

Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
July 15, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS

Marlene Tierney, President  
Dan O'Connor, Vice president  
John Taglione  
Tim Coleman  
Michael Rucci entered at 6:10pm

STAFF MEMBERS

Kevin Kolakowski, Sr HS Principal  
Craig Forth, Jr High Principal

VISITORS

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ABSENT

John Pugliese  
John Bove

I. A. CALL TO ORDER

President Tierney called the regular meeting to order at 6:00pm and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Administer Oath

- District Clerk, Catherine O'Brien administered the Oath of Office to re-elected President, Marlene Tierney
- President Tierney administered the Oath of Office to District Clerk, Catherine O'Brien

On behalf of the BOE, President Tierney welcomed Bruce Potter to his first official BOE Meeting.

AGENDA CHANGES

None

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- A. August 1, 2019- Regular BOE meeting- 7pm-HS Auditorium
- B. CSEA Retirement incentives were approved for payment in June for:  
Laureen Sheehan, Joe Stewart, Mike Cefferillo and Mike Rivage

Items for Board Discussion

Superintendent Potter spoke to let the public and BOE know that all items on the agenda will be viewed on screen in the cafeteria, so everyone can follow along as he reads each item.

Items Requiring Board Action

On a motion by Dan O'Connor and seconded by Tim Coleman, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2019. The vote was 4-0.

On a motion by John Taglione and seconded by Dan O'Connor the Board of Education accepted the Treasurer's Report for May. The vote was 4-0.

On a motion by Dan O'Connor and seconded by Tim Coleman, the Board of Education accepted the Revenue Status Report for May. The vote was 4-0.

On a motion by John Taglione and seconded by Dan O'Connor the Board of Education accepted the Claims Audit Report for May. The vote was 4-0.

On a motion by Dan O'Connor and seconded by Tim Coleman, the Board of Education accepted the Budget Status Report for May. The vote was 4-0.

On a motion by John Taglione and seconded by Dan O'Connor, the Board of Education accepted the Student Activity Report for May. The vote was 4-0.

On a motion by Dan O'Connor and seconded by Tim Coleman the Board of Education approved the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education Recommendation for students #'s which have been previously sent to the Board members for review and will be attached to the official minutes. The vote was 4-0.

On a motion by John Taglione and seconded by Dan O'Connor, the Board of Education approved the disposal of obsolete/damaged computers/ hardware, per the memo dated July 2, 2019, as these items are no longer of value to the District. The vote was 4-0.

On a motion by Dan O'Connor and seconded by Tim Coleman, the Board of Education approved the disposal of obsolete/damaged textbooks, per the memo dated July 2, 2019, as these items are no longer of value to the District. The vote was 4-0.

On a motion by John Taglione and seconded by Dan O'Connor, the Board of Education approved the disposal of obsolete/damaged kitchen equipment, per the memo dated July 3, 2019, as these items are no longer in use by the District. The vote was 4-0.

On a motion by Dan O'Connor and seconded by Tim Coleman, the Board of Education, on a vote of 4-0 approved the following teachers, per the memo's from Elementary Principal Stephen Marra, dated June 4, 2019 and June 12, 2019, as mentors for the 2018-2019 school year, at a rate of \$1000 or prorated as applicable:

Jerry Gibson	Joni Briggs-Braun
Eileen Johnson	Tina Pugliese
Chrissy Starks	Trina Carlton

On a motion by John Taglione and seconded by Dan O'Connor the Board of Education revised the salary for Joshua Covey, as a laborer, to reflect the 2019-2020 CSEA contract (article 27-section 3), at a rate of \$15.65 an hour, effective August 31, 2019. The vote was 4-0.

On a motion by Dan O'Connor and seconded by John Taglione the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Laurie Timmis, as a Speech Language Pathologist, effective July 22, 2019 per the MTA contract. The vote was 4-0.

Discussion: Special thank you to Ms. Timmis for her years of service.

On a motion by Dan O'Connor and seconded by Tim Coleman the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Jamie O'Malley, as a Math Teacher, effective September 1, 2019, per the MTA contract. The vote was 4-0.

Discussion: Special thank you to Ms. O'Malley for her years of service.

On a motion by John Taglione and seconded by Dan O'Connor the Board of Education approved Matthew Buneo, as a summer custodial worker, at a rate of \$15.08 per hour, beginning July 1, 2019 and ending on August 30, 2019. The vote was 4-0.

On a motion by Dan O'Connor and seconded by Tim Coleman, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Michael Jeffery, as a long term substitute teacher for the 2019-20 school year, at Mr. Jefferey's 2017-2018 MTA salary step. The vote was 4-0.

On a motion by Dan O'Connor and seconded by John Taglione the Board of Education approved the probationary appointment of Tracy Germain, as a Senior Typist, per CSEA contract, effective July 8, 2019. The vote was 4-0.

The following two motions were read consecutively:

1. On a motion by John Taglione and seconded by Dan O'Connor the Board of Education approved the per diem agreement between Michael Mitchell and the District, as a transitional period for the Middle School Principal position, beginning on August 16, 2019 and ending on August 31, 2019, at a per diem rate of \$479.17 per day.
2. On a motion by John Taglione and seconded by Dan O'Connor, the Board of Education approved the four year probationary appointment of Michael Mitchell, as a Middle School Principal, commencing on September 1, 2019 and ending on August 31, 2023, in the tenure area of Middle School Principal, at a salary of \$115,000, as per the MAA contract. The vote was 4-0.

The BOE gave a welcoming applause to Mr. Mitchell, who was in attendance with his family.

On a motion by Dan O'Connor and seconded by John Taglione the Board of Education approved the four year probationary appointment of Jason Mutford, as a High School Math Teacher, commencing on September 3, 2019 and ending on September 2, 2023, in the tenure area of Secondary Mathematics Teacher. Jason will be placed on Step 11 of the MTA Contract. The vote was 4-0.

The BOE gave a welcoming applause to Mr. Mutford, who was in attendance with his wife.

On a motion by John Taglione and seconded by Tim Coleman, the Board of Education, on a vote of 4-0, approved the following Fall coaches for the 2019-2020 school year as per the recommendation of the Athletic Director, Bob Young, and Sr. High School Principal, Kevin Kolakowski, contingent on mandated certifications completed and up-to-date and appropriate number of student athletes to comprise a team:

Tim Sheehan- Varsity Golf Coach

Patrick Erano- Volunteer Varsity Football

Steve Ciulla- JV Boys Soccer

Michael Cavotta- Assistant Varsity Football Coach

Sean Kennedy- JV Football Co-Coach

Lynn Dorr- Varsity Volleyball Coach

BOE Discussion: Coaches will only be paid if enough athletes participate. The benefit of these conditional appointments is to allow time to reevaluate the situation once there is more information. Suggestion to perhaps contact other school districts outside of league to compete.

On a motion by Dan O'Connor and seconded by Tim Coleman, the Board of Education approved the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Mechanicville City School District hereby authorizes the placement of the attached list of individuals to the District's substitute list effective July 16, 2019 (or as otherwise noted). Be it further resolved that this appointment is made on an emergency conditional basis and subject to both a statement from each regarding criminal conviction(s) or pending criminal charges and the receipt of criminal background clearance from the Commissioner of Education. The continued employment of each of the individuals on the attached list is

contingent upon the District's receipt of notice from the Commissioner of Education that he/she is cleared for employment. These appointments are contingent upon these individuals having their fingerprints processed and approved through the BOCES Substitute Service.

Instructional:	Genevieve Balunis- effective 6/4/19
Non Instructional:	Cruzita Garcia
	Samantha Archambeault
	Kristie Dion

#### VISITOR COMMENTS

Josie Yankowski

- Comment on private school transportation request

Kim Dunn

- Comment on posting special BOE meetings via Facebook
- Comment on CSEA retirement incentives
- Comment on posting of agenda items during BOE meetings

#### ADJOURN

On a motion by Dan O'Connor and seconded by Tim Coleman, the Board of Education adjourned the regular meeting at 6:19pm. The vote was 4-0.