

Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2019

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<u>BOARD MEMBERS</u>	<u>STAFF MEMBERS</u>	<u>VISITORS</u>
Marlene Tierney, President	Bruce Potter, Superintendent	10
Dan O'Connor, Vice President	Jodi Birch, Business Manager	
John Taglione	Mary Alice Hipwell, Director of Special Education	
Tim Coleman	Kevin Kolakowski, Sr. High Principal	
Michael Raucci	Craig Forth, Elementary Principal	<u>PRESS</u>
John Pugliese	Mike Mitchell, Jr. High Principal	
John Bove		

Call to Order the special meeting of the MCSD BOE for August 29, 2019 at 6:00pm

- Pledge of Allegiance

Board and Staff Reports / Board Discussion items:

- A. Presentation by ECS Psychological Services
- B. Presidents Report:
President Tierney proposed that the BOE solicit an RFP for Legal Services, as this has not been done in quite some time.
Also wish to remind everyone that we will have a Meet and Greet for Superintendent Potter at the next BOE meeting on September 5, 2019.
- C. Superintendent's Report:
Superintendent Potter presented to the BOE a proposal to create a School Improvement Coordinator position. (item moved to Board action).
- D. Policy Updates:
1st Reading-Amended Policies: # 5730 Transportation of Students
7511 Immunization of Students
7590 Meal Charging & Prohibition Against Meal Shaming
2nd Reading # 5572-Board Audit Committee (item moved to Board action)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- September 3 & 4- Superintendent Conference Days- All Staff Report
- September 5, 2019- First Day of School K-12
- September 5, 2019- Regular Board of Education 7pm-Cafeteria
- September 5, 2019-Welcome Our New Superintendent Bruce Potter- 6:30pm-Cafeteria

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION:

On a motion by Mike Raucci, seconded by Dan O'Connor, the Board of Education approved the creation of a new position titled, School Improvement Coordinator. The vote was 7-0.

On a motion by Dan O'Connor, seconded by John Bove, the Board of Education adopted the revised Policy # 5572-Board Audit Committee. The vote was 7-0.

PRIVATE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

On a motion by John Taglione, seconded by Mike Raucci, the Board of Education approved, on a vote of 7-0, the following requests for private school transportation for the 2019-20 school year, as they meet the requirements established by the State of New York:

A. LaSalle: Luke Micklas and Jakob Micklas

B. St. Mary's School-Waterford: Lorelai Jones

Tim Coleman mentioned there is no additional cost to the District by approving the 3 student's transportation for the 2019-20 school year.

ABOLISHMENT OF POSITION

On a motion by Dan O'Connor, seconded by John Bove, the Board of Education, on a vote of 7-0, abolished the position, effective 9/6/19 as listed in Item A:

A. Educational Technology Transition Coordinator

DISTRICT GOALS AND VALUES

On a motion by John Bove, seconded by Dan O'Connor, the Board of Education approved the District Goals & Values as listed in Item A & B. The vote was 7-0.

A. District Goals

-Culture: *We will create a culture of mutual respect and accountability in all district instructional and work spaces.*

-Student Performance: *We will maximize individual student achievement and individual teacher performance to improve district results.*

-District Facilities: *We will provide learning and work spaces necessary to engage and educate today's youth to become tomorrow's leaders.*

-Communication: *We will provide consistent, transparent, purposeful, and timely communications to all school community members regarding district business with special focus given to district goals.*

-Fiscal Responsibility: *We will exercise fiscal responsibility on a district-wide level while prioritizing resource allocations to be directed at achieving district goals.*

B. Values

-Respect, Accountability, Commitment, Communication, Excellence and Pride

RESIGNATION

On a motion by John Pugliese, seconded by Dan O'Connor, the Board of Education approved the resignations in items A and B. The vote was 7-0.

A. Julian Santos, as a School Psychologist, effective August 31, 2019, per MTA contract.

B. Denise Sidoti, as a Bus Driver, effective September 3, 2019, per CSEA contract.

Superintendent Potter wished to thank both for their service to our District.

APPOINTMENTS

On a motion by John Bove, seconded by Dan O'Connor, the Board of Education approved the following appointments in items A-D. The vote was 7-0.

A. Michael Cefferillo, as a Monitor, effective September 3, 2019, at a rate of \$11.77 per hour, per CSEA contract.

B. Veronica Neddo, as a Special Education Teacher Aide, effective September 3, 2019, at a rate of \$12.06 per hour, per CSEA contract.

C. Stacie Glass, as a Restorative Circle Trainer, for the 2019-20 school year, at an annual stipend of \$1750 and funded from Title IV.

D. Debbie McBride, as Central Treasurer for Jr. Sr. High School-Extra Class Fund- at a stipend increase of \$470.00 for a total of \$1500.00 the 2019-2020 school year.

On a motion by John Bove, seconded by Dan O'Connor, the Board of Education approved, on a vote of 7-0, the 4 year probationary appointment of Ryan Yando, as a Special Education Teacher in the tenure area of Students with Disabilities Grade 1-6, commencing on September 3, 2019 and ending on September 2, 2023, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout his probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012-c and/or 3012-d. Ryan holds a Master's degree in Science, Special Education and Literacy. This appointment is at Step 5 of the MTA contract, plus any verifiable credit hours.

On a motion by Dan O'Connor, seconded by Tim Coleman, the Board of Education approved, on a vote of 7-0, The 4 year probationary appointment of Jessica Harris, as a School Psychologist in the tenure area of School Psychology, commencing on September 3, 2019 and ending on September 2, 2023, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012-c and/or 3012-d. Jessica holds a Master's of Science in Education and a Certificate of Advanced Study in School Psychology. This appointment is at Step 10 of the MTA contract, plus any verifiable credit hours.

On a motion by Mike Raucci, seconded by Dan O'Connor, the Board of Education approved, on a vote of 7-0, The 4 year probationary appointment of Timothy Schlegel, as a Science Teacher in the tenure area of Biology Grade 7-12, commencing on September 3, 2019 and ending on September 2, 2023, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout his probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012-c and/or 3012-d. Timothy holds a Masters of Education in Adolescence Education Grades 7-12. This appointment is at Step 7 of the MTA contract, plus any verifiable credit hours.

NON INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS

On a motion by John Pugliese, seconded by Dan O'Connor the Board of Education approved, on a vote of 7-0, 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 August 30, 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.

Non-Instructional: Deborah Paige

Visitor Comment:

Kim Dunn

- Comment/thank you for providing additional information at BOE meetings/ use of Facebook page
- Comment on survey results/action
- Comment on behavior issues in bathroom

Josie Yankowski

- Comment on Transportation Policy

Joe Micklas

- Comment on salary/qualifications of School Improvement Coordinator position
- Comment(s) on Audit Committee Policy
- Comment on Transportation Policy
- Comment on eliminated position

On a motion by John Bove, seconded by John Taglione, the Board of Education adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:59pm. The vote was 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine L. O'Brien
District Clerk