

Center Moriches Union Free School District

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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

**CENTER MORICHES, NY
APRIL 2, 2014**

The Board of Education, Center Moriches Union Free School District, held a Regular Meeting in Board Room on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Board Members Wendy R. Turkington, Daniel Finnegan, Thomas R. Hogan, Heather Schaub-Magill and Kristen Turnow-Heintz; Superintendent Russell J. Stewart, Deputy Superintendent Lynda G. Adams, Business Official Carol M. Perkins and District Clerk Patricia A. Galietta.

President Turkington called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 45 visitors present.

1. Superintendent's Report

- Spelling and Geography Bee Winners Presentation – Ms. Hardwick and Ms. Bredes presented Michael Luongo (winner) and Deborah Raimondi (1st runner-up) with T-Shirts and medals for their success in the Geography Bee at Clayton Huey Elementary School. Gillian Shrey (winner) and Jesse DeMatteo (1st runner-up) received framed certificates recognizing their accomplishments, as well as a year's subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica for Kids. Gilliam placed 16th in the next level of competition at Hofstra University. Congratulations to all!
- Alternate Veteran's Exemption – Mr. James Ryan, Town of Brookhaven Tax Assessor, made a presentation to the Board explaining the application process for the Alternate Veteran's Exemption and the impact the resolution might have on the District's revenue.
- Facilities Committee Presentation – Mr. Gerhauser and members of the Facilities Committee made a presentation to those present concerning the revised capital project, which has been scaled down to \$18 million (from \$24.1) The Committee made the recommendation that the Board proceed with a Bond referendum .
- State Aid and Tax Cap Update – Ms. Perkins advised the Board of changes in the amount of state-aid (increase of \$286,662) and the decrease in the tax cap (1.18% down from 1.58%) which are a result of the NYS Budget passed this week.

2. Minutes – On motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the following minutes as submitted:

Meeting of March 12, 2014

Meeting of March 19, 2014

PERSONNEL SECTION

3. Resignation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to accept the following resignation:

Name	Position	Effective Date (At the Close of Business)
Amy McKee	Special Education Teacher	June 27, 2014

4. **Substitutes: 2013-2014 School Year**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint the following individuals as substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year, as follows:

Name	Type/Building	Effective Date	Stipend
Shauna Barton	Substitute Assistant Group Leader (Elem)	04/03/14-06/27/14	\$11/hour

5. **Appointments of Teaching and Support Staff**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the following appointments:

Name	Position/Building	Effective Date(s)	Salary
Michael Astarita	Security Officer (DW)	04/03/14-06/30/14	\$18/hour
Lisa Claudio	Assistant Group Leader (Elem)	04/03/14-06/27/14	\$12/hour
Stephen Howell	Security Officer (DW)	04/03/14-06/30/14	\$18/hour
Maryanne Jimenez	Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teaching Assistant (Elem)	03/27/14-05/30-14 (Tentative or until no longer needed)	D/1 - 80% (Adjusted) (Pro-rated)
Robin Meehan	School Monitor (MS)	04/03/14- 06/27/14	\$8.50/hour
Robert Nolan	Volunteer Varsity Softball Coach (HS)	04/03/14-05/31/14	Volunteer

FISCAL SECTION

6. **Donations**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to accept the following donation:

- ❖ The Suffolk Zone and the Center Moriches PTA are donating a rock wall for the all-purpose room at the Clayton Huey Elementary School. Approximate value is \$4,545.55 which includes shipping and installation. There will be no cost to the district.
- ❖ \$1,300 donation from the Cornell Cooperative Extension for the installation of a deer resistant fence in front of the recently constructed community garden located at the Clayton Huey Elementary School.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2014.

8. **Monthly Student Activity Report**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the Student Activity Treasurer's Report for the middle school and the high school for the months of January 2014 and February 2014.

9. **Budget Transfers – April 2014**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the budget transfers.

PROGRAM SECTION

10. **Student Trip**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to approve approximately 80 students (Grade 6) accompanied by approximately 13 chaperones to travel to Frost Valley (YMCA) on May 7, 2014 through May 9, 2014.

MISCELLANEOUS SECTION

11. **General Discussion**

- ❖ 2014-2015 Budget – The Board discussed the proposed budget for 2014-2015 indicating their intention to stay within the 1.18% tax cap, that they still had some things to consider, and that the final budget would be adopted at the April 23rd meeting.

12. **Dates to Remember**

- The next Board of Education meeting will be on April 23, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the Boardroom at the Administrative Office. The public session will begin at 7 P.M

On motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contract at 9:12 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to exit Executive Session at 9:55 p.m.

On motion by Mr. Finnegan, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia A. Galietta
District Clerk