

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

Date: October 21, 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

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Mr. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Opening of Meeting**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middlelem, to convene to Executive Session at 6:30 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 7:50 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.

**Reconvene**

Prior to the Board accepting the 2019-20 Independent Audit Report prepared by the accounting firm of Cullen & Danowski, Auditor Jill Sanders reviewed the findings for the Board and community. Ms. Sanders again complimented Ms. Jensen for her continued Excellence in overseeing the District's finances and for the outstanding efforts of her staff.

**External Audit Report**

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Mr. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the Minutes of the September 16, 2020 Regular meeting as submitted.

**Minutes**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Brosdal shared a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted *Mt. Sinai's Evolution of Delivery of Instruction* for the 2020-21 school year.

**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. Law, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following resignations:

**Resignations**

<i>Name of Employee</i>	<i>Resignation Date</i>	<i>Area</i>
Emily Karcic	10/17/20	School District Aide
Erin Lakios	10/3/20	School District Aide
Stephanie Rink	9/29/20	School District Aide

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (7-0)**

Ms. Pfeffer moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, 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>Certification Area</i>
Emily Bellacera	10/19/20	Elementary/Special Ed
Debra Bufalini	10/7/20	Social Studies
Lindsay Csorny	11/9/20	Special Education
Kaylee Foley	10/19/20	Elementary/Special Ed.
Danielle Hine	10/5/20	Elementary
Samuel Kaplan	10/5/20	Physical Education
Danielle Mortensen	10/5/20	Elementary
Alexandra Troutman	10/19/20	Elementary
Jacob Stein	10/19/20	Special Education
GerriAnn Ruggeri	10/5/20	Special Education

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Pignatello 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>
Brennan Strovink	9/21/20	Substitute Teacher	\$111/day (\$175/day after 10/7/20)
Conrad Bernatsky	10/16/20	Substitute Teacher	\$175/day

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (7-0)**

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

**School District Aides**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Appointment Date</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Compensation</i>
Allison Cardone	10/13/20	School District Aide	Step 1
Danielle Gordon	10/13/20	School District Aide	Step 1
Stephanie Sprague	9/1/20	School District Aide (former sub aide)	Step 1
Stephanie Rink	9/30/20	Substitute Aide (former aide)	\$13.25

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (7-0)**

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

**Substitute Custodians**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Appointment Date</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Compensation</i>
Richard Miller	10/22/20	Substitute Custodian	\$14.75
Cody Sommer	10/22/20	Substitute Custodian	\$14.75

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (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 Coaching appointments, pending review and approval of Strength and Conditioning Action Plans and Return to Play, for the 2020-21 school year: **2020-2021 Coaches**

Scott Reh – Assistant Coach (All Sports) – No Compensation

<b><u>SPORT</u></b>	<b><u>COACH</u></b>	<b><u>STEP</u></b>		
Varsity Boys Basketball	Ryan McNeely	12		
Junior Varsity Boys Basketball	Matt Dyroff	10		
Varsity Girls Basketball	Jeff Koustantanou	4		
Junior Varsity Girls Basketball	Tracey Carron	8		
Varsity Wrestling	Matt Armstrong	18		
Assistant Varsity Wrestling	Ralph Menechino	6		
Junior Varsity Wrestling	Eric Strovink	10		
Varsity Boys Track	Eric Giorlando	9		
Assistant Varsity Boys Track	Lee Markowitz	9		
Varsity Girls Track	Bill Dwyer	26		
Assistant Varsity Girls Track	Don Slingerland	6		
			<b><u>Fall</u></b>	<b><u>Winter</u></b>
Varsity Cheerleading (Fall & Winter)	Megan Wesolowski		2	2
Assist. Varsity Cheerleading (F & W)	Matthew Schneyer		2	2
JV Cheerleading (Fall & Winter)	Jamie Ziskin		2	2

<b><u>SPORT</u></b>	<b><u>COACH</u></b>	<b><u>STEP</u></b>		
Varsity Football	Vinny Ammirato	21		
Assistant Varsity Football	John Grossman	14		
Assistant Varsity Football	Eric Giorlando	6		
Junior Varsity Football	John Murray	7		
Assist. JV Football	Matt Armstrong	5		
Varsity Boys Soccer	Joseph Malandro	2		
JV Boys Soccer	Raul Munoz	2		
Varsity Girls Soccer	Dominique Schneider	1		
JV Girls Soccer	Mike Kollmer	1		
Varsity Boys Golf	John Mees	7		
Varsity Cross Country (Boys and Girls)	Bill Dwyer	17		
Assist Varsity Cross Country (Boys and Girls)	Don Slingerland	6		
Varsity Girls Tennis	Tom Duffy	14		
Varsity Girls Volleyball	Andy Matthews	19		
JV Girls Volleyball	Jason Dono	14		

<b><u>SPORT</u></b>	<b><u>COACH</u></b>	<b><u>STEP</u></b>
Varsity Baseball	Eric Reichenbach	15

Junior Varsity Baseball	Dan Tappin	4
Varsity Softball	Jason Surdi	5
Junior Varsity Softball	Dave Herrschaft	5
Varsity Boys Track	Eric Giorlando	6
Assistant Varsity Boys Track	Kurt Wagner	13
Varsity Girls Track	Bill Dwyer	26
Assistant Varsity Girls Track	TBD	0
Assistant Varsity Track (Field)	Don Slingerland	7
Varsity Boys Tennis	Tom Duffy	25
Varsity Girls Golf	John Mees	6
Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Harold Drumm	13
Assistant Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Luke Daquino	9
JV Boys Lacrosse	Jamie Caretta	12
Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Al Bertolone	9
Assistant Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Chris Carannante	3
JV Girls Lacrosse	Tracey Carron	6

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Van Middeltem moved, seconded by Mr. Law, 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**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Advisor</b>
Art Club	A.Morganelli
Best Buddies	S. Sallese
Computer Club	C.Bellacera
Drama Club Director	D.Kramer
Drama Club Producer	D.Kramer
History Club	S. Francese
Interact Club	K. McGuire
Mathletes 9	G. Kulik
Mathletes 10-12	G. Kulik
Model UN	S. Feretic
Ocean Bowl	A.Matthews
Peer Leadership	C. Callahan
SADD	J. McHugh/J. Wilson
Science Club	J. DiNapoli/C. Callahan
STEM	J. DiNapoli/C. Hanz

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (7-0)**

**ACTION ITEMS**

Ms. Pfeffer 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 education programs and services consistent with such:

**Committee  
on Special  
Education**

<b><i>Special Education Committee</i></b>	<b><i>Meeting Date</i></b>
Preschool	June 17, 2020
Preschool	June 26, 2020

Preschool	August 27, 2020
Elementary School	January 27, 2020
Elementary School	March 10, 2020
Elementary School	March 11, 2020
Elementary School	May 1, 2020
Elementary School	May 18, 2020
Middle School	September 18, 2020
Middle School	October 7, 2020
High School	September 18, 2020
High School	September 23, 2020
High School	September 30, 2020
Out of District	September 17, 2020
Out of District	September 29, 2020

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Van Middlelem, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby accepts the Independent Audit Report of the General Purpose Financial Statements including the Reports on Compliance and Internal Control, and the Audit of the Extra-classroom Activity Fund as submitted by the firm of Cullen & Danowski, LLP for the school year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and further accepts the Corrective Action Plan as submitted by the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

**External  
Audit Report**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (7-0)**

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

**Obsolete  
Equipment**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Tag/Serial Number</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Disposal</i>
Computer Cart	#002260	High School	Discard
Textbook – The American Nation (153)		Middle School	Discard
Toro Sandpro 5020	#20091235	Grounds	Bid Award
Textbook – Totally Awesome Health (35)		Middle School	Discard
Cannon Printer	#011012	High School	Discard
GE Dishwasher	#20140079	High School	Discard
Check Point Book Scanner	#000139	High School	Discard
Pioneer Laser Disk Player	#008371	High School	Discard
Zenith TV (2)	#005161 #006631	High School	Discard
Zenith VCR/DVD (3)	#005174, 005172, 005171	High School	Discard
Magnavox VCR/DVD	#002045	High School	Discard
Mitsubishi	#002044	High School	Discard
Sony CD/DVD (2)	#005166, 005165	High School	Discard
Friedrich	#001385	Elementary School	Discard
Wood Library Chairs (3)	#00683, 00684, 00685	Elementary School	Discard

Wood Library Chairs (12)		Elementary School	Discard
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**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Koepper moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby increases the rate of pay for per diem Substitute Teachers to \$175/day effective October 7, 2020, and through the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year only.

**Per Diem  
Teacher  
Pay**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (7-0)**

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

**District  
Wide School  
Safety Plan**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (7-0)**

Mr. Law moved, seconded by Mr. Pignatello, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby amends the retirement date of Kenneth Jockers, Network and Systems Coordinator, to be effective January 1, 2021. Further, Mr. Jockers shall receive all benefits associated with the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board and Administrators’ Association dated April 17, 2019.

**Retirement  
Ken Jockers**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANAMIOUSLY (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. Van Middlelem, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

**Adjourn  
Meeting**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7-0)**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Maureen Poerio  
District Clerk**