

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, May 7, 2007, Mohonasen High School*

The Annual Budget Hearing and presentations by candidates for Board of Education election were held prior to the Board Meeting.

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. del Prado, at 7:11PM.

Mrs. del Prado requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present:

Julie Adamec, Member	Kathleen A. Spring, Ph.D., Superintendent
Nancy del Prado, President	Denise A. Swezey, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Daniel Fregoe, Member	Lisa Cutting, Dir. of Curriculum and Instruction
Eileen French, Member	Lin Severance, Ph.D., Director of PPS
Charles Macejka, Member	Patrick McGrath, Mohonasen High School Principal
Joseph Salamone, Member	David Collins, Assistant HS Principal
Gary Spadaro, Member	Makensie Bullinger, Assistant HS Principal
	Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal
	Rosemary Soltis, Assistant MS Principal
	Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal
	Heidi Christman, Administrator for Mathematics K-12
	Arlene DeSiena, Administrator for Literacy K-6
	Michael Klugman, Administrator for Science K-12
	Joseph Scalise, Director of PE & Athletics
	Karla Empie, Administrator for Alt. Ed. & Special Ed.
	Erin McNulty, School Media Specialist
	Tracey Roberts, District Treasurer
	Claudia DeMartino, Student Representative
	Jacqueline Nanci, Student Representative
	3 Faculty Members
	4 District Residents
	1 Media Representative

Superintendent

Dr. Kathleen Spring stated that this evening Mrs. Lisa Cutting would do a brief presentation on Mohonasen's graduation rates.

Mrs. Cutting explained that she had broken down Mohonasen's graduation rates into two groups: Seniors and Cohort Year. She stated that in the Class of 2006, 94% of students graduated, 87% with Regents diplomas. She showed how that was a marked increase from the Class of 2003. Mrs. Cutting then compared that data to the cohort data. She explained that with the cohort only

those who complete high school in 4 years are included in the data. Five year graduates and GED students negatively impact the numbers. Dr. Spring stated that when the state education department raised the standards for students to graduate, it was implied that it was expected and acceptable that it may take some students longer than the typical four years. However, it now seems as if districts are penalized if students don't graduate in the typical four-year timeframe. Mrs. del Prado and several Board members expressed frustration with the mixed message and felt that it may be necessary to lobby for them to be fair in how they measure success. Mrs. Cutting said that Dr. Spring had generated a list of questions that were presented at a Suburban Council Superintendents' meeting, and those questions are going to be presented to the Commissioner. Mrs. del Prado felt that Mohonasen was doing its best for all students, no matter how they skew the data.

Board of Education

Mrs. del Prado distributed informational materials to Board members. She expressed thanks to staff and community members for all their work with the Academic Fun Fair and chicken barbecue held over the weekend. She also thanked administrators, staff and the budget review committee for the effort and hard work they put into preparing the budget. She stated she was proud of all the candidates running for the Board seats and said it was fabulous that they are all so enthusiastic. Mrs. del Prado also reminded everyone of a number of upcoming calendar events.

Student Representatives

Miss Claudia DeMartino and Miss Jacqueline Nanci reminded everyone of the upcoming Senior Citizen Prom, the Junior Prom, and the Senior Ball. Claudia mentioned that the middle school and high school music students who went to NYSSMA this past weekend did very well. Jacqueline spoke about the mock DWI crash held on May 2nd and the impact it had on everyone. They also mentioned that despite the recent news reports regarding bullying in the high school, most students were unaware of the incident and felt that the TV station was trying to make the high school look bad. Claudia and Jacki stated that candidates for next year's student representatives will be at the June Board meeting.

Mrs. del Prado thanked Claudia and Jacki and commended them on the great job they have done this year.

Public Privilege of the Floor

Ms. Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal, explained that there will be a very special event taking place at the middle school. The middle school band has commissioned a composer who is debuting the premiere of the composition, "Mountains of Mohon", which will be showcased at 1:00PM on Wednesday, May 9th.

New Business**Request for Approval and Arrangement of Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements**

MOTION made by Mr. Fregoe, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve and arrange for the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Education on March 26, 28, 29; April 2 and 3, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval for National Honor Society Field Trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty on May 21, 2007

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the request for the National Honor Society to participate in a field trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty on Monday, May 21, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval for History Club Trip to Italy, February 13-23, 2008

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the request for Mohonasen's History Club to participate in a trip to Italy from February 13-23, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval for Proposed Trip to France and Spain for Foreign Language Students, June 30-July 10, 2008

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Fregoe, that the Board of Education approve the request for foreign language students to participate in a trip to France and Spain, June 30-July 10, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Team 8-2 Field Trip to Boston, Massachusetts

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the request for Grade 8 Team 8-2 to participate in a field trip to Boston, Massachusetts on June 14, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Lease Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Schenectady

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve a contract with the Boys and Girls Club of Schenectady for use of four buses at a reimbursement amount of \$12,000 for the period of June 25, 2007 through August 10, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Transportation Lease Agreement with Capital Region BOCES

MOTION made by Mr. Fregoe, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve a transportation lease agreement with Capital Region BOCES for the summer of 2007. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval to Appoint Permanent Chairman, Assistant Clerks and Voting Machine Inspectors

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education appoint the following individuals to assist in the implementation of the voting on May 15, 2007:

Permanent Chairman: David McNamara 109 Polsin Drive

Assistant Clerks and Inspectors:

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| Stephen Corina | Roselyn Lohner |
| Ralph Salerno | Martha Longo |
| Susan Baker | Tory Longo |
| Mary Barrie | Jean Manocchi |
| Kristin Carter | Esther Muscanell |
| Rita Colleton | Adrienne O’Hare |
| Gladys Craven | Celestina Pugliano |
| Kathy DeSousa | Helen Pugliese |
| Demetria Enright | Patricia Pugliese |
| Justine Guldenzopf | Rosie Semerad |
| Jean Grupe | Dianne Shiely |
| Sandra Hartman | John Shiely |
| Cheryl Hitchcock | Ruth Townsend |
| Judy Kazakavich | Tina Corradi |

The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with North Colonie Central School District

MOTION made by Mr. Fregoe, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the North Colonie Central School District in the total amount of \$1,951.20 for the 2006-2007 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of 2007-2008 School Year Calendar

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the attached 2007-2008 School Year Calendar. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Contract with NYSDOT for Maintenance and Operation of Traffic Control Signals at Route 7 and Warrior Path

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the contract with New York State Department of Transportation – Region One for the maintenance and operation of traffic control signals and/or flashing signals used to regulate traffic at the Route 7 (Curry Road) and Warrior Path intersection with an annual maintenance fee of \$1,251.62. The motion was passed, 6 yes votes with one absention by Mr. Fregoe.

Request for Acceptance of Donation of \$111.60 to the Elementary Music Program

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education accept a check in the amount of \$111.60 for the purpose of replacing rosewood bars for a Studio Alto

xylophone used in the Bradt music program. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mr. Fregoe, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes and 2) Personnel. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on April 16, 2007.

Personnel

Approved the following personnel recommendations:

Tenure Appointments

Erica Lanoue

Tenure Area: Special Education

Effective Date: September 1, 2007

Lynne Macko

Tenure Area: Foreign Language 7-12

Effective Date: September 1, 2007

George Moglia

Tenure Area: Technology Education

Effective Date: September 1, 2007

Appointments

Sharon Sicilia

Appointment: Substitute Hall Monitor

Salary: \$10.80/hr

Effective: May 8, 2007

Sharon Sicilia

Appointment: Substitute Teacher Aide

Salary: \$7.80/hr

Effective: May 8, 2007

Vincent Plano

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner

Salary: \$8.15/hr.

Effective: May 8, 2007

Sandra Giovannone

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$7.90/hr.
Effective: April 30, 2007

Lan Cohn

Assignment: Lifeguard
Salary: \$7.25/hr.
Effective: May 7, 2007

Josh Mannarino

Assignment: Lifeguard
Salary: \$7.25/hr.
Effective: May 7, 2007

Wendy Endres

Assignment: Food Service Helper
Salary: Salary Step 1
Effective: May 7, 2007

Joseph Fain

Assignment: 19-A Trainer/Record Keeper
Stipend: \$20.00/hr/ not to exceed 100 hrs. (*amended from 4/16/07 agenda*)
Effective: February 27, 2007

Salvatore Benedetto

Assignment: Bus Aide
Salary: Step 1, prorated
Effective: April 25, 2007 (*amended from 4/16/07 agenda*)

Jennifer West

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Salary: Step 1, prorated
Effective: April 16, 2007 (*amended from 4/16/07 agenda*)

Matthew Sitors

Assignment: Volunteer Coach – Freshman Baseball
Effective Date: May 8, 2007

Coaching Appointments 2006-2007

Duane Wood – Varsity Girls Soccer Step 7 + \$533 (*amended from the 5/8/06 Board agenda*)

Resignations

Amber Burks

Assignment: Foreign Language
Effective Date: June 30, 2007

Jean Bonolo

Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper
Effective: Close of business April 11, 2007

Raymond Watrous

Assignment: Cleaner
Effective: Close of business May 4, 2007

Leaves of Absence

Priscilla Perry

Assignment: Social Studies Teacher
Effective Date: May 29, 2007 – June 22, 2007
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Jennifer Montrym

Assignment: Social Studies Teacher
Effective Date: June 11, 2007 – June 22, 2007
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearances

Laura Alois
Stephanie Ames
Kathryn Ash
Joanne Baldasare
Candice Bartman
Gregory Brockway
Jennifer Carignan
Melissa Henning
Christina Latter
Heidi Lazare
Chanel Lomax
Kyle McCormick
Patricia McCarthy
Christine Nelson
Vincent Padula
Kimberly Presher
Michael Rzepka
Linda Schwan
Krista Stannard
Steinbeiser, Michelle
Michael Sullivan
Tacelli Zachary
Tibbetts, Sarah

Turnbell, Pamela

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Patricia Audi
Colleen Belcher
Rachel Bellizi
Victoria Berger
Michael Burgio
James Califano
Brian Carey
Jennifer Carey
Brooke Clover
Katherine Culbert
Nathan Cuomo
Dorothy Daly
Kelly Debes
Alissa DeBie
Zane DeJoseph
Michael Demos
James Desira
Michael Diago
Kathryn Dieckmann
Audrey Dorante
Jennifer Drohan
Celia Ganey
Bryan Gaudio
Nancy Griffeth
Lindsey Guilz
Jeffrey E. Hayes
Thomas Howley
Christine Huestis
Jessica Humes
Jennifer Jewett
Traci Johnson
Maria Lorello
Marguerite MacDougall
Thomas Martin
Virginia McCarthy
Misha Mugits
Lisa Murray
Jessica Onyon
Kristen Pattamana
Gina Pereira
Lindsey Phelps
Robert Piel
Timothy Prall

Laura Risley
Tina Rodriguez
Michael Rufo
Sarah Rust
Matthew Rybaltowski
William Sheehan
Laura Slagen
Elisabeth Spoehr
Christopher Storace
Laurel Straight
Elizabeth Strelchun
Carmela Tiscione
Jacqueline Verruso
Andalle Visvanadan
Kristen Williams
Kelly Wirth
Jessica Zima

Mrs. del Prado congratulated Erica Lanoue, George Moglia and Lynne Macko on their tenure recommendations. She also thanked Ms. Erin McNulty and Capital Region BOCES for the wonderful job done on the budget newsletter.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that an executive session be convened at 7:47 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the executive session be adjourned at 10:50 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Fregoe, seconded by Mrs Adamec, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:52 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk