



D. Investment of Funds Report for December 2015

A motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ashcraft to approve the Investment of Funds Report for December 2015. There were 4 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Approval of Investment of Funds**

E. Cash Flow Report for December 2015

A motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ashcraft to approve the Cash Flow Report for December 2015. There were 4 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Approval of Cash Flow Report**

V. Privilege of the Floor

**Privilege of the Floor**

VI. Superintendent's Review of the Agenda

**Superintendent's Review of the Agenda**

Addendum as given

Financial Items

A. Capital Project Proposition

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt the following capital project proposition to be voted on by qualified voters on April 12, 2016:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by this Board of Education as follows:

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**Section 3.** Said Special District Meeting shall be called by giving the following notice thereof:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING  
OF THE VOTERS OF THE  
MORRISVILLE-EATON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MORRISVILLE-EATON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEREBY GIVES NOTICE** that pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, a special meeting of the qualified voters of said School District County of Madison, State of New York, will be held at the E.R. Andrews Elementary School Gymnasium, in Morrisville, New York, in said District, on April 12, 2016, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the purpose of voting upon the following proposition:

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Personnel

B. Appointments

*(All paid appointments are pending successful completion of a background check and applicable DMV paperwork.)*

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the temporary appointment of Elizabeth Wise, as a teacher in the area of Elementary Education (on special assignment), beginning January 25, 2016 and terminating June 30, 2016, at a salary of \$37,420 (BA, Step 1).

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the probationary appointment of Elizabeth Hatch, Bus Aide, beginning January 27, 2016 and terminating September 26, 2016. This is a 10 month, 5 hour per day appointment, with benefits to be compensated at a rate of \$10.78 per hour.

C. Resignation

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the resignation, for Sarah Cole, Bus Aide, effective January 15, 2016.

New Business

B. A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve, per the superintendent's contract, the vacation leave for Michael Drahos, which includes two consecutive weeks from January 4, 2016 through January 15, 2016.

VII. Superintendent's Review of the Calendar

**Superintendent's Review of the Calendar**

- January 26<sup>th</sup> – Regents start
- February 5<sup>th</sup> – Half day of school
- February 15<sup>th</sup> – Start of mid-winter break

**Recognition of Visitors and Delegations**

VIII. Recognition of Visitors and Delegations

IX. Committee on Special Education	<i>Committee on Special Education</i>
<p>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ashcraft to approve the recommendation of the Committees on Special Education, Pre-school Special Education, and 504 Meetings held December 7, 2015 through January 6, 2016. There were 4 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.</p>	
X. Administrative/Board Reports	<i>Administrative/Board Reports</i>
A. Debra Dushko, Elementary School Principal:	<i>Deb Dushko, Elementary School</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discipline Referrals The referrals have decreased and the faculty/staff are continuing to work with the character education team to keep that number down.</li> <li>2. Staffing for 2016 – 2017 Ms. Dushko expressed her desire to fill the music vacancy that will be created from a retirement.</li> <li>3. Professional Development The faculty/staff have been working with Jodie Poppleton and have put a lot of work into the writing program.</li> <li>4. Upcoming Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opera House Art Show</li> <li>• An author coming to visit</li> <li>• Honor Roll Assembly</li> <li>• Jump Rope for Heart</li> <li>• Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Other</li> </ol>	
B. Christopher Brewer, Middle/High School Principal:	<i>Chris Brewer, Middle/High School</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regents Exam The Regents are underway and will continue for the rest of the week. On Friday the students will be watching a movie in the auditorium to celebrate the end of the semester. This will also allow the teachers to grade Regents while saving money on substitutes.</li> <li>2. Winter Ball - January 23<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>3. Movie Night - January 29<sup>th</sup> PTO</li> <li>4. Mobile Office Mr. Brewer converted an old AV cart into a mini office. He can be out in the hall monitoring the activity while still working from his computer. Mr. Brewer also discussed a shortage of secretarial support for the guidance counselors. There was discussion on moving the main office to another location within the guidance area.</li> <li>5. Discipline Data Mr. Brewer provided the board with a discipline chart.</li> <li>6. Pathways for Emerging Workers in Mohawk Valley (Conference) Mr. Brewer had the opportunity to attend a presentation at Madison-Oneida BOCES. He was able to meet with individuals from local businesses to see what they are looking for in new employees. There are several local businesses looking to hire graduates and are willing to train them. Mr. Brewer was also able to discuss some soft skills that could be incorporated in what we do here at school.</li> <li>7. Trip to Europe Mr. Pavone presented on the upcoming trip to Europe over the spring break.</li> <li>8. Other</li> </ol>	
C. Debra Everson, Assistant Superintendent:	<i>Debra Everson, Assistant Superintendent</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Capital Vote A revised project scope spreadsheet was provided to the board with four different project costs and aid schedules. Ms. Everson stated that while some items included in the scope had flexibility other items need to be done as presented. The proposition needs to be approved with a dollar amount for the April 12<sup>th</sup> vote. The legal notices need to be published and then the exact project needs can be determined. Mr. Goodfriend had some concerns with the project contents and the projected dollar amount. Mrs. Groves was the other member to be on the committee and indicated that the needs were discussed and she would rather not short change the project. Mr. Ames would rather have the 9.2 million even if it wasn't spent. Mr. Ashcraft agreed with the 9.2 million and the fact that the money is there even if we didn't need it all.</li> </ol>	

Mrs. Doroshenko agreed with the remainder of the board, so they decided that the resolution would include the 9.2 million dollar amount for the project.

2. Follow-up to Bus Garage Tours  
Ms. Everson asked the board if they had any questions regarding the tours. The board didn't have any questions at that time.
3. Budget – 1<sup>st</sup> Run  
Ms. Everson will be handing out a 1<sup>st</sup> run at the workshop on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The TRS and ERS projections should save us this year. There were some discussions of the aid for next year.
4. Other

D. Michael Drahos, Superintendent:

1. Executive Budget
2. APPR  
This is still changing and at this time things are still unknown.
3. Negotiations  
Mr. Drahos and Ms. Everson will continue to work with the unions.

*Michael Drahos,  
Superintendent*

E. Board of Education:

1. SBI Calendar Adjustments
2. Superintendent Search

*Board of Education*

XI. Financial Items

A. Capital Project Proposition

*Financial Items*

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*Approval of Capital  
Project Proposition*

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There were 4 Ayes and 1 Nays. Motion carried.

**XII. Personnel**

**A. Appointments**

*(All paid appointments are pending successful completion of a background check and applicable DMV paperwork.)*

- 1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to approve the probationary appointment of Jessica Tomcho, Teacher Aide, beginning January 27, 2016 and terminating September 26, 2016. This is a 10 month, 7 hours per day appointment, with benefits to be compensated at a rate of \$10.78 per hour as amended. There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Personnel**

**Appointments**

*Jessica Tomcho,  
Teacher Aide*

- 2. Stipend for 2015-2016 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to approve the following positions and stipends for the 2015-2016 school year:

*Stipend for the 2015-2016  
School Year*

Stephanie Hughes • Elementary SYSOP • \$500.00  
There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- 3. Appoint Support Staff Substitutes for the 2015-2016 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to approve the following Support Staff Substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year. (*Support Staff • SS; School Bus Driver • SBD*)

*Substitute Teachers for  
the 2015-2016 School  
Year*

Teresa Straight – SS Jessica Dutcher – SS Ian Domes – SS  
There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- 4. Appoint Volunteers for the 2015-2016 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to approve the following volunteers for the 2015-2016 school year:

Marva Maciag                      Kaleigh Bascom                      Maya Mallory  
Carol Sidoran

There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- 5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ashcraft to approve the temporary appointment of Elizabeth Wise, as a teacher in the area of Elementary Education (on special assignment), beginning January 25, 2016 and terminating June 30, 2016, at a salary of \$37,420 (BA, Step 1). Discussion was held on the appointment and the district cost for tuition reimbursement. There were 5 Ayes (1 with concerns) and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

*Elizabeth Wise,  
Elementary Teacher*

- 6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to approve the probationary appointment of Elizabeth Hatch, Bus Aide, beginning January 27, 2016 and terminating September 26, 2016. This is a 10 month, 5 hour per day appointment, with benefits to be compensated at a rate of \$10.78 per hour. There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

*Elizabeth Hatch, Bus Aide*

**B. Resignation**

- 1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to accept the resignation, for Sarah Cole, Bus Aide, effective January 15, 2016. There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Resignation**

*Sarah Cole, Bus Aide*

**XIII. Conferences/Workshop Approvals (Informational Items)**

The My Learning Plan report as attached

**Conferences/Workshops**

**XIV. Old Business**

**Old Business**

**XV. New Business**

**New Business**

**A. Approve the M-ECS School Activity Fund for December 2015**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to approve the M-ECS School Activity Fund for December 2015. There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

*Approval of School  
Activity Fund for  
December 2015*

- B. A motion was made Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to approve, per the superintendent's contract, the vacation leave for Michael Drahos, which includes two consecutive weeks from January 4, 2016 through January 15, 2016. There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

*Approval of Vacation  
Leave for Mr. Drahos*

**XVI. Correspondence**

**Correspondence**

- 1. Letter from Jennifer Pierce, Mentor Leader

**XVII. Board Policy Development/Review**

**Board Policy  
Development/Review**

**A. First and second reading along with approval for the following policies:**

- 1. 5106 - Vehicles on School Grounds
- 2. 7025 – Student Conduct Policy (*reflects snowmobile change*)

*Approval of policies*

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to approve the policies #5106 and #7025 as provided. There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**B. Approve Policy Section 6000**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Michael R. Drahos, a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to approve the policies provided from Section 6000. There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

C. First reading for Policy Section 7000

XVIII. Privilege of the Floor

*Privilege of the Floor*

- Darlene Haflett spoke in regards to the transportation department and her concerns of moving to Madison-Oneida BOCES.
- Lynn Taylor asked to speak about the transportation department and his position.
- Howard Montanye spoke up in regards to how the transportation department functions here and the importance of having someone on site.
- Edie Hughes asked to speak about the transportation department in general and the communication regarding what the future brings.

*Executive Session*

XIX. Executive Session

Clerk Pro-Tem

A motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to appoint Ms. Everson, Clerk Pro-Tem. There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

At 9:04 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ames to go into executive session for discussions regarding proposed, pending, or current litigation, collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of Civil Service Law and for discussions regarding the employment history of a particular person(s). There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Present: Board of Education Members, Mr. Drahos, and Ms. Everson

The Board returned to open session at 10:48 p.m. There were no statements, decisions, or no action was taken during the Executive Session.

*Adjournment*

XX. Adjournment

At 9:44 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Groves and seconded by Mr. Ashcraft to adjourn. There were 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

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Jodi E. Shantal, District Clerk

These minutes are pending Board of Education approval, which will be done at the next regular Board meeting scheduled for February 23, 2016.