# **Center Moriches Union Free School District**

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### CENTER MORICHES BOARD OF EDUCATION February 11, 2015 7:30 p.m.

### AGENDA

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. <u>Pledege of Allegiance</u>

#### 3. Superintendent's Report

- Middle School Robotics Ms. Bates, Mr. Christ, Mr. Roy
- Salary and Benefits Presentation Ms. Perkins

#### 4. Questions and Comments Regarding Tonight's Agenda Only

Please note: This is the opportunity for persons who wish to speak or who have written letters to the Board regarding topics that are included on this agenda. Speakers are asked to keep their comments brief, and to speak for no longer than three minutes. Members of the public will have the opportunity to speak about any topic at the end of the meeting.

#### 5. Minutes – (Exhibit #1)

Regular Meeting of January 28, 2015

### PERSONNEL SECTION

#### 6. **Resignation**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the following resignation:

| Name         | Position        | Effective Date<br>(At the Close of Business) |  |
|--------------|-----------------|--|--|
| Sean Radigan | Groundskeeper I | February 5, 2015                             |  |

### 7. <u>Medical Inspector</u>

**RECOMMENDED** ACTION: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the following resolutions:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Randall Solomon as School Medical Inspector pursuant to Section 913 of New York State Education Law in order to evaluate the fitness of the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to perform his/her duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law, the Board of Education directs the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to appear for examination in the office of Dr. Randall Solomon at a date and time to be scheduled.

# FISCAL SECTION

### 8. Contracts (Exhibit #2)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following contracts in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contracts, as well as at the established cost contained in said contracts:

Philip Eisenberg, Ph.D., ABPP 2014-2015
Hilary Gomes, Ph.D., ABPdN Agreement 2014-2015
Randall Solomon, M.D.
Antonia S. Mattheou Archivist Agreement 2014-2015
Seneca Consulting Group Agreement 2014-2015
Town of Brookhaven Highway Salt, Sand & General Repairs Agreement 2014-2015

RECOMMENDED ACTION: the Board of Education appoints Bronwyn Black, Esq., as special counsel, to investigate the claims/allegations discussed in executive session at the rate of \$225 per hour.

### 9. Budget Transfers – January and February 2015 (Exhibit #3)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the budget transfers.

#### 10. Payment Authorization (Exhibit #4)

The Board of Education has appointed an Independent Claims Auditor to review bills and authorize the processing of payment during the period between Board of Education meetings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education accepts the report by the Independent Claims Auditor for the month of January 2015 and authorizes payment of the monthly bills listed on Warrants for the month of January 2015 as audited by the Independent Claims Auditor as follows:

| Warrant: | A:38<br>T:22,23, 24,25 | A:40  | A:39,41<br>T:26,27 | A:42<br>T:28 |
|----------|------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------|
| Date:    | 1/08                   | 01/15 | 01/22              | 01/29        |

### 11. Internal Auditor Request for Proposal (RFP)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following responsible bid vendor, R.S Abrams, LLP, to serve as the district's Internal Auditor for the 2015-2016 school year.

### 12. Alternative Veteran's Exemption

### A. Real Property Tax Law§458-a - Veterans

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 518, section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), subparagraph (i), of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, allows the District to provide tax

exemptions to certain qualified owners of qualified real property, as defined by section 458-a, and **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the

veterans of our District, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education elects to participate in the exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c),

**AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District adopts the statutory basic maximums as defined by Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) for its maximums for exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a), (b), and (c).

### B. Real Property Tax Law§458-a - Gold Star Parents

**WHEREAS**, paragraph (b) of subdivision 7 of section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York allows the District to provide tax exemptions to "Gold Star Parents," as defined by section 458-a, who are owners of qualified real property in the District and such property is the primary residence of such Gold Star Parent, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the community to provide such relief to the Gold Star Parents residing in our District, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education elects to participate in the exemptions afforded to "Gold Star Parents" of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 7, paragraph (b),

**AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District adopts the statutory basic maximums as defined by Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b) for its maximums for exemptions of Real Property Tax Law section 458-a, subdivision 2, paragraphs (a) and (b).

# **PROGRAM SECTION**

### 13. CPSE/CSE – Recommendations (Exhibit #5)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the months of October, November and January for the 2014-2015 school year.

# **MISCELLANEOUS SECTION**

### 14. General Discussion

➢ 2015-2016 Budget Calendar

### 15. **Questions and Comments from the Community**

Members of the public who desire to address or question the board of any topic related to board work are welcome to do so at this time. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to not more than three minutes; to appoint a spokesperson if the concern is a group concern, and to supplement verbal presentations with written reports, if necessary or desired.

### 16. Dates to Remember

The next Board of Education meeting will be on March 4, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the High School Library.

### 17. Adjournment

# NOTE: ADDITIONAL ITEMS MAY BE ADDED TO THIS AGENDA.