

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, June 4, Mohonasen High School*

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. del Prado, at 7:03 PM.

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

Present:

Julie Adamec, Member
Nancy del Prado, President
Daniel Fregoe, Member
Eileen French, Member
Joseph Salamone, Member
Gary Spadaro, Member

Kathleen A. Spring, Ph.D., Superintendent
Denise A. Swezey, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Lisa Cutting, Dir. of Curriculum and Instruction
Lin Severance, Ph.D., Director of PPS
Patrick McGrath, Mohonasen High School Principal
David Collins, Assistant HS Principal
Makensie Bullinger, Assistant HS Principal
Debra Male, Draper Middle School 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.
Tracie Roberts, District Treasurer
2 Faculty Members
6 District Residents

Absent:

Charles Macejka, Member

Superintendent

Dr. Kathleen Spring stated that this evening there would be brief presentations on transitions and textbook proposals. She mentioned that the Commissioner of Education released report card data, and she was happy to report that 3rd grade and 8th grade scores went up 13-15%. The district was also notified by the State Education Department that our middle school was designated as a “high performing, gap-closing school”. She said that the district still has a long way to go but is moving in the right direction.

Transition Presentations

Mrs. Cutting stated that the district has focused on transition points to help students get off to a good start. She said this evening will focus on transitions in the K-8 grade levels. Mrs. Cutting then turned the meeting over to Mrs. McIver.

Mrs. McIver spoke briefly about several initiatives that ease a child’s transition into kindergarten, some of which include handing out kindergarten “tool kits” at registration, parent

orientation meetings, pre-school story hours, student tours in June, and offering summer AIS for incoming kindergarten students. The kindergarten orientation, which was previously held over the summer, is now held the first day of school, which seems to ease anxiety of both parents and students. Mrs. McIver also spoke briefly about the transition from 2nd grade to 3rd grade. She explained that 2nd graders are “buddied up” with 3rd graders in January and are paired with a pen pal to help ease the transition. Other initiatives include parent orientation meetings, student tours, summer “drop in” dates and summer AIS for incoming third graders.

Mrs. Cutting asked Mrs. Male and Mrs. Soltis to discuss transition at the 5th to 6th grade level.

Mrs. Male stated that one of the factors that proved difficult for many students transitioning from 5th grade to the middle school has been the transition from a one-teacher classroom to having 5 different teachers. Mrs. Soltis explained that previously the sixth grade had two 5-teacher teams and one 2-teacher team. The sixth grade will now be made up of four teams of 3 teachers each. Mrs. Male and Mrs. Soltis explained the advantages of smaller teams and mentioned many initiatives that are planned for students to help smooth the transition between buildings including, 5th Grade Teen Town, Parent Orientation, building tours, summer social for incoming 6th graders and “lock practice” for students prior to the first day of school.

Textbook Presentation

Mrs. Latefa Lang presented information about the proposed textbook, Marketing, 2nd Edition, which will be presented to the Board for approval on June 18th, 2007.

Mr. Macejka arrived at 7:40PM.

Dr. Spring explained that the Grade 6 Math Textbook proposal would be moved to the June 18th Board meeting.

Board of Education

Mrs. del Prado shared informational materials and mentioned a number of upcoming calendar events.

New Business

Request for Approval and Arrangement for the Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements and Committee on Pre-School Special Education

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education table this item for further discussion in executive session. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Release and Permission to Enter Agreement with the County of Schenectady for the Installation of Sidewalks on Town and School District Property

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the Release and Permission to Enter Agreement with the County of Schenectady for the

Installation of Sidewalks on Town and School District Property. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval of Budget Re-appropriation – Mohon Masque

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education amend the 2006-2007 budget as follows:

Increase A510	Estimated Revenue	\$22,039.31
Increase A2770.4	Unclassified Receipts	\$22,039.31
Increase A960	Appropriations	\$22,039.31
Increase A2110.409	Drama-Professional Services	\$ 8,310.00
Increase A2110.459	Drama Expenditures	\$10,429.31
Increase A2110.159	Salaries/Instruct. Drama	\$ 2,550.00
Increase A2110.169	Non-Instructional Salaries Drama	\$ 750.00

The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Acceptance of Donation – Girl Scout Troop #422 – 2 Picnic Tables for Pinewood Elementary School

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Fregoe, that the Board of Education approve the donation of two (2) picnic tables for Pinewood Elementary School from Erin Piseczny and Patricia O’Brien, Girl Scouts from Troop #422. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval of Budget Re-appropriation – Distance Learning

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education amend the 2006-2007 budget as follows:

Increase A510	Estimated Revenue	\$25,340.00
Increase A2770	Unclassified Revenue	\$25,340.00
Increase A960	Appropriations	\$25,340.00
Increase A2110.490 0-0	BOCES-Occ.Ed.-Teaching Regular School	\$25,340.00

The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Salamone, 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 meeting held on May 21, 2007.

Personnel

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

Retirements

Russell R. Brown

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of Business June 30, 2007

Tenure Appointments

Susan Yates

Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Effective Date: January 29, 2007

Appointments

Michele L. Hunter

Appointment: Probationary
Assignment: Elementary Principal (12 months)
Date of Commencement: July 1, 2007
Expiration Date: June 30, 2010
Certification Status: School District Administrator, Pending;
 School Administrator/Supervisor, Provisional;
 PreK,K,Gr.1-6, Permanent
Salary: \$72,000

Lauri Phillips

Appointment: Reading Teacher
Tenure Area: Reading
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2007
Expiration Date: June 30, 2009
Certification Status: PreK,K,Gr.1-6, Permanent; Reading, Permanent
Step/Salary: Step 8

Cheryl Wintle

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Salary: Step 3
Effective: May 31, 2007

Barbara Bora

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper - Cafeteria Aide
Salary: \$7.90/hr.
Effective: June 5, 2007

Maria Britti

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper - Cafeteria Aide
Salary: \$7.90/hr.
Effective: April 26, 2007

Rebekah Valachovic

Assignment: Food Service Leader – Mohonasen High School Kitchen
Salary: Per MSSA Contract
Effective: September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Marion Lotano

Assignment: Food Service Leader – Draper Middle School Cafeteria
Salary: Per MSSA Contract
Effective: September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Arlene Brown

Assignment: Food Service Leader – Bradt Elementary School Cafeteria
Salary: Per MSSA Contract
Effective: September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Mary Hartman

Assignment: Food Service Leader – Pinewood Elementary School Cafeteria
Salary: Per MSSA Contract
Effective: September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Joseph Goodrow

Assignment: Custodial Leader
Salary: Per MSSA Contract
Effective: September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Todd Shafer

Assignment: Custodial Leader
Salary: Per MSSA Contract
Effective: September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Kenneth Mead

Assignment: Custodial Leader
Salary: Per MSSA Contract
Effective: September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Michael Capullo

Assignment: Custodial Leader
Salary: Per MSSA Contract
Effective: September 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

Summer School 2007 – Draper Middle School (July 11 – August 17, 2007)

Name	Assignment	Step	Session	Number of Days
Raymond Kearney	Grade 8	Step 3	1	14
Douglas Hallberg	Grade 7	Step 1	1	14
Linda Harrison	Grade 8	Step 3	1	14
Joshua Whipple	Grade 7	Step 3	1	14

Name	Assignment	Step	Session	Number of Days
Donald Dieckmann	Fast Track	Step 3	1	28
Matthew Rider	Grade 7	Step 2	1	14
Christopher Diedrich	Grade 8	Step 3	1	14
Maryann Cornaire	Math	Step 1	1	14
Sara Bach	Grade 8	Step 2	1	14
Rebecca Kirschman	Grade 6	Step 3	1	14
Kimberly Brassard	Grade 6	Step 3	1	17
Kevin Cummings	Math	Step 3	1	14
Melissa Goncerz	Health	Step 1	1	28
Maureen Geagan	Foreign Language	Step 3	1	14
Mark DiCocco	Grade 8	Step 1	1	14
Karen Squires	Math	Step 2	1	14
Lisa McKenna	Math	Step 1	1	14
Jennifer Palleschi	Grade 6	Step 3	1	14
Christina Patterson	Special Education	Step 1	1	14
Lauren DeFilippo	Grade 7	Step 3	1	14
Rachel Geracitano	Grade 7	Step 1	1	14
Jennifer Fahsel	Special Education	Step 1	1	14
Lori Marshall	Special Education	Step 2	1	14
Laura Gallelli	Grade 6	Step 1	1	11
Kristin Tiano	Grade 5	Step 1	1	14

Substitutes –Summer 2007

Jamie Murray
 Esther Vrooman
 Jennifer Cristaldi
 Jennifer Fritz

Summer School – 2007 – Special Education (July 2 – August 10, 2007, 5 ½ hrs/day)

Medalyn Gonzales

Assignment: Teacher Aide – Primary Intervention
Step/Salary Step 2

Michelle Schwartz

Assignment: Teacher Aide – Primary Intervention
Step/Salary Step 1

Summer School – 2007 – Special Education (July 2 – August 10, 2007, 5 ½ hrs/day)

Name	Assignment	Step
Debbie Brown	Teacher – Language Concepts	Step 6
Kathleen Sansone	Teacher – Primary Intervention	Step 6
Kasey Hazard	Teacher – Primary Intervention	Step 2
Adelia Hilko	Teacher Aide - Primary Intervention	Step 2
Amanda Seguin	Teacher Aide - Primary Intervention	Step 1
Kathy Holoboski	Teacher Aide - Primary Intervention	Step 2
Bonnie Myers	Teacher Aide - Primary Intervention	Step 3
Patricia Dergosits	Teacher Aide - Primary Intervention	Step 3
Kathleen Pasquini	Teacher Aide – Primary Intervention	Step 1
Marian Dawson	Teacher Aide - Language Concepts	Step 2
Sabrina DePaolo	Teacher Aide - Primary Intervention	Step 1
Paula Moreash	Teacher Aide - Primary Intervention (.5)	Step 1
Robin Carlton	Teacher Aide - Primary Intervention (.5)	Step 1
Laura Zuk	Teacher Aide - Language Concepts (.5)	Step 1
Deborah Smith	Teacher Aide - Language Concepts (.5)	Step 1
Kerry Hazard	Teacher Aide - Primary Intervention (.5)	Step 2
Kelly Barnes	Teacher Aide - Primary Intervention (.5)	Step 3

Teacher Aide Substitutes – Summer School – Special Education (July 2 – August 10, 2007)

Lisa Dergosits
 Billie Bisailon
 Marge Abdella
 Phyllis DelVecchio
 Jo-An Berning

Summer School 2007 – High School

Name	Assignment	Step
Nora Sabatini	Teacher Aide - Distance Learning	Step 5

2007 AIS Summer School – Session 1 - Bradt School (July 2 – July 20, 2007, 3 hrs/day)

Melissa Goard Step 3
 Laura Eggleston Step 1
 Lauren O'Brien-Neale Step 1

2007 AIS Summer School – Session 2 - Bradt School (July 23 – August 10, 2007, 3 hrs/day)

Melissa Goard Step 3
 Lynette Griesemer Step 1
 Anna Dagostino Step 1

Fall 2007 Coaching Appointments

Position	Coach	Step/Salary
JV Football Assistant	Michael Sontz	Step 7

Intramurals – Middle School

Nikki Schaap 1.5 Section @ \$686 per section

Extramurals

Nikki Schaap Track & Field (\$518)

Nikki Schaap Volleyball (\$518)

Resignations

Leslie Yolen

Assignment: Art Teacher

Effective Date: Close of Business, June 22, 2007

Kim Ferris

Assignment: Summer School/Special Education

Effective Date: July 11, 2007

Joseph Whipple, Sr.

Assignment: School Monitor

Effective Date: Close of Business, June 1, 2007

Ashley Vermette

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper

Effective: Close of Business, June 30, 2007

Kerry Wintsch

Assignment: Aquatics Supervisor

Effective: Close of Business, June 30, 2007

Billie Bisailon

Assignment: P/T Teacher Assistant

Effective: Close of Business, June 21, 2007

Joseph Hilts

Assignment: Transportation Supervisor

Effective: May 31, 2007

Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearances

Kimberly Bisner

Laura Edick

Marc Geer

Casey Golden

Sara Lestage

Kerilee Powers

Mark Sudano

Kelly Torres

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Colleen Belcher

Rachel Bellizi

Victoria Berger

Samantha Bianchi

Michael Burgio

James Califano

Brian Carey

Jennifer Carey

Sheldon Carnes, Jr.

Caitlin Cuda

Katherine Culbert

Nathan Cuomo

Kelly Debes

Alissa DeBie

Zane DeJoseph

Michael Demos

James Desira

Michael Diago

Kathryn Dieckmann

Audrey Dorante

Jennifer Drohan

Helene Dworak

Amy Esposito

Erika Falle

Ann Farrell

Kristin Farrell

Stephanie Foreman

Bryan Gaudio

Mark Giordano

Stephanie Gotham

Nancy Griffeth

Lindsey Guilz

Rochelle Guiry

Puja Gupta

William Haight

Rachael Haines

Christina Hardy

Darren Hart

Jeffrey E. Hayes

Keriann Houle

Thomas Howley

Christine Huestis

Jessica Humes

Nicole Kellogg
Joshua Key
Irina Kushnir
Alisa Labunski
Karen Lare
Kara Linn
Michelle Longo
Maria Lorello
Paul Lupi
Marguerite MacDougall
Alexis Marek
Thomas Martin
Virginia McCarthy
Tristina McDonald
Kaitlin McGann
Jenny McShan
Michael Merlini
Misha Mugits
Lisa Murray
Jessica Onyon
Emily Osterhout
Kristen Pattamana
Kathryn Petersen
Lindsey Phelps
Shannon Pinkowski
Timothy Prall
Rebecca Relyea
Laura Risley
Tina Rodriguez
Cynthia Romano
Michael Rufo
Sarah Rust
Matthew Rybaltowski
William Sheehan
Amy Sherman
Laura Slagen
Elisabeth Spoehr
Christopher Storace
Laurel Straight
Elizabeth Strelchun
Tricia Switzer
Carmela Tiscione
Jacqueline Verruso
Joshua Walas
Brandie Welsh
Amber Whalen

Melinda Whisenhunt
Jillian White
Ashleey Williams
Kristen Williams
Kelly Wirth
Ann Wolf
Jessica Zima
Caitlin Ziobrowski

Conditional Clearance

Dorothy Daly
Andalle Visvanadan

Mrs. del Prado congratulated Mr. Russell Brown on his upcoming retirement and Ms. Susan Yates on her tenure recommendation. Mrs. del Prado introduced and congratulated Ms. Michele Hunter, newly appointed elementary principal, and recognized Ms. Lauri Phillips who is moving to a new position at the middle school.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. French, that an executive session be convened at 7:48 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the executive session be adjourned at 11:33 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Discussion was held regarding approval and arrangements of Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements.

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve and arrange for the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Education for meetings held on April 18, 19, 20, 24, 25 and May 21, 2007. The motion was passed by a vote of five in favor, two opposed, Mrs. del Prado and Mr. Salamone voting no.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 11:35 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk