Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 @ 6:40 pm

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: MHS Room 42

Present: Devine Leacock, Karen Loucks, Diana Maguire, Dr. Mathanakaran, Maggie Nuss, Tatymn Lindell (Student Board Member)

Absent: Jeff Black, Matthew Kahm, Michele Spring, Brandi Porcello

Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent of Schools; Daniele Vecchio, Business Administrator; Kristin Colburn, District Clerk; Joe Steger, MHS Principal

Others Present: 1 visitor

1) Call to Order **Call to Order**

2) Pledge to Flag **Pledge**

3) Changes to Agenda-Add a motion to accept tuition paying student. **Changes to Agenda**

4) Public Comment- *The Public Comment section is a time set aside for the community to speak directly to the Board of Education. As per policy 1510, each speaker is given three minutes, with the total allotted time to last no more than 30 minutes. When called, please stand up and state your name and address. Please be respectful in your comments and do not divulge any personal or confidential information. Please demonstrate respect by speaking to the issues, sharing ideas and opinions, but not engaging in personal attacks. Board members, the superintendent and administrators will not answer specific questions or engage in dialogue. The information shared will be carefully considered and the appropriate person will contact you. Rest assured, we are listening carefully, and take seriously what you have to say. The Board appreciates your willingness to share your concerns/celebrations.*

5) Approve Agenda

Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Nuss **Motion-To Adopt BOE Agenda**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the agenda of the October 1, 2024, Board of Education Meeting.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

6) Congrats/Celebrations- **Congrats/ Celebrations**

a) We had a great turn out at the PTO's Family Fun Night on Friday 9/20. Special thank you to our PTO Volunteers and workers!

b) Sundance Farms made their monthly visit with Farmer Mike! This month, Farmer Mike brought in his ducks and students were able to interact with the animals.
c) Our fourth-grade teachers and students took a fall field trip and visited the fish hatchery on Sept 23 and Sept 25.
d) We celebrated the character trait of friendship with our back-to-school assembly/1st Gator show of the year on Friday Sept. 27th.
e) Rev Theatre performed on Monday, Sept 30th for our students.
f) Our elementary staff/students are participating in a Homecoming spirit week along with the middle high!
g) Upcoming: Tim Hite and some crew members will bring the firetruck and discuss fire safety on October 10th from 8:30-9:30 for Prek and K students. We are in the planning stages for our annual Halloween Parade and activities at the end of October!
h) Our juniors and seniors had the opportunity to participate in the College Consortium last Thursday. Our hope is that the information obtained through this experience will help them to make decisions about their post- secondary education. Thank you to counselor, Ashley Malpiedi for coordinating this event.
i) The National Honor Society sponsored a blood drive last Thursday. 27 people–students and staff – donated blood. A big thanks to Connect Life advisors, Katie Pierce and Rose Stayer-Ruffner with our NHS students for putting this together.
j) Homecoming week is in full swing. The hallways and lobby are decorated and full of spirit. The highly anticipated dodgeball game is tonight, with the bonfire on Thursday, the pep rally, parade (5:00 pm) and football game on Friday and the dance on Saturday. Thank you to Denise Straub and our SAC advisors and students for all of the planning.
k) Deputy Papke has initiated the Save a Life Tour for this Friday. The Save a Life Tour is a comprehensive high impact safe driving awareness program that informs, educates, and demonstrates the potentially deadly consequences resulting from poor choices and decisions made by the operator of a motor vehicle. Our hope is that it will make students aware of the dangers of distracted driving. Thank you to Deputy Papke.

7) Consent Agenda:
Motion by Leacock Second by Loucks
To approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion-Approval of Consent Agenda

a) Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on September 17, 2024

b) Action Items – Personnel

Substitute Teacher
Matthew Paonessa

Winter Coaches
Ron Johnson-JV Boys Basketball
Ashley Malpiedi-Modified Boys Basketball
Eric Hemphill-JV Girls Basketball
Joy Wilber-Varsity Assistant Indoor Track

Resignation of Mark Riordan from the position of Varsity Boys Volleyball Coach

SBU Nursing Student Intern
Sophia Ragonese

UPB Student for Observation Hours
Kevin Edwards-Hardy with Mike Wilber at MHS (10-20 hours)

SBU Students for Observation Hours at MHS

Aaron Avery	Maddie Koziol
Alhanna Gabel	Abigail Ahern
Hannah Park	Sarah Layman
Bianca Gardner	Madeline McConnell
Kaitlyn Horton	Logan Gilbert
Parker Supan	Emerson Newbauer
Colleen Kelly	Benjamin McCastan
Evan Leonard	Jordan Murrell
Robert Wilkinson	Kristin Benkert
Jackson Hammill	Tyler Green
Arianna Geise	Evan Young
Chase Bulmahn	Madeline McKillop
Tava Palmentier	Casey Reed
Hannah Smith	Ava Dimao

c) **Action Items-Business**

Constitutions
Yearbook
Friends of Rachel
Tabletop RPG Club (Dungeons and Dragons)

d) CSE Minutes-September 18, 2024, September 24, 2024, and September 26, 2024
504 Minutes-September 18, 2024, September 24, 2024, and September 26, 2024

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

8) Presentations **Presentations**
   a) SRO Luke Papke
   b) Joe Steger-MHS Principal-Updates in the Middle-High School

9) Discussion-Out of District Student Acceptance **Discussion**

a) Motion by Loucks Second by Nuss **Motion-To Accept Tuition Paying Student**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept a tuition paying student into our district before the April 1 deadline, stated in Policy 7132.

10) Superintendent's Report- **Superintendent's Report**
a) Regionalization
b) NYSCOSS Conference in Saratoga
c) School Boards Dinner attended by Maggie Nuss, Brandi Porcello, Tony Giannicchi and Kristin Colburn. Speaker was Assistant Chancellor speaking on Regionalizing, not merging- how do you keep your district modernized and moving forward
d) Strategic Planning at our BOE Retreat with Mike Ford
e) Progress Reports 10/4
f) Wall of Fame-10/4 information from Karen Loucks

11) President's Report- **President's Report**
a) Mike Ford Strategic Planning-thought provoking-where we need to be-bigger picture thinking
b) Thank you, Maggie Nuss, for the putting the basket together from the BOE for Homecoming

12) Student Board Member Report- **Student BOE Report**
a) Productive past 2 weeks at school
b) A lot of projects, art and farm animal projects displayed throughout the MHS
c) Sports are doing very well-we have a lot of talent at ALCS
d) Homecoming-Spirit Week-Pep Rally 10/4- a lot of school spirit, Bonfire-Thursday 10/3 at 7 pm, parade 10/4 at 5:00 pm and Homecoming Game at 7:00 pm, Homecoming Dance 10/5 from 8 pm-11 pm

13) Committee Reports- **Committee Reports**
a) Personnel-Email exchanges
b) Curriculum meeting-October 29 at 5:30 pm in Room 42
c) Budget-None

14) Correspondence-None

15) Action Item- Business

a) Motion by Leacock Second by Loucks **Motion-to Appoint Voting Inspectors**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint voting inspectors at the rate of $150 per election for the budget vote and Board of Education election on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 from noon to 8:00 p.m.:

Voting Inspector	**Eileen Shabala**
Voting Inspector	**Carolyn Hemphill**
Alternate Voting Inspector	**Courtney Callahan**

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

b) Motion by Nuss Second by Mathanakaran — Motion-To Adopt Rules for Voting Machines

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the Rules For Use of Optical Scan Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Proposition to be Placed Thereon:

1) The form of ballot and the voting procedure shall conform substantially with the operational requirements of the optical scan voting machines to be used by the District, and with any requirements prescribed by the Election Law of the State of New York for use of optical scan voting machines.

2) The optical scan voting machines shall be those owned by the District, but if the District's machines are not available, optical scan voting machines may be obtained from some other source satisfactory to the Board of Education.

3) For each optical scan voting machine used, two (2) qualified voters of the District shall be appointed by the Board of Education to act as Election Inspectors.

4) The Board of Education shall pay all expenses necessary or incidental to the use or rental, as the case may be, of optical scan voting machines, including but not limited to the operation, calibration, maintenance and securing thereof and the training of the Election Inspectors in the use thereof.

5) Immediately before any optical scan voting machine is used at meetings, elections or votes, annual, special or however otherwise denominated or designated, the Election Inspectors shall examine and calibrate it and see that the machine is, in all respects, in proper condition for use. The Election Inspectors shall also ensure that the configuration of the voting area provides for voter privacy.

6) Each optical scan voting machine shall remain locked against voting, and the paper ballots cast through the optical scan voting machine shall be secured and retained, for the period of thirty (30) days following the meeting, election or vote at which same has been used and as much longer as may be necessary or advisable because of existing or threatened contest over the result of the meeting, election or vote, except as otherwise provided by the Education Law of the State of New York.

7) Any proposition to be voted upon, when presented other than by the Board of Education and except where required by law to be stated in the published notice of meeting, election or vote, must be set forth in such manner as to conform to the requirements of the Education Law of the State of New York, and must be presented in a petition bearing the signatures of twenty-five (25) qualified voters, or 5% of the number of qualified voters voting in the previous annual vote - whichever is greater, of the School District (except where the number of signatures is specified in said Education Law in which case the provisions of the Education Law shall apply) and filed with the Board of Education not less than thirty (30) days before the meeting, election or vote, unless otherwise prescribed by law.

8) Any question or proposition to be voted upon when required by law to be stated in the published notice of meeting, election or vote and prescribed other than by the Board of Education, must be presented by petition as set forth in rule 7 above and filed with the Board of Education not less than fifty-five (55) days before the meeting, election or vote unless otherwise prescribed by law.

9) Any question or proposition to be presented by the Board of Education must be set forth in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting, election or vote, except as to a question or proposition required by law to be stated in the published notice of the meeting, election or vote, in which event such resolution must be adopted at a meeting of the Board not less than fifty (50) days before the meeting, election or vote, except that the fifty (50) day time limitation shall not apply to a special meetings called under the provisions of Section 2007 subdivision 3, paragraph a. of the Education Law of the State of New York.

10) In the event that any question or proposition to be voted upon is too lengthy to be placed upon the ballot to be used in conjunction with the optical scan voting machines, an abstract of such question or proposition shall be placed thereon in such form as may be prescribed by the Board of Education of the District, concisely stating the purpose and effect and setting forth and indicating generally and briefly the subject matter of the question or proposition. Wherever the question is excessively lengthy as above described, a sufficient number of copies thereof shall be available at the voting place in order that each voter may be furnished with a copy thereof before voting.

11) Where circumstances require that the form of ballot, type or ballot label be different from that prescribed by the Election Law of the State of New York, the form of ballot, type or ballot label shall conform to that required by such circumstances.

12) Except as may otherwise be required by law, the Cattaraugus County Board of Elections shall have no jurisdiction with regard to the use of optical scan voting machines in connection with any school district meeting, election or vote.

13) Except as may be otherwise required by law, the Board of Education shall have sole discretion in determining when optical scan voting machines shall be used.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

16) Action Item – Personnel

a) Motion by Nuss Second by Leacock **Motion-To Accept Retirement Resignation**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept with regrets the retirement resignation of **Dorothy (Dot) Shulman** from the position of Teacher Aide, effective December 31, 2024.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

b) Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks **Motion-To Accept Resignation**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Cyril Bodnar** from the position of Instrumental Music Teacher, effective October 25, 2024.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

c) Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Nuss **Motion-To Accept Resignation**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Cyril Bodnar** from the extra-curricular positions of Musical Director and Jazz Band, effective October 25, 2024.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

d) Motion by Loucks Second by Nuss **Motion-Approval of Extracurricular Duty Stipend**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Middle-High School extracurricular duty stipend as per the Allegany-Limestone Teachers' Association Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year in the interim:
Penny Owen Team Leader 6-12 ELA

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

e) Motion by Leacock Second by Giannicchi **Motion-Approval of Amended Agreement**
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Allegany-Limestone Central School District hereby approves the Amendment to Employment Agreement for **Anthony Giannicchi**, Superintendent of Schools, effective October 1, 2024, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Employment Agreement, which is hereby approved as presented.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

17) New Business-None

18) Motion by Loucks Second by Nuss **Motion-To Enter Executive Session**
To enter Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss employment history of a particular person or persons.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

19) Motion by Kahm Second by Loucks **Motion-To Re-Enter Regular Session**
To Re-enter Regular Session at 8:20 pm.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

20) Adjournment
Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks **Motion-To Adjourn**
To adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Colburn-District Clerk
Date: 10/1/24