

Date: Tuesday, July 1, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: MHS Room 42

Present: Jeff Black, Matthew Kahm, Karen Loucks, Dr. Diana Maguire, Dr. Mathanakaran, Maggie Nuss, Scott Simpson, Michele Spring, Crystal Wilczewski, Julia DeRose (Student Board Member)

Absent: Madelyn Price-Costa-Student BOE Member

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

Others Present: 0 visitors

1) Call to Order

Call to Order

2) Pledge to Flag

Pledge

3) Changes to Agenda-None

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 Nuss Second by Spring

Motion-To Adopt

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the agenda of the July 1, 2025, Board of Education Meeting.

BOE Agenda

9 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

Motion carried

6) Congrats/Celebrations-

**Congrats/
Celebrations**

- a) A big thank you to Michelle Schram, our PTO and parent volunteers for putting on another incredible 5th grade celebration held on June 20. The weather turned out to be perfect! Students and families enjoyed the day.
- b) Thank you to our PreK teachers, Mrs. Farleo, Mrs. Buzzard, Ms. Geary and PreK aides Mrs. Barber, Ms. Gardiner, and Mrs. Youngs for organizing and MC-ing our PreK end of the year celebration/graduation held on June 24. We are excited for our students moving on to Kindergarten.
- c) Our annual Moving Up Day was held on Thursday, June 26th. Students were able to meet their teacher for the 2025-26 school year. This is always an exciting day!
- d) That's a wrap...On the 2024-2025 school year! Graduation was a wonderful celebration for all of our graduates, families and friends. A special thanks to Kathy Stamets, Melisa Rakoska-Heary, Eileen Finn, Jaime Snyder, Amber Cheladyn, Ashley Malpiedi, Jill Bogart, and Marcia Falvey. All of these folks truly brought it all together for the big day.
- e) Before that, the seniors had a great time on their senior trip to Cedar Point among other stops. Despite some you-can't-write-this-kind-of-stuff turns of events, such as the kids getting locked in the bus and the city of Cleveland's power completely shutting down, they had a memorable trip to say the least. Senior advisors, Mrs. Finn, Ms. Snyder, and Ms. Cheladyn handled it all with tact and grace, and a special thanks to our Speech Therapist, Mr. Daniel Straub for chaperoning - he was a great help.
- f) The 6th grade students were the last to finish classes and they had a great final two weeks of school filled with a mix of fun and academic fine tuning. They were also awarded a hot dog cook out for winning the end of the year Swamp Showdown competition between 6, 7, and 8th grades for best GPA, attendance, and discipline referrals. Thank you to the 6th grade teachers who planned and coordinated a great final two weeks of school.
- g) I'd like to take a moment to thank our cleaning and maintenance crew who really came through at the end of the year. There is much to do in those arenas at the end of the year, and they did a great job.
- h) All of the faculty and staff celebrated the end of the year with a potluck cookout and BBQ. It's one of my favorite days of the year because of all of the good food and desserts. It was a nice time to sit, relax and enjoy the accomplishments of the year as a school community and family.

7) Consent Agenda:

Motion by Nuss Second by Simpson
To approve the Consent Agenda.

**Motion-Approval of
Consent Agenda**

- a) Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on June 17, 2025.

b) Action Items – Personnel

School Volunteers

Nicholas Porcello
Crystal Blaske-Cooney
Kelsea Boerger
Michelle George

Substitute Teacher

Pam Zimbardi

Substitute Teacher Aide

Pam Zimbardi

Substitute Food Service Worker

Mary Webb

Removal of Substitutes

Betsy Livingston-Sub. Cafeteria
Donna Nuernberger-Sub. Teacher Aide
Christine Kriner-Sub. Teacher Aide
Madalyn Colburn-Sub. Teacher/Sub. Teacher Aide
Aaron Hair-Sub. Teacher/Sub. Teacher Aide
Dominic Argenio-Sub. Teacher/Sub. Teacher Aide
Eric Furlong-Sub. Teacher/Sub. Teacher Aide
Madeline Lippert-Sub. Teacher/Sub. Teacher Aide
Jian’Ai Missel-Sub. Teacher/Sub. Teacher Aide
Mary Moore-Sub. Teacher
Bethanne Chimbelle-Sub. Teacher
Natalie Merrill-Sub. Teacher
Bradley Wynn-Sub. Teacher
Adrienne Honaker-Sub. Teacher
Michael Wolfgang-Sub. Teacher
Kara Stoeber-Sub. Teacher
Greg Jubulis-Sub. Teacher

SBU Clinical Student at ALES

Ella Irons with Chris Austin/PE 9/2/25-12/12/25

SBU Student Teachers at MHS

Abigail Mainville with Clint Depew/History 9/2/25-10/17/25
Mya Sciolino with Stacy Luce/Elem. Ed 10/20/25-12/12/25
Emma Filipiak with Jolene Ayres/ELA 10/20/25-12/12/25
Morgan Peters with Brooke Strade/ELA 10/20/25-12/12/25
Andrew Marean with Mike Wilber/PE 10/20/25-12/12/25

c) Action Items – Business

Disposal of Obsolete/Outdated Textbooks

(79) iAvancemos-Level II 2008, ISBN#0-618-88189-X; plus 1 Teacher’s Edition and supplementary materials

(12) College Accounting 2013, ISBN#978-1-111-528-12-6

(1) College Accounting Instructors Manual 2013, ISBN#978-1-133-19046-2

(1) College Accounting Instructors Manual 2013, ISBN#9781-111-53201-7

Disposal of Outdated/Damaged Books

122 ALES Library Books

Disposal of Broken Calculators

TI-84 plus-A00383597, TI-nSpire CX-A00304222, TI-nSpire CX-A00513706, TI-nSpire CX-A00758979

d) CSE Minutes-June 16, 2025, and June 26, 2025

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

8) Presentation

Presentation

- a) STEM San Francisco Trip-Chris Austin

9) Discussion

Discussion

- a) First Reading New Policy 7316-Use of Internet-Enabled Devices During the School Day
- b) First Reading Revised Policy 7513-Medication and Personal Care Items
- c) First Reading 2025-2026 Code of Conduct

10) Superintendent’s Report-

Superintendent’s Report

- a) Graduation was a success!
- b) Director of Educational Services advertising has started

11) President’s Report-

President’s Report

- a) Search for Director of Educational Services-BOE members interested in serving on the interview committee, please let Diana Maguire know. Interviews anticipated to start week of July 14.
- b) BOE Committees
- c) Group BOE Text

12) Student Board Member Report-Welcome to Julia DeRose

Student BOE Report

- a) Introduction of Julia DeRose

13) Committee Reports-None

14) Correspondence-None

15) Action Item- Business

- a) Motion by Kahm Second by Loucks **Motion-To Delete and Replace**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to delete current Policy 7316-Student Use of Personal Technology and replace with new Policy 7316-Use of Internet-Enabled Devices During the School Day.

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- b) Motion by Black Second by Mathanakaran **Motion-Approval of Tax Warrant**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the 2025-2026 Tax Warrant and to authorize Daniele Vecchio, Business Administrator, to calculate the tax rate for each municipality in the Allegany-Limestone School District for the 2025-2026 school year using formulas provided by the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services and to have tax bills printed by the Cattaraugus County Office of Real Property.

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- c) Motion by Nuss Second by Loucks **Motion-To Create Position**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to create a .4 Speech Language Pathologist position.

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

16) Action Item – Personnel

- a) Motion by Nuss Second by Kahm **Motion-To Accept Resignation**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Abbey Gardiner** from the position of Teacher Aide, effective June 27, 2025.

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- b) Motion by Black Second by Spring **Motion-To Accept Resignation**
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Stacey Giardini** from the position of Speech Language Pathologist, effective June 30, 2025.

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- c) Motion by Nuss Second by Simpson
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Christi Baxter** from the position of Instructional Coach, effective July 23, 2025.
- Motion-To Accept Resignation**
- 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- d) Motion by Loucks Second by Kahm
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of **Suzanne Ciminesi** from the position of Team Leader 5th Grade.
- Motion-To Accept Resignation**
- 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- e) Motion by Black Second by Wilczewski
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Elementary School extracurricular duty stipend as per the Allegany-Limestone Teachers' Association Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year for:
- Jeff Ciminesi** Team Leader 5th Grade
- Motion-Approval of Stipend**
- 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- f) Motion by Nuss Second by Simpson
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following Mentors for the 2025-2026 school year:
- Barb Smith-Amy Krepp**
Jolene Ayres-Brandi McCaffery
- Motion-Approval of Mentors**
- 9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried
- g) Motion by Black Second by Loucks
To Amend & Adopt Amended Resolution:
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby amends the resolution acted upon at the Board's March 25, 2025 meeting to appoint Misty Schuman to the position of .6 Art Teacher to add Ms. Schuman "*is a tenured special education teacher,*" strike ".6" and insert ".4 to .6", and add that the balance of Ms. Schuman's interdisciplinary appointment is to continue in the special education tenure area and to adopt the amended resolution that shall now state:
- Motion-To Amend and Adopt**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint **Misty Schuman**, who is a tenured special education teacher, and who holds an Initial New York State Teaching Certificate in Visual Arts, to the position of .4 to .6 Art Teacher in the Art tenure area for a three (3) year probationary period to commence on August 27, 2025 and end on August 27, 2028 with the balance of Misty's I FTE interdisciplinary appointment to continue in the special education tenure area. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Misty receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 2 of the 3 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. The expiration date of this probationary appointment is tentative and conditional only. In order to be eligible and considered for tenure, the teacher must meet all requirements of education law and corresponding regulations. The salary will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule outlined in the collective bargaining agreement with the Allegany-Limestone Teachers' Association and the Board of Education based upon Schedule B, Step 29. (N. Missel)

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- h) Motion by Mathanakaran Second by Spring **Motion-Approval of Appointment**
 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to conditionally appoint **Stacey Giardini**, who holds Professional New York State Teaching Certificate in Speech and Language Disabilities, as a .4 FTE teacher in the Speech and Languages Disabilities tenure area for a three (3) year probationary period to commence on August 27, 2025, and end on August 27, 2028. The expiration date of this probationary appointment is tentative and conditional only. In order to be eligible and considered for tenure, the teacher must meet all requirements of education law and corresponding regulations. The salary will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule outlined in the collective bargaining agreement with the Allegany-Limestone Teachers' Association and the Board of Education based upon Schedule B, Step 15. (new)

9 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion carried

- 17) New Business- **New Business**
 a) Reminder to visit NYSSBA site regarding information on the conference that is held in NYC in October.
 b) August 19 is the next BOE Meeting, unless a special meeting needs to be called.

18) Adjournment

Motion by Nuss Second by Black
To adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Motion-To Adjourn

9 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Colburn-District Clerk
Date: 7/1/25