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

**Elementary  
Teacher**

Name of Employee: Jackie Wilcken  
 Start Date: September 1, 2020  
 Expiration Date: August 31, 2024  
 Tenure Area: Elementary

**Jackie  
Wilcken**

Compensation: Step A, MA  
Certification Status: Permanent

**Those in Favor - 5**  
**Abstention – Mr. Sweeney**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

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

**Social  
Studies  
Teacher**

Name of Employee: Nicole Kane  
Start Date: September 1, 2020  
Expiration Date: August 31, 2024  
Tenure Area: Social Studies  
Compensation: Step A, BA  
Certification Status: Transitional B

**Nicole Kane**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

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

**Art Teacher**

Name of Employee: Meghan McGrath  
Start Date: September 1, 2020  
End Date: June 25, 2021  
Area: Art  
Compensation: Step A, MA  
Certification Status: Initial

**Meghan  
McGrath**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, that the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following temporary (one year) appointment:

**PE Teacher**

Name of Employee: Michael Kollmer  
Appointment Date: September 1, 2020  
End Date: June 25, 2021  
Area: Physical Education  
Compensation: Step B, BA  
Certification Status: Initial

**Michael  
Kollmer**

**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 Sixth Class Teaching Positions for the 2020-21 school year:

**6th Teaching  
Classes**

<b>Middle School</b>	
Grade 5 Study Skills	Jennifer Gallegos

Grade 6 Study Skills	Stacy Dundas
Computers 7 (Semester 1)	Jeanette Venaski
Math 8 AIS (Semester 2)	Chris Graham
<b>High School</b>	
Ceramics (1/2 year)	Eric Giorlando
Photo (1/2 year)	Andrea Morganelli
Studio 2.0	Eric Giorlando
Marine Biology	Cindy Callahan
Advanced Algebra (2 sections)	Kelly Lynch/Terry Moller
Robotics (1/2 year)	Lucas Krucher
Principals of Engineering	Dan Tappin
US History (3 sections)	John McHugh/William Chilton/Steve Zummo
Humanities (1/2 year)	Steve Sallese
Spanish I	John Mees
Spanish II	Kaitlyn Burke
Spanish III	Connor Sussillo

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

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

**Substitute Teachers**

<i>Name of Employee</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Compensation</i>
Mary Beth Spallina	9/1/20	Substitute Teacher	\$111/day
Alexandra Troutman	9/1/20	Substitute Teacher	\$111/day

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Ms. Pfeffer 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: Gemma Solomos  
Date of Employment: August 27, 2020  
Area: Office Assistant  
Compensation: Step 1

**Gemma Solomos**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

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

**Custodial Worker I**

Name of Employee: Eric Swedburg  
Date of Employment: August 24, 2020  
Area: Custodial Worker I  
Compensation: Step 1

**Eric Swedburg**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

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

**Custodial Worker I**

Name of Employee: Matthew Mitchell  
 Date of Employment: August 31, 2020  
 Area: Custodial Worker I  
 Compensation: Step 1

**Matthew Mitchell**

**This in Favor – 5  
 Abstention – Mr. Van Middlelem  
 MOTION CARRIED**

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

**School District Aides**

<i>Name of Employee</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Compensation</i>
Lisa Kriedter	September 1, 2020	School District Aide	Step 1
Erin Lakios	September 1, 2020	School District Aide	Step 1
Susan Vassallo	July 27, 2020	Substitute Aide	\$13.25/hr.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

**ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, 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	April 2, 2020
Preschool	April 15, 2020
Preschool	April 28, 2020
Preschool	July 28, 2020
Elementary School	January 9, 2020
Elementary School	January 14, 2020
Elementary School	February 3, 2020
Elementary School	February 5, 2020
Elementary School	February 6, 2020
Elementary School	February 7, 2020
Elementary School	February 12, 2020
Elementary School	February 26, 2020
Elementary School	February 27, 2020
Elementary School	March 6, 2020
Elementary School	March 9, 2020
Elementary School	March 12, 2020
Elementary School	April 20, 2020
Elementary School	April 22, 2020
Elementary School	May 4, 2020
Elementary School	May 7, 2020

Elementary School	May 8, 2020
Elementary School	May 12, 2020
Elementary School	May 13, 2020
Elementary School	May 14, 2020
Elementary School	May 26, 2020
Elementary School	May 28, 2020
Elementary School	June 1, 2020
Elementary School	June 3, 2020
Elementary School	June 4, 2020
Elementary School	June 11, 2020
Elementary School	June 28, 2020
Middle School	March 12, 2020
Middle School	April 1, 2020
Middle School	April 13, 2020
Middle School	April 15, 2020
Middle School	April 16, 2020
Middle School	April 17, 2020
Middle School	April 28, 2020
Middle School	April 29, 2020
Middle School	April 30, 2020
Middle School	May 4, 2020
Middle School	May 8, 2020
Middle School	May 11, 2020
Middle School	May 12, 2020
Middle School	May 21, 2020
Middle School	May 28, 2020
Middle School	June 3, 2020
Middle School	June 11, 2020
High School	April 16, 2020
High School	April 22, 2020
High School	April 23, 2020
High School	April 27, 2020
High School	April 29, 2020
High School	May 6, 2020
High School	May 7, 2020
High School	May 11, 2020
High School	May 13, 2020
High School	May 14, 2020
High School	May 15, 2020
High School	May 18, 2020
High School	May 19, 2020
High School	May 28, 2020
High School	May 29, 2020
High School	June 5, 2020
High School	June 12, 2020
High School	June 16, 2020
High School	July 14, 2020
High School	August 4, 2020
Out of District	April 23, 2020
Out of District	April 28, 2020

Out of District	May 6, 2020
Out of District	May 12, 2020
Out of District	May 19, 2020
Out of District	May 27, 2020
Out of District	May 28, 2020
Out of District	May 29, 2020
Out of District	June 2, 2020
Out of District	June 4, 2020
Out of District	July 7, 2020
Out of District	August 4, 2020
Out of District	August 5, 2020

**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 complies with the Federal/SED policy requirements for the administration of Free and Reduced Price Meals for the 2020-21 school year.

**Free and  
Reduced  
Price Meals**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, 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>Means of Disposal</i>
Lectern	3906	Middle School	Discard
Condenser	400697	Athletic Office	Discard
Nikon Coolpix camera	006889	Elementary School	Discard
Panasonic Camera	010996	Elementary School	Discard
Phonograph	2045	Middle School	Discard
Stereo	006430	Middle School	Discard
Stihl Blower	008974	Garage MS	Discard
Chairs	3498, 12798	High School	Discard
Textbooks - The American Nation-7 <sup>th</sup> (89) The American Nation-8 <sup>th</sup> (158) Math A Course (29) Pre-Algebra Accelerated (29) Pre-Algebra A Transition (89) Science NY-7 <sup>th</sup> (56) Science NY-6 <sup>th</sup> (122)		Middle School	Discard
Computer Supplies (attached)			<b>E-Waste</b>

**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 authorizes the appropriation of funds into the established 2018 Capital Reserve Account in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, to be derived from the District's unassigned fund balance.

**Capital  
Reserve  
Fund**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the Reopening Plan developed for the Mount Sinai School District for the 2020-21 school year and authorizes the Superintendent of School to amend, modify and/or update the Reopening Plan as needed subject to further Board approval and/or ratification in the event of substantial revisions to the Plan.

**School  
Reopening  
Plan**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

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

**Budget  
Transfers**

<i>From Budget Code</i>	<i>To Budget Code</i>	<i>Amount</i>
H1620.297.06012	H1620.293.06012	\$1,420,883.75
A9760.7	A1620.45.04	\$80,000
A9760.7	A1620.2.04	\$10,000
A9760.7	A1620.4.04	\$50,000

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Educational Data Services, the Board of Education hereby approves the bid award for Lumber Supplies for the 2020-19 school year to Feldman Lumber, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$11,033.

**Bid Award  
Lumber**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Mr. Sweeney moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that the Board of Education approves for the 2020-2021 budget, an increase in the amount of \$2,000,000 as a result of the additional unanticipated expenses determined to be necessary in response to the health and safety of students and staff, and the provision of educational services and resources in connection with the COVID-19 Pandemic. The funds necessary for these currently determined expenditures will be appropriated from the current unassigned fund balance.

**Reallocation  
of Budget  
Funds**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Ms. Henninger moved, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donation from New York Cancer and Blood Specialists:

**Donation**

- (3) office desks
- (24) office reception chairs
- (3) side tables
- (12) bookcases
- (5) office desk chairs
- (1) conference table

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Ms. Pfeffer, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby awards the bid for Out of District Late Bus Transportation for the 2020-2021 school year to FIRST STUDENT, INC., the lowest responsible bidder as follows:

**Out of  
District  
Late Bus**



<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>FIRST STUDENT</b>
Harbor Country Day School	114.00
Holy Angels Regional School	134.00
Laurel Hill School	114.00
Our Lady of Providence	154.00
St. John Paul II Regional School	114.00
Our Savior New American	114.00
St. Anthony's High School	154.00
St. John the Baptist High School	154.00
St. Mary School	154.00
Sts. Phillip and James School	114.00
Stony Brook School	114.00
The Knox School	134.00
Winston Preparatory School	154.00
Any Additional Schools, as needed, 1-15 miles	114.00
Any Additional Schools, as needed, 16-29 miles	154.00

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0)**

Questions and comments from the community were addressed by the Board and Mr. Brosdal.

**Community Discussion**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middlelem, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

**Adjourn Meeting**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Maureen Poerio  
District Clerk**