

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, January 7, 2008, Mohonasen High School*

Present:

Kathleen Spring, Superintendent
Michael Johnson, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Denise Swezey, Asst. Supt. for Business
Julie Adamec, Member
Dominic Cafarelli, Member
Nancy del Prado, Member
Eileen French, President
Charles Macejka, Member
Joseph Salamone, Member

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that an executive session be convened at 6:05 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Mr. Spadaro arrived at 6:20 PM.

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:00 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

The business meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:05 PM.

Mrs. French 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
Dominic Cafarelli, Member	Denise A. Swezey, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Nancy del Prado, Member	Michael Johnson, Ed.D. Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Eileen French, President	Lin Severance, Ph.D., Dir. for Student & Personnel Services
Charles Macejka, Member	David Collins, Assistant HS Principal
Joseph Salamone, Member	Makensie Bullinger, Assistant HS Principal
Gary Spadaro, Member	Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal
	Rosemary Soltis, Assistant MS Principal
	Michele Hunter, Pinewood School Principal
	Deborah Kavanaugh, Pinewood Assistant Principal
	Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal

Heidi Bromley Administrator for Mathematics K-12
Arlene DeSiena, Administrator for Literacy K-6
Karla Empie, Director of Special & Alternative Programs
Gerald Garing, Academic Administrator for Science K-12
Chris Ruberti, Academic Administrator for Counseling K-12
Joe Scalise, Director of PE, Health & Athletics
Ed Keith, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds
2 Student Representatives
7 District Residents

Superintendent

Dr. Kathleen Spring stated that there were no instructional presentations scheduled for this evening. She mentioned that the Budget Review Committee would begin meeting next Monday, January 14th and that the district is still looking for volunteers to serve on that committee. Dr. Spring also mentioned that the district is looking into a long-range facilities plan for another referendum scheduled for sometime later this year in order to take advantage of the 95% state aid.

Board of Education

Mrs. Eileen French distributed informational materials to the Board. She stated that Community Day is set for May 17th and that the Community Day Committee is looking for volunteers. Mrs. French also read upcoming calendar events.

Student Representatives

Miss Skylar Aviza and Mr. Matthew Farrell commented that the students enjoyed several festivities before Christmas break which included Christmas carols between classes and homeroom games. The senior class is looking forward to the Talent Show, which is scheduled for February 15th. They are also planning on meeting with the high school principal regarding an open campus policy.

Public Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Craig Radliff of Stacey Crest Drive stated that the Mohonasen Foundation for Excellence is sponsoring a fundraiser dinner and silent auction on Friday, November 7th at Mallozzi's. The cost is \$40 per person and they hope to have up to 300 people attending. He asked about the possibility of giving a brief tour of the high school from approximately 5:00-6:00PM prior to the dinner that evening. Mr. Radliff also mentioned that the Foundation is sponsoring a golf tournament which is scheduled for July 11th.

Mr. Karl Hernas, a member of the Rotterdam Elks, said he had not received confirmation on the use of school grounds for a car show scheduled for June. Dr. Spring said someone would get back to him tomorrow with an answer.

New Business

Request Approval for Boys Varsity Bowling Team to Travel to Poughkeepsie, NY for participation in a Bowling Tournament on January 19, 2008

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Boys' Varsity Bowling Team to travel to Poughkeepsie, New York to compete in the 4th Annual Ralph DeStefano Bowling Tournament on Saturday, January 19, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval to Award Contract for Bond Counsel Services

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education appoint the following attorney firm as bond counsel for the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District during January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010 for the \$21.8 million EXCEL referendum:

Orrick Herrington Sutcliffe
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10103-0001

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

Request Approval of MITEL Telephone Service Remote Monitoring and Support Plan Contract

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education authorize the MITEL support plan for the District's phone system effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 for an annual service fee of \$20,328.00. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Presentation on Building Conditions Relating to RESCUE Regulations

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education accept the Annual Visual Inspection and School Facility Report Card. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of First Reading of Board Policies

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the following policies:

Revised	#5312	Meeting Meals and Refreshments
Revised	#5313	Use of District Cellular Phones
NEW		On-Line Banking Services

That the Board of Education **rescinds** and **deletes** the following Board policies:

#5690	Crisis Management (<i>as this topic is covered in Policy #5681.1 on School Safety Plans</i>)
#7621	Student Emergency Treatment (<i>as this topic is covered in Policy #7620</i>)
#7622	Insurance (<i>as this topic is covered in Policy # 7620</i>)
#7751	Register of Children with Disabilities (<i>as this topic is covered in Policy # 7750</i>)
#8331	Textbooks for Resident Students Attending Private Schools (<i>as this topic is covered in Policy #8330</i>)

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

Consensus Agenda

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

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2007.

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Appointments

Danielle Spickerman

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Family & Consumer Science
Date of Commencement: October 17, 2007
Expiration Date: Close of business, June 26, 2008 (*amended from the 10/22/07 agenda*)
Certification Status: English Language Arts 7-12, Initial
Salary: Step 1

Kristen Lynch

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Reading Teacher
Date of Commencement: January 22, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, June 26, 2008
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. 1-6, Initial Pending; Students w/Disabilities 1-6, Initial Pending
Salary: Step 1

Gregory Van Gelder

Assignment: Substitute Monitor
Salary: \$11.25/hr.
Effective: December 18, 2007

Elisavet Guarneri

Assignment: Provisional 12-Month Typist (*amended from 12/17/07 agenda*)
Salary: Step 3 (*amended from the 12/17/07 agenda*)
Effective: December 27, 2007

Alma DiCocco

Assignment: Census Coordinator – 2007-2008
Salary: \$1500

Brian Peck

Assignment: Cleaner
Salary: Step 3
Effective: January 14, 2008

Daniel Lucca

Appointment: Per Diem (up to 2 days per week not to exceed 30 days)
Assignment: Mentor to Transportation Supervisor
Salary: \$300 per diem
Effective: January 1, 2008 – April 30, 2008

Name	Address	Assignment	Daily Rate	# of days
Cheryl Donato		Test Scoring	\$97/day	5
Robert Flynt		Test Scoring	\$97/day	5

Intramurals – High School

Nikki Steele

Change in Employment Status:

Katja Schmidt

Previous Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (3 hours)
Current Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)
Effective Date: January 7, 2008

B. Resignations

Regina Koster

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective: Close of business January 2, 2008

Nicole Judekis

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective: Close of business, December 14, 2007

C. Leaves of Absence

Debra LaRose

Assignment: Cleaner
Effective Dates: November 28, 2007 – February 15, 2008 (amended from the 12/3/07)

Reason: Family Medical Leave

D. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearances

Kathleen Andrzejczak
Ben Bruce
Sara Castiglia
William Casto
Linda DeMaria Rusnica
Alissa DiCocco
Carla Fisk
Adam Fusco
Kevin Hetzel
Geraldine Logrillo
Erin Murphy
Chris Reach

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Michelle Ardolino
Karin Baldauf
Danielle Beach
Lauren Beaver
James Bell
Rachel Bellizi
Samantha Bianchi
Trevor Black
Thomas Brahler
Matthew Bruce
Michael Burgio
James Califano
Paul Cardettino
Sheldon Carnes, Jr.
Kevin Clough
Amber Cost
Caitlin Cuda
Stephen Decker
Michael Demos
James Desira
Kathryn Dieckmann
Erik Dollman
Sarah Downs
Helene Dworak

Amy Esposito
Ann Farrell
Kristin Farrell
Pamela Finton
Stephanie Foreman
Stacy Frisoni
Mark Giordano
Stephanie Gotham
Rochelle Guiry
William Haight
Rachael Haines
Christina Hardy
Darren Hart
David Hayden
Stephen Hensel
Keriann Houle
Thomas Howley
Mark Iskhakov
Nicole Kellogg
Katharine Kelly
Joshua Key
Jenifer Kish
Daniel Klein
Irina Kushnir
Alisa Labunski
Bernadette Lachoff
Sharon Lair
Karen Lare
Kara Linn
Jodi Lowe
Paul Lupi
Kristen Lynch
Marguerite MacDougall
Janina Mango
Alexis Marek
Sean Martin
Thomas Martin
Lillian Martinez
Jennifer Martland
Irlene Mayo
Tristina McDonald
Kaitlin McGann
Jacqueline McGinn
David McLear

Shelia McPherson
Jenny McShan
Michael Merlini
Jennifer Mooney
Misha Mugits
Lisa Murray
Bonnie Ng
Allen Pailley
Kathryn Petersen
James Petty
Alexandria Piedmont
Jonathan Pietrafesa
Shannon Pinkowski
Timothy Prall
Darin Rafferty
Rebecca Relyea
Laura Robertaccio
Cynthia Romano
Elizabeth Romero
Michael Rosenthal
Sarah Rust
Christine Ryan
Jennifer Saddlemire
Kimberly Santiago
Shelley Sausville
Michelle Schoonmaker
Ross Schwartz
William Sheehan
Amy Sherman
Liesha Sherman
Danielle Sitser
Jessica Spero
Elizabeth Strelchun
Tricia Switzer
Jeff Tabbert
Kathleen Trainor
Marvin Veeder
Joshua Walas
Mary Ellen Walsh
Kathy Warlow
Jessica Waltzer
Michael Weinstein
Brandie Welsh
Amber Whalen

Melinda Whisenhunt
Jillian White
Blanche Willig
Ashleey Williams
Lea Williams
Michael Winterton
Kelly Wirth
Ann Wolf
Kathleen Wylie
Jonathan Yatrakis
Barbara Zechner
Caitlin Ziobrowski

Public Privilege of the Floor

Miss Allison Beerle of County Line Road thanked the Board for allowing her to attend Tech Valley High School and explained that her school day is structured entirely different from a typical high school day. Mrs. Rita Beerle thanked the Board for giving Allison this opportunity and also stated that this type of program does not work for all students. Mrs. French asked Allison a few questions regarding her program and thanked her for sharing that information with the Board.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that an executive session be convened at 7:25 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:45 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:46 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk