

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education Monday, August 21, 2006, Mohonasen High School

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. del Prado, at 6:17 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
Charles Macejka, Member
Joseph Salamone, Vice President
Gary Spadaro, Member

Kathleen A. Spring, Ph.D., Superintendent
Lisa Cutting, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Denise Swezey, Assistant Supt. for Business
Karla Empie, Administrator for Special Ed. &
Alternative Programs
Patrick McGrath, Mohonasen HS Principal
Debra Male, Draper MS Principal
Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal
4 New Staff Members
2 District Residents
1 Media Representative

Superintendent

Dr. Spring spoke about the Board of Education/Administrative Workshop held on August 14, 2006. The main focus of the workshop was to brainstorm district goals. The Board and administration plan to meet prior to the September 11th board meeting to finalize the goals.

Dr. Spring reminded the Board that the Administrative Retreat is Thursday and Friday, August 24th and 25th. New Teacher Orientation is tomorrow, August 22nd and Wednesday, August 23rd.

Construction Update

Mrs. Swezey said that she has been assured that despite the present appearance, facilities will be ready in time for the start of school. The sign at the entrance to the campus will be installed by the 28th and other signs will follow. Other projects around the district are progressing as scheduled. However, lockers for the high school will not be in until the first of October.

Mrs. del Prado added that the district custodial staff always have the schools gleaming by opening day.

Tax Rate

Tax rates for the new school year have changed a bit from what was estimated at budget time. Each year the equalization rates and assessments for each town change which determines the amount and percent of the levy each town is assessed. This year it translates to a 6.07% increase for the town of Rotterdam, 9.72% increase for Guilderland and 8.66% increase for the town of Colonie.

Board of Education

Discussion was held regarding the NYSSBA newsletters and E-clips for Board Members.

Request for Approval for Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving Team to Travel to Owego Free Academy, Owego, NY on September 15-16, 2006.

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving Team to travel to Owego Free Academy to participate in the Owego Invitational on September 15-16, 2006 in Owego, New York. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Contract with Wildwood School for Summer 2006

MOTION made by Mr. Fregoe, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Wildwood School for five resident handicapped students at the interim rate of \$6,269 each for the summer session, with the amount being adjusted for any differences when the State Education Department calculates the actual summer 2006 tuition rate. The motion was passed, 6 yes votes and one abstention by Mrs. French.

Request for Approval of 2006-2007 Tax Rate and Tax Warrant

MOTION made by Mr. Fregoe, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the following school tax rates and resultant school tax warrants in conjunction with the school tax levy for 2006-2007.

	<u>Tax Rate per Thousand</u>	<u>Tax Levy/Warrant Amount</u>
Rotterdam	\$538.0556	\$18,057,732.24
Guilderland	\$ 18.8690	\$ 1,029,683.25
Colonie	\$ 23.8364	\$ 885,255.51

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

Request for Approval of Budget Re-Appropriation – Year End Reporting of Reserve Expenditures

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, to approve the following 2005-2006 budget re-appropriation for year-end reporting of reserve expenditures:

A599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$172,454.46
A960	Appropriations	\$172,454.46
A9060.800 0-0	Health Insurance – Employee Benefits	\$105,489.41
A1964.400 0-0	Other Exp. – Refund of Real Property Tax	\$ 51,083.80
A9089.801 0-0	Other Post Employee Benefits – TSA	\$ 15,881.25

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

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mr. Fregoe, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes, 2) Financial Reports, 3) Bids/Change Orders, and 4) Personnel Recommendations. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meetings held on August 7 and 14, 2006.

Financial Reports

APPROVED Budget Status Report for month of July.
APPROVED Revenue Status Report for month of June.
APPROVED Budget Transfer Reports for month of July.
APPROVED the payment and presentation of claims as submitted on Warrants #1P and 2.
General Fund \$170,243.80
School Lunch Fund
Federal Fund \$ 48,533.44
Capital Fund \$ 34,829.89
TOTALS \$253,607.13

Bids/Change Orders

APPROVED award of the 2006-07 revised Co-Operative Bid for Pool Chemicals to: Slack Chemical, 465 South Clinton Street, Carthage, NY 13619-0030 for the amount of \$2,245.94 for 7/1/06 – 7/30/07.

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following personnel recommendations:

A. Appointments

Thomas P. McDonald

Appointment: Probationary
Assignment: Secondary Assistant Principal
Date of Commencement: August 1, 2006 – August 15, 2006 (.5) *amended from 7/12/06 agenda*
August 16, 2006 (1.0)
Expiration Date: July 31, 2009
Certification Status: School Administrator/Supervisor, Provisional
Salary: \$67,000 (pro-rated)

Leslie Griest Yolen

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Art
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2006
Expiration Date: August 31, 2008
Certification Status: Art, Permanent
Salary: Step 6 plus graduate credits

Joanna H. Karatzou

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Science 7-12
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2006
Expiration Date: August 31, 2009
Certification Status: Chemistry 7-12, Provisional;
Special Education, Permanent
Salary: Step 4 plus graduate credits

Renee Lizotte

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Music
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2006
Expiration Date: August 31, 2009
Certification Status: Music, Initial Pending
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Ellen Sherman

Assignment: Part-Time
Appointment: School Counselor (.5)
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2006
Expiration Date: June 30, 2007
Certification Status: School Counselor, Permanent
Salary: Step 7 plus graduate credits

Amanda Seguin

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2006
Expiration Date: December 8, 2006
Certification Status: PreK, K, Grades 1-6, Provisional
Reading, Provisional
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Billie Jo McCann

Appointment: Long Term Substitute
Assignment: Occupational Therapist
Date of Commencement: September 11, 2006
Expiration Date: March 30, 2007
Certification Status: Registered/Licensed Occupational Therapist
Step: Step 4 plus graduate credits

Melyssa Neuhaus

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: English
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2004
Expiration Date: August 31, 2007 (*amended from 4/26/04 agenda*)

Sandra Demarest

Assignment: Teacher Aide – 3 Hours
Effective Date: September 1, 2006
Step/Salary: Step 1

Christine Wilkins

Assignment: Teacher Aide – 6 Hours
Effective Date: September 1, 2006
Step/Salary: Step 5

Kelley Barnes

Assignment: Teacher Aide - 6 Hours
Effective Date: September 1, 2006
Step/Salary: Step 1

Brenda DiNicola

Assignment: Teacher Aide – 6 Hours
Effective Date: September 1, 2006
Step/Salary: Step 1

Maggie Pomeroy

Assignment: Account Clerk/Typist
Salary: Step 3, prorated
Effective: August 22, 2006, subject to 26 weeks probation

Edward J. Keith

Assignment: Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds
Salary: \$60,000 per year, prorated
Effective: August 22, 2006, subject to 26 weeks probation

Roger Hayes

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner
Salary: \$8.15/hr.
Effective: August 28, 2006

Irene Lotey

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$7.90/hr.
Effective: September 1, 2006

Ann-Marie Frisone

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$7.90/hr.
Effective: September 1, 2006

Sarah Amedore

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$7.90/hr.
Effective: September 1, 2006

Cheryl Prosser

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$7.90/hr.
Effective: September 1, 2006

Laurie Howard

Assignment: Substitute Monitor
Salary: \$10.80/Hour
Effective Date: September 1, 2006

Robert Wehmeyer

Assignment: Volunteer Coach – Soccer
Effective Date: August 22, 2006

Diane Gregory

Assignment: Health Office Assistant
Salary: Step 1
Effective Date: September 1, 2006

Jean Bonolo

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$7.90/hr.
Effective: September 1, 2006

Gina Kownack

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$7.90/hr.
Effective: September 1, 2006

Change of Employment Status

Kimberly Corbitt

Previous Assignment: Part-Time Teacher Assistant
Current Assignment: Teacher Aide – 6 Hours
Salary/Step: Step 3
Effective Date: September 1, 2006

Robby Buckmire

Previous Assignment: Part-Time Teacher Assistant
Current Assignment: Teacher Aide – 6 Hours
Salary/Step: Step 2
Effective Date: September 1, 2006

Lori Cannon

Previous Assignment: Part-Time Teacher Assistant
Current Assignment: Teacher Aide – 6 Hours
Salary/Step: Step 5
Effective Date: September 1, 2006

Christine Myers

Assignment: Cleaner
Effective: Close of business July 27, 2006

Michelle Golden

Assignment: Typist
Effective: Close of business August 29, 2006

C. Abolishment of Position

Patricia Reger

Assignment: Teacher Assistant
Effective Date: September 1, 2006

D. Unpaid Leave of Absence

Faith Giordano

Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Effective Dates: October 18, 2006 – December 8, 2006
Reason: Family Medical Leave

E. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearance

Meghan Dougherty

Jeffrey Hayes

Justin McDonald

Mary Schreck

Allison Stitzinger

Jillian Van Allen

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Andrew Amodeo

Rachel Bellizzi

Victoria Berger

Gregory Bishop

Jessica Blanck

Glenn Broadbent

Michael Carney

Gary Cosenza

Darryl Daily

Robert Duell

Jessica Dunn

Erika Eisenhut

Karen Eson

Marilyn Etkin

Dorothy Fibiger

Matthew Fiedler

Michael Fiske

Susan Goepf

Melissa Golden

Jessica Guild

Marlena Jackson

Lauren Jacon
Adeline Jebaraj
Sylvia Kutchkian
Tara Malizia
Michael Marimpietri
Sarah Martin
Rochelle Minahan
Brendan Mullins
Casey O'Connor
Timothy Prall
Barbara Rigaud
Sarah Rust
Jessica Saulpaugh
Caitlin Schiesswohl
Patrick Sheehan
William Sheehan
Kathryn Sokaris
Elizabeth Strelchun
Stephen Sunega
Elizabeth Suter
Michelle Torre
Matthew Widmann
Kelly Wirth

Conditional Clearance

Claudia Cavaleri, 46 Joelson Ct., Albany, NY 12209

Mrs. del Prado welcomed the following new staff members: Ms. Leslie Yolen, Art teacher; Ms. Joanna Karatzou, Science Teacher; Ms. Renee Lizotte, Music Teacher, and Ms. Ellen Sherman .5 School Counselor. She also introduced Mr. Edward Keith, the new Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Fregoe, that an executive session be convened at 6:41 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:43 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:45 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise Swezey, District Clerk