

# Center Moriches Union Free School District

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

CENTER MORICHES, NY  
FEBRUARY 11, 2015

The Board of Education, Center Moriches Union Free School District, held a Regular Meeting in the High School Library Media Center on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. Those present were Board Members Joshua P. Foster, Kristen Turnow-Heintz, Thomas R. Hogan, Wendy R. Turkington, and Gary Unger, Superintendent Russell J. Stewart, Assistant to the Superintendent John Allen, Business Official Carol M. Perkins, School Attorneys Randy Glasser and Reesa Miles, District Treasurer Diane M. Smith and District Clerk Patricia A. Galietta.

President Foster called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were approximately 60 visitors present.

President Foster turned the floor over to Dr. Turnow-Heintz, who announced that, due to personal issues and family obligations, she would be stepping down from her position on the Board.

### 1. Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Stewart announced that Center Moriches Business Official, Ms. Carol Perkins, Center Moriches Community Member, Ms. Annette Rank, and Center Moriches Middle School Teacher, Mr. William Wegener will be receiving 2015 Awards for Excellence at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual School District Awards Dinner on March 23, 2015. Congratulations to all.
- Middle School Robotics – Ms. Bates, Mr. Christ, Mr. Roy - Members of the Middle School Robotics team (Donovan Baumann, Brendan Bernath, William Daniels, Jesse DeMatteo, Emily Ferguson, Logan Jakubowski, Dominique Mauldin, Finn Moran, Karlie O'Loughlin, Michael Perry, Nicholas Pace, Natalie Symes and A.J. Volkman) received certificates in recognition of their efforts in the Robotic Tournament on January 18, 2015
- Salary and Benefits Presentation – Ms. Perkins made a presentation to those present concerning the salaries and benefits section of the budget.

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

Regular Meeting of January 28, 2015

### PERSONNEL SECTION

### 3. Resignation

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Unger, 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)
Sean Radigan	Groundskeeper I	February 5, 2015

**4. Medical Inspector**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby appoint Dr. Randall Solomon as School Medical Inspector pursuant to Section 913 of New York State Education Law in order to evaluate the fitness of the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to perform his/her duties; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law, the Board of Education directs the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to appear for examination in the office of Dr. Randall Solomon at a date and time to be scheduled.

**FISCAL SECTION**

**5. Contracts**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Unger, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to table approval of the following contract:

Seneca Consulting Group Agreement 2014-2015

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Unger, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the following contracts in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contracts, as well as at the established cost contained in said contracts:

- Philip Eisenberg, Ph.D., ABPP 2014-2015
- Hilary Gomes, Ph.D., ABPdN Agreement 2014-2015
- Randall Solomon, M.D.
- Antonia S. Mattheou Archivist Agreement 2014-2015
- Town of Brookhaven Highway Salt, Sand & General Repairs Agreement 2014-2015

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Unger, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to appoint Bronwyn Black, Esq., as special counsel, to investigate the claims/allegations discussed in executive session at the rate of \$225 per hour.

**6. Budget Transfers – January and February 2015**

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

**7. Payment Authorization**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Unger, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to accept the report by the Independent Claims Auditor for the month of January 2015 and authorizes payment of the monthly bills listed on Warrants for the month of January 2015 as audited by the Independent Claims Auditor as follows:

<b>Warrant:</b>	<b>A:38 T:22,23, 24,25</b>	<b>A:40</b>	<b>A:39,41 T:26,27</b>	<b>A:42 T:28</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>1/08</b>	<b>01/15</b>	<b>01/22</b>	<b>01/29</b>

8. **Internal Auditor Request for Proposal (RFP)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Unger, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the following responsible bid vendor, R.S Abrams, LLP, to serve as the district's Internal Auditor for the 2015-2016 school year.

9. **Alternative Veteran's Exemption**

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

A. **Real Property Tax Law 458-a – Veterans**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 518, section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), subparagraph (i), of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, allows the District to provide tax exemptions to certain qualified owners of qualified real property, as defined by section 458-a, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the veterans of our District, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education elects to participate in the exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c),

**AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District adopts the statutory basic maximums as defined by Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) for its maximums for exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c).

B. **Real Property Tax Law 458-a - Gold Star Parents**

**WHEREAS**, paragraph (b) of subdivision 7 of section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York allows the District to provide tax exemptions to "Gold Star Parents," as defined by section 458-a, who are owners of qualified real property in the District and such property is the primary residence of such Gold Star Parent, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the Gold Star Parents residing in our District, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education elects to participate in the exemptions afforded to "Gold Star Parents" of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 7, paragraph (b),

**AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District adopts the statutory basic maximums as defined by Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b) for its maximums for exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b).

**PROGRAM SECTION**

10. **CPSE/CSE – Recommendations**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on motion by Mr. Unger, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to approve the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the months of October, November and January for the 2014-2015 school year.

**MISCELLANEOUS SECTION**

11. **General Discussion**

- 2015-2016 Budget Calendar – At the next meeting, having seen a large portion of the 2015-16 proposed budget (salaries, benefits, mandated expenses, partial revenue information for next year) the Board would like to take a look at the programs currently in place and how to best use the remaining funds allocated for them.

12. Dates to Remember

- The next Board of Education meeting will be on March 4, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the High School Library.

On motion by Mr. Unger, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to enter Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. for the following reasons:

1. Discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation
2. Collective negotiations under the Taylor Law with CMPA
3. Discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation
4. Medical, financial, or credit history of any person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline or termination of a particular person or corporation.
5. Other matters, the disclosure of which would result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
6. The preparation, grading or administration of examinations

The Board returned to the Regular Meeting at 9:40 p.m. On motion by Mr. Unger, seconded by Dr. Turnow-Heintz and carried 5-0, the Board of Education voted to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia A. Galietta  
District Clerk