Board of Education Sullivan West Central School

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MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Scheutzow, President R. Joyce-Turner, V-President L. Arzilli, Member K. Cohen, Member R. Brey, Member J. Glase, Member

T. Peachey, Member K. Meckle, Member

ABSENT: K. Murphy, Member

Nancy M. Hackett, Supt. OTHERS PRESENT: L. Poston, Asst. Supt for Adm Services

M. Luty, District Public, Staff, Students & Press

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner, seconded by Mrs. Brey Go into to recess into executive session for the purpose of Collective negotiations under the Taylor Law. Executive

session Unanimously carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner, seconded by Mr. Peachey to come out of executive session at 7:01 PM. Come out of Unanimously carried executive

Mrs. Scheutzow led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Motion was made by Mrs. Brey, seconded by Mrs. Joyce-Turner to accept the Agenda.

Unanimously carried

Motion was made by Mr. Peachey, seconded by Mr. Arzilli to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held Approve on August 21, 2014 and the special meeting held on September 4, 2014 as submitted. minutes

Unanimously carried

The Student Board Member, Isabella Kent was introduced and administered the Oath of Office. Mrs. Scheutzow opened the meeting for public comment. A parent shared a transportation concern. Committee reports were share: PR/Ms. Glase; Strategic Planning/Mrs. Joyce-Turner and Finance/Audit/Mr. Cohen.

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner, seconded by Mrs. Meckle to accept the internal audit report and the

Accept Internal Audit Report recommendations from the Audit Finance Committee regarding the Corrective Action Plan. Unanimously carried

Motion was made by Mr. Arzilli, seconded by Mrs. Brey to accept the Office of the State Comptroller Response to Findings for July 1, 2012 through October 8, 2013 Financial Condition Report of Examination and the recommendations from the Audit Finance Committee regarding the Corrective Action Plan. Unanimously carried

Accept OSC Response to Findings

Accept Agenda

Mrs. Meckle reported on the last Sullivan County School Boards meeting. Mr. Arzilli reviewed the policies that were on the agenda for review and adoption.

Motion to conduct, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett the 1st reading, waive the 2nd reading Adopt policies and adopt the following policies: 6460, 7570, 7642, 6218

Policy 6460 Jury Duty (revised)

Policy 7570 Supervision of Students (revised)

Extended School Year (July/August) Services And/or Programs (revised) Policy 7642

Policy 6218 Testing Misconduct & Mandatory Reporting Requirements (new)

Unanimously carried

Dr. Hackett gave her Superintendent's Report. Mrs. Poston and Dr. Lane gave their updates.

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Peachey to accept the revised Treasurer's Report

for June 2014.

Unanimously carried

Accept revised Treasurer's report

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Peachey to accept the Treasurer's Report for

July 2014.

Unanimously carried

Accept

Treasurer's report

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Peachey to approve the Budget Transfer for

July 2014.

Unanimously carried

Approve Budget Transfer

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Peachey to accept the extra-curricular report for

July and August 2014.

Unanimously carried

Accept extra-Curricular Report

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner, seconded by Ms. Glase to designate Rachel Brey as the VOTING DELEGATE for the Annual Business Meeting of the New York State School Boards Association to be held at the Monday, October 27, 2014 beginning 1:00 PM in the New York City Convention Center. Alternate will be Lucas Arzilli.

Designate Voting Delegate NYSSBA

Unanimously carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Peachey to accept, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett the donation of elementary school supplies with the approximate value of \$175.00 from the Callicoon Kiwanis.

Accept donation

Unanimously carried

\$7,740,816:

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Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Peachey to accept, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett the donation of fourteen backpacks with complete supplies, two per grade K-6 the approximate value of \$650.00 from the Hankins United Methodist Church. Unanimously carried

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Accept donation

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Peachey to excess, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett, the following books: *Traditions in Literature American Reads* – 31 copies – 1987/Follett Unanimously carried

Excess books

Motion was made by Mrs. Brey seconded by Mrs. Joyce-Turner that:

WHEREAS the NYS Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was implemented in 2010 as a one-time reduction in education aid to help NYS balance its budget and the GEA has continued in every budget since then; WHEREAS the GEA since its inception has reduced state aid to the Sullivan West Central School District by

End GAP Elimination Adjustments

WHEREAS the reduction in aid associated with the GEA has resulted in a cost shift to the local property tax payer in the Sullivan West Central School District; and

WHEREAS this cost shift has resulted in unsustainable measures to balance the Sullivan West Central School District budgets, including the reduction and elimination of school programs, personnel, and services, and the reductions of school district reserve funds;

WHEREAS efforts by the Sullivan West Central School District to sustain programs and services and contain budget are simultaneously constrained by Property Tax Levy Cap Legislation, unfunded and underfunded mandates, state mandated increases in pension costs, and mandated implementation of Common Core Learning Standards and teacher/principal performance reviews; and

WHEREAS State Funding is constitutionally mandated and essential to meet all mandates and obligations to maintain the quality of education in the Sullivan West Central School District; and

WHEREAS New York State touts recent aid increases as generous support to schools, although overall, school districts are receiving very little additional aid when compared to 2008-09; and

WHEREAS some school districts have even experienced state aid decreases from 2008-09 to 2014-15; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sullivan West Central School District Board of Education calls upon the New York State Legislature to end Gap Elimination Adjustments when they adopt New York State's 2015-16 Annual Budget.

Unanimously carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Peachey to accept the Judgment as specified by the Small Claims Court of the State of New York in the County of Sullivan for the 2014-2015 school year as summarized below:

Judgment Small Claims

Tax Payer S-L-B Original Tax Bill Correct Tax Bill
Joseph Saccone 17.-1-21 \$4,165.59 \$3,568.87
Unanimously carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to accept the Judgment as specified by the Small Claims Court of the State of New York in the County of Delaware for the 2014-2015 school year as summarized below:

Judgment Small Claims

Tax Payer	S-L-B	Original Tax Bill	Correct Tax Bill
Marcus Mabry	4591-5.11	\$3,522.43	\$1,761.22
Daniel Martinez	4581-30	\$1,629.12	\$1,221.84
A & J Kenyon	4581-29.3	\$1,229.14	\$403.57
Robert Sanzoverino	4581-28.111	\$2,021.69	\$1,410.76

Unanimously carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to accept the retirement resignation from **James W. Schultz** (cleaner) effective September 23, 2014. Unanimously carried

Retirement-J. Schultz

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to accept the resignation from **Bethany Hamilton** from the position of Journal Writers Club-HS effective immediately. Unanimously carried

Resignation Journal Writers

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to approve the CSE report as recommended by the Chairperson of the Committee on Special Education.

Unanimously carried

Approve CSE Report

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to increase the appointment of, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett, **Debra LaGrutta** from a .5 (five) to a .6 (six) Secondary Math teaching position effective August 27, 2014. The original appointment was made at the August 21, 2014 board meeting. Unanimously carried

Increase to .6-D. LaGrutta

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to increase the appointment of, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett, **Michelle Sheerer** from a .5 (five) to a .6 (six) Special Education/Social Studies teaching position effective August 27, 2014. The original appointment was made at the August 21, 2014 board meeting.

Increase to .6 M. Sheerer

Unanimously carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett, **Ellen Blais** to the position of part time food service helper (3.5 hours per day) with a 26-week probationary period, at an hourly rate of \$10.60, Step 1; effective September 19, 2014. Unanimously carried

Appoint p/t Food Service Helper Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett, Carol Caraballo to the position of part time food service helper (3.5 hours per day) with a 26-week probationary period, at an hourly rate of \$10.60, Step 1; effective September 19, 2014. Unanimously carried

Appoint p/t Food Service Helper

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett, Nicole Fischer to the position of part time food service helper (3.5 hours per day) with a 26-week probationary period, at an hourly rate of \$10.60, Step 1; effective September 19, 2014. Unanimously carried

Appoint p/t Food Service Helper

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett, Heather Grund to the position of part time food service helper (3.5 hours per day) with a 26-week probationary period, at an hourly rate of \$10.60, Step 1; effective September 19, 2014. Unanimously carried

Appoint p/t Food Service Helper

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to appoint, pursuant to Section 5 of the Rules of the Civil Service Law, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Edward Hanslmaier to the permanent position of Cleaner effective September 19, 2014 with a probationary period of 26 weeks at a prorated salary of Step #1, \$32,157. Unanimously carried

Appoint E. Hanslmaier cleaner

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to appoint, pursuant to Section 5 of the Rules of the Civil Service Law, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Joshua Kinner to the permanent position of Cleaner effective September 24, 2014 with a probationary period of 26 weeks at a prorated salary of Step #1, \$32,157. Unanimously carried

Appoint J. Kinner Cleaner

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett, Sharon Cohen to the position of Interim Childcare (Latchkey) Program Coordinator effective September 3, 2014 at an hourly rate of \$16.60. Unanimously carried

Appoint S. Cohen Interim Childcare Program Director

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by and between the Sullivan West Central School District and the Western Sullivan United Teachers & School Related Professionals (SRP Unit) to a one-time change in the hours of one Teacher Aide Trina Kloss who will serve in the position of part-time teacher aide/Primary Project Grant (15 hours per week) at an hourly rate of \$11.87 effective August 27, 2014. (File #09182014-01). Unanimously carried

MOA-one time change in 3-hour aide hours

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to approve, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett, the attached Sullivan West Extra/Co-Curricular List for the 2014-2015 school year. (File #091814-02). Unanimously carried

Approve Extra-Co-Curricular List

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to re-appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett the following substitute personnel for the 2014-2015 school year:

Re-appoint Substitute Personnel

Appoint

Substitute

Personnel

Teacher: Linda Drollinger; Nikki Maxwell; Erika Stauch

Teacher Assistant: Katie Schanil; Linda Drollinger; Nikki Maxwell; Erika Stauch

Teacher Aide: Katie Schanil; Nikki Maxwell; Erika Stauch **Building & Grounds Maintenance Supervisor:** Tom Mall

Maintenance Mechanic: Tom Mall Cleaner: Richie Shaver; Christina Grunke

Unanimously carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett the additional substitute personnel for the 2014-2015 school year:

Teacher: Wendy Owen; Brice Billard Teacher Assistant/Aide: Panava Markao

Latch Key Child Care Attendant: Sara Jahrling; Trina Kloss; Danielle Meyer

Food Service: Panava Markao; Suzanne Celaj; Mary Anne Laudadio

Cleaner: Kenneth Andersen; David Rhodes

Unanimously carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to increase, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett, the substitute Latch Key Child Care Attendants hourly rate to \$12.00 effective the 2014-2015 school year. Unanimously carried

Increase sub Latchkey Attendants hourly rate

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett, Merrie DeAveiro to a 26-week probationary teacher aide position, at Step 1, \$16,197. effective September 19, 2014.

Appoint M. DeAveiro teacher Aide

Unanimously carried

Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner seconded by Mr. Cohen to appoint, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hackett, Panava Markao to the position of part time teacher aide (3 hours per day) at an hourly rate of \$11.87; effective September 22, 2014.

Appoint P. Markao 3-hr Teacher Aide

Unanimously carried

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Motion was made by Mrs. Joyce-Turner, seconded by Mr. Peachey to adjourn the meeting at $8:50\,\mathrm{PM}$ Unanimously carried

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret L. Luty District Clerk