

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

Date: September 16, 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. Robert Pignatello, Trustee; 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 7:30 p.m.

Opening of Meeting

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middlelem, to convene to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

Executive Session

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Van Middlelem moved, seconded by Mr. Law, to adjourn Executive Session at 7:55 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.

Meeting Reconvened

Ms. Pfeffer moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the Minutes of the August 26, 2020 Regular meeting as submitted.

Minutes

MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Brosdal reviewed the health and safety measures that have been implemented in each of buildings.

Superintendent's Report

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

Agenda Items

PERSONNEL

Ms. Henninger moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middlelem, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Erin Pipe, Spanish Teacher, effective August 31, 2020.

Resignation Erin Pipe

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

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

Resignations School District Aides

<i>Name of Employee</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Resignation Date</i>
Kathleen Hall	School District Aide	8/31/20
Sallee Smith	School District Aide	8/31/20

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

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

**Spanish
Teacher**

Name of Employee: Mary Steinbrecher
 Start Date: September 1, 2020
 Expiration Date: August 31, 2024
 Tenure Area: Spanish
 Compensation: Step A, BA
 Certification Status: Initial

**Mary
Steinbrecher**

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 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>
Katherine Campbell	September 1, 2020	Elementary
Jennifer Maldonado	September 1, 2020	Special Education
Kristina Reddy	September 1, 2020	Special Education
Sabrina Cuccia	September 1, 2020	Special Education
Genevieve Carleo	September 1, 2020 (thru 11/24/20)	Special Education
Susan Lau	September 1, 2020 (thru 11/24/20)	Art
Clare Finnican	September 1, 2020	Art

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 approves the following Substitute Teacher appointment:

**Substitute
Teacher**

Name of Employee: Alyssa Sardone
 Start Date: September 1, 2020
 Area: Substitute Teacher
 Compensation: \$111/day

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Ms. Pfeffer moved, seconded by Ms. Henninger, 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:

**Sixth Class
Assignment**

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Area</i>
Michael Silliman	6 th Grade Orchestra
Tricia Panasci	5 th Grade Lessons
Walter Johnson	Special Education
Renee Stump	Art - 2.5 classes/wk. – 1 st Semester
Jeanette Alperti	ESL

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Ms. Pfeiffer, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following co-curricular clubs and appoints the persons listed below as advisors for the 2020-21 school year:

**Clubs/
Advisors**

<i>Club – High School</i>	<i>Advisor</i>
Class Advisor 9	T. Izzo, S. McEvoy
Class Advisor 10	C. Callahan, K. Lynch
Class Advisor 11	L. Fredriksen, S. Francese
Class Advisor 12	J. McHugh, S. Zummo
Multi-Media Production Club	D. Tappin
National Honor Society	J. McHugh
School Store	C. Sussillo
Student Government	R. Cardo
Tri-M Society	E. Blatt
Yearbook	D. Tappin
<i>Club – Middle School</i>	<i>Advisor</i>
Honor Society	Eleana Graham, John Grossman
Student Council	Danielle Abramowski, Kayla Muglia
Yearbook	Chris Heil, Renee Stump
<i>Club – Elementary School</i>	<i>Advisor</i>
Student Council - Grade 4	Chris Kadletz
Yearbook – Grade 4	D. Wesolowski/R. Guise

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 approves the following appointments for the 2020-21 school year:

**Dean of
Students**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Area</i>
Harold Drumm	Dean of Students – 2 periods/day
Matthew Armstrong	Dean of Students – 2 periods/day

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 School District Aide position:

**School
District
Aide**

Name of Employee: Michelle Carrion
 Start Date: September 11, 2020
 Area: School District Aide
 Compensation: Step 1

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

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

**Substitute
Custodians**

<i>Name of Employee</i>	<i>Start Date</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Compensation</i>
Mitchell Cumings	August 31, 2020	Custodial Substitute	\$14.75
Timothy Hirdt	August 31, 2020	Custodial Substitute	\$14.75
Jackson Maher	August 31, 2020	Custodial Substitute	\$14.75
Aidan Mulligan	August 31, 2020	Custodial Substitute	\$14.75
Sean Sweeney	August 31, 2020	Custodial Substitute	\$14.75
Derek Takacs	August 31, 2020	Custodial Substitute	\$14.75
Joseph Tarzia	September 21, 2020	Custodial Substitute	\$14.75

**Those in Favor - 6
 Abstention – Mr. Sweeney
 MOTION CARRIED**

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Van Middlelem 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 27, 2020
Preschool	March 9, 2020
Elementary School	January 13, 2020
Elementary School	February 10, 2020
Elementary School	February 13, 2020
Elementary School	June 12, 2020
Elementary School	July 28, 2020
Elementary School	August 25, 2020
Elementary School	August 26, 2020
Elementary School	September 4, 2020
Middle School	September 4, 2020
High School	May 28, 2020
High School	June 12, 2020
High School	June 12, 2020
High School	August 21, 2020
Out of District	August 31, 2020

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby declares the following items as obsolete and authorizes disposal as listed:

**Obsolete
Items**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Tag/Serial Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Means of</i>
ThermoScan Thermometer	008504	Elem School	Discard
Cafeteria Chair	12742	High School	Discard
Faculty Room Table	12923	High School	Discard
Faculty Room Chair	12753	High School	Discard
Faculty Room Table	13050	High School	Discard
Basic Skills English 1963 (30)		High School	Discard
Writing & Grammar 2004 (40)		High School	Discard
Grammar & Composition 1983 (27)		High School	Discard
World History 2001 (14)		High School	Discard
Scholastic Scope 1991 (30)		High School	Discard
Adventures in Reading 1988 (13)		High School	Discard
Grammar & Composition Handbook 2002 (22)		High School	Discard
Johnson Gas Furnace	1635	Middle School	Discard

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Pignatello moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints Abel Fernandez as District Resident Liaison for the 2020-21 school year at a yearly stipend of \$1,000.

**District
Resident
Liaison**

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 establishes the 2020-21 school district tax levy in the amount of \$41,396,602.

**School
District
Tax Levy**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby establishes the 2020-21 public library tax levy in the amount of \$1,762,292.40.

**Public
Library
Tax Levy**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Ms. Pfeffer moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby awards the bid for Commercial Irrigation to **Irrigation Solutions**, the lowest responsible bidder, for the 2020-2021 school year as listed below:

**Bid Award
Commercial
Irrigation**

Description	One Year Cost	Mon.-Fri. 8am -4pm	Mon.-Fri. After 4pm	Weekends
Contract (Bid) for installation of 15 Hunter Heads model (PGP) with	2,000	2,000	2,500	3,000

one-inch opening connected to a two-inch line running approx. 400 linear feet (and multiples thereof)				
Contract bid for winterization of 109 zones throughout district	2,250	2,250	2,500	2,500
Contract bid for Computerized Hunter ICC Time Clock (that can handle up to 32 zones)	750	750	1,000	1,000
Hourly rate for service	75	75	100	100

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Ms. Henninger moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby reviews the amended District-Wide School Safety Plan that is posted on the District’s website for public review and comment.

**District
Wide
Safety Plan**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Mr. Pignatello moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves of the following members of the District-Wide School Safety Team:

**District
Wide
School
Safety Team**

- Gordon Brosdal – Superintendent (Chief Emergency Officer)
- Elizabeth Hine – Middle School Principal (Superintendent Designee School Safety Officer)
- Robert Sweeney – Board of Education President
- Maureen Poerio – Executive Assistant
- Peter Pramataris – High School Principal
- Rob Catlin – Elementary School Principal
- Scott Reh – Director of PE, Athletics, Health, Nurses & Facilities (On Site Situation Coordinator)
- Robert Dushnick – District Head Custodian
- Abel Fernandez – High School Custodian in Charge
- Mike Hagenburg – Middle School Custodian in Charge
- Paul Resti – Elementary School Custodian in Charge
- Krista Marano – Middle School Social Worker
- Marcella Viscosi – Elementary School Social Worker
- Stephanie Candurra – High School Social Worker
- Kayla Muglia – District-Wide Social Worker
- Wendy Kollmer – High School Nurse
- Roseanne Hirdt – Middle School Nurse
- Kathy Pantino – Elementary School Nurse
- Maureen Sweeney – Parent/SBO Representative
- Chris Innace – Pro Protection CEO

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. Koepper, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

**Adjourn
Meeting**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

**Maureen Poerio
District Clerk**