

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Kind of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Place: MHS Room 42

Present: Matthew Kahm, Dr. Diana Maguire, Dr. Mathanakaran, Maggie Nuss, Scott Simpson, Michele Spring, Julia DeRose (Student Board Member)

Absent: Jeff Black, Karen Loucks, Crystal Wilczewski, Madelyn Price-Costa (Student BOE Member)

Tony Giannicchi, Superintendent of Schools; Daniele Vecchio, Business Administrator; Kristin Colburn, District Clerk; Erin Anastasia, Director of Educational Services; Joe Steger, MHS Principal

Others Present: 11 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 Simpson Second by Dr. Mathanakaran  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt the agenda of the October 7, 2025, Board of Education Meeting.

**Motion-To Adopt  
Agenda**

6 Yes

0 No

0 Abstain

Motion carried

6) Congrats/Celebrations-

**Congrats/  
Celebrations**

- a) Unified Soccer for grades 4 and 5 will take place on October 8th. Thank you to Jackie Winship and Dr. Paula from SBU for organizing this event!
- b) 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Investi-Gators will be traveling to the Allegany Historical Society and Allegany library for a field trip on October 2nd. Students will walk through town to view and learn about the historical buildings in the village. In addition, they will also be traveling to the Seneca Iroquois National Museum on October 22nd. Big thank you to Jen Giardini and Lexie Stover for organizing these field trips for our students!
- c) Students in grades 3,4 & 5 will take part in a coloring project for the village's annual Scare Crow Row. Special thank you to Geri Lyter for reaching out and coordinating this event for our students. Our very own Mrs. Krepp, art teacher, and Mr. Todd Miller, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, have designed the coloring pages for students to color! Please keep an eye out for this amazing artwork which will be displayed in the store fronts on main street.
- d) The Football Team's 4th Annual Community Cause Game was a huge success. Over \$4,000 was raised and \$2,000 will be donated to Oishei Children's Hospital in honor of one of our students who is bravely battling Leukemia. \$2,000 will be donated to a former employee who is battling breast cancer. Coach Grove and the football players will be hosting an ice cream party for the 6th grade and 11th grade students to reward them for being the classes that raised the most money in the coin drive. In the past 4 years, the football team, under Marcus Grove's leadership, has raised over \$10,000 to help out various causes, including cancer, ALS, and a scholarship in memory of a former football player who tragically passed away almost 2 years ago. The Team is thankful for all of the donations and participation within the community.
- e) 7th Grade Class Advisors, Logan Klice and Kaleigh Middaugh, spear headed a 6th – 8th grade Walk-A-Thon class fundraiser. It took place on our turf complex on pep-rally Friday and students completed laps and participated in activities to raise funds for their classes. It was a major success with the three classes raising almost \$8K! The students had a great time and it was a fun event for our school community. A big thanks to all of our middle school teachers for the coordination!
- f) Homecoming week was a huge success. The “Under the Sea” theme brought lots of school spirit and fun activities for all to enjoy. A big thanks to SAC advisors, Jolene Ayres and Grace Decapua, the class advisors, as well as all of the SAC students who worked so hard to make it so special.
- g) The ALCS music department is proud to announce that three of our talented vocal students have been accepted into two NYSSMA Area All-State Vocal ensembles! Congratulations to Freshman Jackson Abbott, Senior Christina Booker, and Junior Lilly Shumway. Their selection is a testament to their hard work and exceptional performances during the NYSSMA Solo Festival auditions this past May. Thank you to Ms. Scalise for her dedication to our students.

- 7) Consent Agenda:  
Motion by Kahm Second by Spring  
To approve the Consent Agenda.

**Motion-Approval of  
Consent Agenda**

- a) Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on September 16, 2025.  
b) Action Items – Personnel

**Substitute Teachers**

Quinn Hart  
April Eaton  
Misty Bowley

**Substitute Teacher Aide**

Quinn Hart

**Substitute Nurse**

Misty Bowley

**Substitute Food Service Helper**

Polly Eaton

**School Volunteers**

James Pettit  
Andrew Keith  
Samantha Marino  
Sarah Tripodi

**SBU Observation Students**

Alyssa Perkins with Kelly Jo Nitsche-ALES  
Maranda Catanzaro with Suzie Ciminesi-ALES  
Madelyn Weigand with Katie Hirliman-ALES  
Arianna Geise with Logan Klice-MHS  
Timothy Scholl with Logan Klice-MHS  
Allison Schuler with Ben Westlund-MHS  
Allison Culliton with Ben Westlund-MHS

**SBU Nursing Students for Clinical Hours**

Grace Derr and Jocelyn Wyatt with Cheryl Wintermantel at MHS Nursing Office

**UPB Observation Student**

Emma Lee with Jen Brooks-MHS

Appoint Raelynn Jones as the Supervisor of the MHS Clothing Closet at a stipend of \$400.  
Appoint Tammy Peters as the Supervisor of the ALES Gator Goods Space (clothing closet) at a stipend of \$400.

- c) Action Items – Business

**Constitutions**

Washington DC Club

Friends of Rachel

- d) CSE Minutes-September 18, 2025, September 23, 2025, September 26, 2025, September 30, 2025, and October 2, 2025  
504 Minutes-September 23, 2025 and September 30, 2025

6 Yes            0 No            0 Abstain            Motion carried

- 8) Presentation- Presentation
  - a) Art Club-Canada Trip
  - b) Student Council with Dr. Jolene Ayres, Grace DeCapua and students
  - c) Population Data/Fall i-Ready Data/APPR Data with Erin Anastasia
  
- 9) Superintendent's Report- Superintendent's Report
  - a) Commissioner Rosa coming to BOCES to present
  - b) Merger with Hinsdale for football going well-looking to possibly add some other schools depending on numbers.
  
- 10) President's Report- President's Report
  - a) Reminder the Board Retreat is on 10/14 at 6:30 pm at the Bus Garage
  - b) School Boards Dinner- Student BOE Members and Cell Phone Policy were the topics of discussion.
  - c) Rural Schools Association holding an event April-more details coming soon.
  
- 11) Student Board Member Report- Student BOE Report
  - a) Progress Reports
  - b) PSATs
  - c) SATs
  - d) Buffalo Bills Player read his book to the Elementary students
  - e) Homecoming week
  - f) Connect Life Club visited The Pines
  - g) Tie blanket making for Child Advocacy Center
  - h) Sports update
  
- 12) Committee Reports- Curriculum met on 10/7/25 Committee Reports

13) Correspondence-none

14) Action Item- Business

- a) Motion by Kahm Second by Mathanakaran  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the  
Art Club Canada Trip from April 16, 2026, to April 17, 2026.

**Motion-Approval of  
Art Club Trip**

6 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

15) Action Item - Personnel

- a) Motion by Nuss Second by Spring  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the  
resignation of **Polly Eaton** from the position of Food Service Helper,  
effective September 17, 2025.

**Motion-To Accept  
Resignation**

6 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

16) New Business-None

- 17) Adjournment  
Motion by Nuss Second by Mathanakaran  
To adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

**Motion-To Adjourn**

6 Yes                      0 No                      0 Abstain                      Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Colburn-District Clerk  
Date: 10/8/25