

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Monticello Central School District  
Monticello, NY 12701**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – September 15, 2011**

**Location: Chase Elementary School Multipurpose Room – 6:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting**

**ROLL CALL**

- A. Present: Robert Bellamy, Cathleen Doherty, Bob Kunis, June Lombardi, Ellen Nesin, Susan Purcell, Stacey Sharoff, McKenzie Greene, Student School Board Member
- Absent: Yvonne Housman, Alyce Van Etten
- Also Present: Daniel A. Teplesky, Superintendent of Schools  
Kenneth W. Newman, Asst. Supt. For Student Learning  
Denise Cedeira-Thornton, School Business Administrator

**CALL TO ORDER**

President, Susan Purcell, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.a. **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appoint Clerk Pro Tem**

Upon motion by Stacey Sharoff, seconded by Cathleen Doherty, the Board of Education voted to appoint Kenneth W. Newman, Clerk Pro-tem in the absence of District Clerk, Mary Ryan Buchholz.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1.b. **Anticipated Motion to Move to Executive Session**

Upon motion by Ellen Nesin, seconded by June Lombardi, at 6:03 p.m., the Board of Education voted to go into executive session to discuss the appointment and employment of a particular person(s). District Clerk was not present.

Yes: 7 Bellamy, Doherty, Kunis, Lombardi, Nesin, Purcell, Sharoff

No: 0

Absent or not present: Housman, Van Etten

2. **Motion to Return to Regular Session**

At 7:40 p.m., upon motion by Bob Kunis, seconded by Robert Bellamy, the Board of Education voted to return to Regular Session.

Yes: 7 Bellamy, Doherty, Kunis, Lombardi, Nesin, Purcell, Sharoff

No: 0

Absent or not present: Housman, Van Etten

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Electronic Devices**

5. **Agenda**

**A.5.a. Move Agenda to Table**

Upon motion by Bob Kunis, seconded by Stacey Sharoff, the Board of Education voted to move the Agenda to the Table.

Yes: 7 Bellamy, Doherty, Kunis, Lombardi, Nesin, Purcell, Sharoff  
No: 0  
Absent or not present: Housman, Van Etten

**A.5.b. Additions, Deletions and Corrections to the Agenda**

Amend: B.2.i. & B.2.j. ~ Correction of wording  
Add: B.2.m. – Rescind resignation

**A.5.c. Adoption of the Agenda**

Upon motion by Stacey Sharoff, seconded by June Lombardi, the Board of Education, voted to adopt the Agenda, as amended.

Yes: 7 Bellamy, Doherty, Kunis, Lombardi, Nesin, Purcell, Sharoff  
No: 0  
Absent or not present: Housman, Van Etten

6. **Approval of Minutes – September 1, 2011**

Upon motion by Bob Kunis, seconded by June Lombardi, the Board of Education, voted to approve the Minutes of September 1, 2011.

Yes: 7 Bellamy, Doherty, Kunis, Lombardi, Nesin, Purcell, Sharoff  
No: 0  
Absent or not present: Housman, Van Etten

Oath of Office – Superintendent/School Business Official

**CONSENT AGENDA** B.

**CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION**

Upon motion by Ellen Nesin, seconded by Cathleen Doherty, be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, approves the Consent Agenda.

Yes: 7 Bellamy, Doherty, Kunis, Lombardi, Nesin, Purcell, Sharoff  
No: 0  
Absent or not present: Housman, Van Etten

**B.1. Personnel – Resignations/Leaves/Retirements**

**B.1.a. Resignation**

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the resignation of Lewis Banks, School Bus Driver. Effective September 6, 2011.

**B.1.b. Resignation**

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the resignation of Lisa Decker, Special Education Aide. Effective August 24, 2011.

**B.1.c. Resignation**

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the resignation of Beth Recktenwall, Food Service Helper. Effective September 16, 2011.

2. **B.2. Appointments**

**B.2.a.**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Monticello Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the appointment of **Maura LaPiana**, Special Needs Aide, as a 10 month employee with an hourly salary of \$8.25 per hour, in accordance with the Teacher Aide contract. Effective September 1, 2011. This is a new position. Job posting 11-12-CS001.

**B.2.b.**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Monticello Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the temporary appointment of **Lauren Fischer**, as School Psychologist. Effective September 6, 2011 to December 20, 2011, during the period of the leave of Andrea McGregor, as a Step 1, with an annual salary of \$55,985, **Pro-rated \$20,434.69**.

**B.2.c.**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Monticello Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of **Rosanne Green**, to a three year probationary term as a Teaching Assistant. Effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2014, with an annual salary of \$19,958.56. This is a new position.

**B.2.d.**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Monticello Central School District and the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the salary for the tax collection staff for the 2011-2012 school year as follows:

Antoinette Meyer	\$12.48 per hour
Carol Lubin	9.78 per hour
Lydia Rolle	10.34 per hour
Roger Sherman	9.65 per hour

The minimum pay rate for newly hired tax clerks - \$8.00 per hour.

**B.2.e.**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Monticello Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts Susan Gottlieb's request to rescind her retirement

resignation effective July 1, 2012.

**B.2.f.**

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Susan Gottlieb's retirement effective August 10, 2012.

**B.2.g.**

Be it resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, the Board of Education approves the additional Fall 2011 coaching staff appointments:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Fall Intramurals – Cheerleading	Kelly Keesler
Fall Intramurals – Flag Football and Soccer	Eric Mabee

**B.2.h.**

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Winter 2011 coaching staff and the Spring 2012 coaching staff appointments as follows:

**Winter**

**Team**

Varsity Boys Basketball  
JV Boys Basketball  
Modified Boys Basketball  
Varsity Girls Basketball  
JV Girls Basketball  
Modified Girls Basketball  
Varsity Cheerleading  
Boys Alpine Skiing  
Girls Alpine Skiing  
Nordic Skiing  
Varsity Indoor Track  
Indoor Track (Assistant)  
Indoor Track (Assistant)  
Varsity Wrestling  
JV Wrestling  
Modified Wrestling

**Coach**

Chris Russo  
Steve Mutuzak  
Joseph Granville  
Karen Atack  
Kim Fore  
Dennis Martin  
Jesus Rodriquez  
Steve Duarte  
Jim Bates  
Scott Fitchett  
Pete Wysochanski  
Matt Daly  
Shannon Dietrich  
Justin Fenichel  
Brian Caruso  
Robert Keesler

**Inamurals**

Winter HS Girls Swimming  
Winter HS Boys Swimming  
Winter MS Girls Soccer/Basketball/  
Softball  
Winter MS Boys Soccer/Basket-  
ball/Baseball

**Coach**

Liz Bassett  
Matt Buddenhagen  
Shannon Dietrich  
William Stento

**Spring**

**Team**

Varsity Boys Track  
Varsity Girls Track  
Assistant Track  
Assistant Track

**Coach**

Joe Siedl  
Peter Wysochanski  
Matt Buddenhagen  
Matt Daly

Modified Track	Karen Atack
Modified Track	Tim Billias
Varsity Baseball	Mike Marra
Assistant Varsity Baseball	Gil Suarez
J.V. Baseball	Joseph Granville
Modified Baseball	Tim Havas
Varsity Softball	Shannon Dietrich
Assistant Varsity Softball	April Velasco
J.V. Softball	Jesus Rodriguez
Modified Softball	Marc Gittleman
Boys Golf	Richard O'Neill
Girls Golf	Scott Fitchett
Boys Varsity Tennis	Urvashi Gupta
Boys JV Tennis	William Zwart

**Intramurals**

Early Spring MS Boys Body Conditioning	Matthew Buddenhagen
Early Spring MS Girls Mat Kickball	Karen Atack
Early Spring HS Boys Soccer	John Maranzana
Early Spring HS Girls Volleyball	Karen Atack
Late Spring MS Boys Tennis	Urvashi Gupta
Late Spring MS Girls Lacrosse	Kelly Schadt
Late Spring HS Boys Golf	Eric Maybee
Late Spring HS Girls Soccer	William Stento

**B.2.i.**

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the ~~reinstatement~~ recall appointment from the current ~~PEL~~ Preferred Eligibility Listing (PEL) of the following: **Sandra Ahnstrom**, Elementary Teacher, permanent position effective September 1, 2011 at a salary of \$52,374.00. This will continue her probationary period as an Elementary Teacher through November 23, 2012.

**B.2.j.**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Monticello Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, the Board of Education approves the appointment of ~~Senior High School Principal~~ **Lori Orestano-James** as per the MASA contract at a salary of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ~~pro-rated effective on or before October 17, 2011.~~ to the probationary position of Senior High School Principal. Administrative tenure area as per the MASA contract. At a salary of \$115,000 per year, pro-rated. Three year probationary effective October 3, 2011 through October 2, 2014.

**B.2.k.**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Monticello Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, the Board of

Education approves the temporary appointment of **LeAnne Peplowski**, part time Teacher Aide, as a 10 month employee with an hourly salary of \$7.75 per hour in accordance with the Teacher Aide contract. Effective September 16, 2011. This will fill the open position due to Bettina Fallick's resignation. Posting 11-12-CS003.

**B.2.i.**

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Monticello Central School District, pursuant to Section 3012 of the Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, the Board of Education approves the probationary appointment of **Beth Recktenwall**, Account Clerk, as a 10 month employee with an annual salary of \$21,262.50, pro-rated. Effective September 19, 2011. This position will fill the open position due to Bruce Wendler's retirement resignation. Job posting 11-12-CS004.

**B.2.m.**

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts Douglas Murphy's request to rescind his resignation effective September 9, 2011.

3. **Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education –**  
As a result of the meetings between August 22, 2011 and September 8, 2011, the Committee on Special Education recommends approval of the IEP of 3 students located in the CSE minutes binder.
4. **Recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education –**  
As a result of the meetings on August 25, 2011, the Committee on Special Education recommends approval of the IEP of 3 students located in the CPSE minutes binder.

C. **Questions and Comments from the Public**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jeanine Nielson	Lead Teachers and Directors
Mike Roosa	Project Excel & Academic Athletic Policy
Gordon Jenkins	District's hiring practice
Debbie Mack	An item on the agenda
Dan Berger	MST Director

D. **Presentation**

**D.1. School Report Cards – Dr. Kenneth Newman**

**D.2. Food Drive – Mr. Daniel Teplesky**

E. **Board Roundtable –**

McKenzee Greene

Thanked the Board of Education, as well as the High School advisors to allow students to participate in the interview process for the High School Principal.

Welcomed recently appointed High School Principal, Lori Orestano-James.

The first school student council meeting is planned for September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Concerns on page 5 of the student handbook regarding academic failure/probation programs.

Mandated School District Governance Training For New BOE Members

Robert Bellamy, Cathleen Doherty and June Lombardi

High School Football Game

Bob Kunis

Sullivan County School Boards Association Meeting

Bob Kunis and Stacey Sharoff

Cooke Elementary School Open House

Robert Bellamy, Ellen Nesin, Stacey Sharoff, Kenneth Newman and Daniel Teplesky

**ACTION ITEMS**

F. **F.1. Old Business -**

**F.1.a. Fund Raising Policy**

**F.1.b. Monticello Central School District Community Foundation**

**F.2. New Business – Consent Agenda**

Upon motion by Bob Kunis, seconded by June Lombardi, be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education, approves the Consent Agenda.

Yes: 7 Bellamy, Doherty, Kunis, Lombardi, Nesin, Purcell, Sharoff

No: 0

Absent or not present: Housman, Van Etten

**F.2.a. Approval of High School CEP**

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the High School CEP Plan for the 2011-2012 school year.

**F.2.b. Approval of Creation of a 1:1 Aide**

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Creation of a 1:1 Aide position due to a student's IEP.

**F.2.c. Resolution of Recognition of Bargaining Unit**

WHEREAS, the Bus Drivers, Mechanics, Bus Aides and Bus Monitors of the Monticello Central School District have proven to be dedicated public employees over the years and who have provided tireless and invaluable services for the Monticello Central School District and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to formally commend and recognize such employees, and express its collective gratitude for their long-standing dedication to the Monticello Central School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education formally commends and recognizes our Bus Drivers, Mechanics, Bus Aides, and Bus Monitors for their long-standing, dedicated public service to the Monticello Central School District and declares the month of October as Bus Drivers, Mechanics, Bus Aides, and Bus Monitors Recognition Month – October 2011.

**F.2.d. Approval of Private School Transportation**

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Private School Transportation. Current route will not require any alteration and no additional cost to the district.

Hebrew Day School, Kiamesha

**CORRESPONDENCE**

G. President, Susan Purcell read out loud two letters of thanks that were addressed to the board.

**INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

- H.a. New York State Comptroller Unclaimed Funds – Mr. Daniel Teplesky
- H.b. Cooke Elementary School Open House, September 14, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.
- H.c. High School Open House, September 20, 2011, 5:30 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. Open House.
- H.d. Rutherford Elementary School Open House, September 21, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
- H.e. Chase Elementary School Open House, September 22, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
- H.f. RJK Middle School Open House, September 27, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

I. Motion to adjourn by Bob Kunis, seconded by Robert Bellamy, at 8:26 p.m.

Yes: 7 Bellamy, Doherty, Kunis, Lombardi, Nesin, Purcell, Sharoff  
No: 0  
Absent or not present: Housman, Van Etten

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Kenneth Newman, Clerk Pro-tem

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Ryan Buchholz, District Clerk