

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, February 11, 2008, Mohonasen High School*

*The Board meeting was preceded by a Budget Review Committee meeting from 5:30-7:00PM.*

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:04 PM.

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

***Present:***

Julie Adamec, Member  
Dominic Cafarelli, Member  
Nancy del Prado, Member  
Eileen French, President  
Charles Macejka, Member  
Joseph Salamone, Member  
Gary Spadaro, Member

Kathleen A. Spring, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Denise A. Swezey, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Michael Johnson, Ed.D. Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Inst.  
Lin Severance, Ph.D., Director for Student & Personnel Services  
Karla Empie, Director for Special & Alternative Education  
Joseph Scalise, Director of PE, Athletics and Health Education  
Patrick McGrath, Mohonasen High School Principal  
David Collins, Assistant HS Principal  
Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal  
Rosemary Soltis, Assistant MS Principal  
Michele Hunter, Pinewood School Principal  
Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal  
Arlene DeSiena, Administrator for Literacy K-6  
Heidi Bromley, Administrator for Math K-12  
Gerald Garing, Administrator for Science K-12  
Christopher Ruberti, Administrator for Counseling K-12  
Skylar Aviza, Student Representative  
Matthew Farrell, Student Representative  
4 Faculty Members  
3 District Residents

**Superintendent**

Dr. Kathleen Spring explained that with New York State's impending mandate to go to a full-day kindergarten, it made sense to evaluate what types of intervention programs the District has in place and what direction it needs to go in the future. She stated that Dr. Michael Johnson and members of the Early Intervention Committee would report on their findings.

Dr. Johnson shared copies of his PowerPoint presentation on the Early Intervention Committee Report and Current Research Regarding Early Intervention Services. He explained the make-up of the Early Intervention Committee and said that the committee used the research that they had collected and their knowledge to make educated short and long-term decisions on what should be done. Mrs. Arlene DeSiena, Mr. Christopher Ruberti, Mrs. Diane McIver and Mrs. Karla Empie explained recommendations made for programs in the district, which included lower class sizes, implementing full-day kindergarten, piloting a developmental kindergarten program, increasing elementary counselor services, and additional summer school interventions. A question and answer period for Board members followed the presentation.

### **Board of Education**

Mrs. Eileen French shared informational materials with members of the Board. She reminded everyone that tomorrow is CAPSBA's Legislative Breakfast and asked if anyone other than herself from the Board was attending. Mr. Salamone indicated that he would also be in attendance. Mrs. French read some upcoming calendar events.

Mr. Cafarelli stated that he had stopped in at the Family Valentine's Dance held at Bradt and Pinewood last Friday and that it looked like everyone was having a ball.

Mrs. del Prado updated members on the process of filling the BOCES district superintendent position. She said a couple of candidate's names have been submitted to the Commissioner and that they are in the process of waiting for those interviews to take place.

Mrs. French stated that the Board had a "Coffee and Conversation" session last Monday at Bradt and Pinewood. She thanked the staff and administration for making them feel so welcome.

### **Student Representatives**

Miss Skylar Aviza said that the senior class had hosted a Prom Fashion Show on January 31<sup>st</sup>. She said that although it was a lot of work, it was fun for the students and also served as a fundraiser for the senior class. Mr. Matthew Farrell stated that they were looking forward to the Talent Show at the end of the week and invited Board members to attend.

### **Public Privilege of the Floor**

There were no comments from the public.

### **Old Business**

#### **Request for of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- 6230 Professional Growth/Staff Development Programs
- 6310 Appointment – Support Staff
- 7370 Student Records: Access and Challenge
- 7620 Accidents and Medical Emergencies
- 8330 Textbook/Workbooks
- 6000 Professional Certification: 175 Hours of Professional Development Requirement
- 7000 Child Abuse and Neglect/Maltreatment

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

#### **New Business**

#### **Request for Approval of High School Choir and Drama Club Field Trip to New York City on Saturday, June 21, 2008**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the request for the High School Choir and Drama Club to participate in a field trip to New York City to attend the Broadway musical, “A Chorus Line” on Saturday, June 21, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

#### **Request Approval for Sixth Grade Class Trip to American Museum of Natural History in New York City on Friday, May 30, 2008**

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve the request for sixth grade students to participate in a field trip on Friday, May 30, 2008 to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

#### **Request for Approval of Agreement of Actuarial Services – Prescription Drug Plan**

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education authorize an agreement with the following consulting firm to conduct an actuarial study of the District’s self-funded prescription medicine plan.

Harbridge Consulting Group, LLC  
One Lincoln Center  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
Service Fee: \$2,100

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

**Consensus Agenda**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, 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 meeting held on January 28, 2008.

**Personnel Recommendations**

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

**A. Retirements**

Sylvia Brancatelli

Assignment: Special Education Teacher/Draper MS

Effective Date: Close of Business, June 26, 2008

Elizabeth L. DeBlois

Assignment: Grade 6/Draper MS

Effective Date: Close of Business, June 26, 2008

Fred Engert

Assignment: Science Teacher/HS

Effective Date: Close of Business, June 26, 2008

Roberta Sheldon

Assignment: Mathematics Teacher/HS

Effective Date: July 1, 2008

Ramona Carson

Assignment: District Registrar/Senior Stenographer

Effective Date: Close of Business, June 30, 2008

**B. Tenure Appointments**

Kerri Collins

Tenure Area: Occupational Therapist

Effective Date: July 20, 2008

**C. Appointments**

Katherine Mathias

Assignment: Long-Term Substitute  
Appointment: Reading Teacher  
Date of Commencement: February 4, 2008 (*amended from the 1/28/08 agenda*)  
Expiration Date: Close of business, June 26, 2008  
Certification Status: N, K, 1-6, Permanent; Literacy (B-Gr.6), Initial  
Salary: Step 2

#### **D. Leaves of Absence**

Gina Ralston

Assignment: Reading Teacher  
Effective: March 13, 2008 – June 20, 2008  
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1<sup>st</sup> 12 weeks)

#### **E. Resignations**

Debra LaRose

Assignment: Cleaner  
Effective Date: Close of business February 13, 2008

Ann Rose

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver  
Effective Date: Close of business January 28, 2008

#### **F. Remove from Service**

Jean Bonola

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner  
Effective Date: Close of business February 11, 2008

Ken DeSantis

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner  
Effective Date: Close of business February 11, 2008

Jim Wilson

Assignment: Substitute Custodian  
Effective Date: Close of business February 11, 2008

Bryan Billings

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner  
Effective Date: Close of business February 11, 2008

Thomas Gravell

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner  
Effective Date: Close of business February 11, 2008

Matthew Jackson

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner  
Effective Date: Close of business February 11, 2008

Roger Hayes

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner  
Effective Date: Close of business February 11, 2008

Daniel Reger

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner  
Effective Date: Close of business February 11, 2008

Dave J. Battaglia

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner  
Effective Date: Close of business February 11, 2008

Marguerite Anderson

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Gretchen Bonk

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Joanne Manikas

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Kerry Hazard

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Lisa Dergosits

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Sandra Demarest

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Traci Lanni

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Kayla Bisailon

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Colleen Kayser

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Lynn Koenig

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Patricia Reger

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Amanda Seguin

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Clifford Tidball

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Jim Wilson

Assignment: Substitute Monitor  
Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Randy Tallman

Assignment: Substitute Monitor

Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Douglas Jones

Assignment: Substitute Monitor

Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Irene Lotey

Assignment: Substitute Monitor

Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

Joanne Manikas

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Assistant

Effective Date: Close of business, February 11, 2008

### **G. Fingerprint Clearances**

#### **Emergency Conditional Clearances**

Shari Aldrich

Ashley Beebe

Robert Bennett

Robin Bergener

Kyle Blair

Kelly Bootier

Laurie Byrnes

Caitlin Carney

Ann Chu

Lindsay Coons

Michael Croyle

Thomas DeRusso

Ashley Keegan

Haley, Megan

Peter Hoffman

Aimee Lasch

Kristin LaClaire

Sarah Lajeunesse

Stephanie Malette

Laura McDonough

Tracy McGeary

Bonnie Naumann

Michelle Pahl

Meghan Petrie

Mattia Sidoti  
Melody Stasik  
Deborah Steinbach  
Cheryl Stover  
Sarah Webster  
Heather Wysomski

**Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance**

Kathleen Andrzejczak  
Michelle Ardolino  
Karin Baldauf  
Rachel Bellizi  
Samantha Bianchi  
Daniel Birch  
Trevor Black  
Thomas Brahler  
Matthew Bruce  
Ben Bunce  
Michael Burgio  
James Califano  
Christina Capullo  
Sheldon Carnes, Jr.  
Cassandra Carter  
Sara Castiglia  
William Casto  
Amber Cost  
Brian Csorny  
Caitlin Cuda  
Linda DeMaria Rusnica  
Michael Demos  
Laurie DeNovio  
James Desira  
Alissa DiCocco  
Kathryn Dieckmann  
Erik Dollman  
David Drozinski  
Helene Dworak  
Amy Esposito  
Ann Farrell  
Kristin Farrell  
Pamela Finton

Carla Fisk  
Stephanie Foreman  
Adam Fusco  
Mark Giordano  
Stephanie Gotham  
Rochelle Guiry  
William Haight  
Rachael Haines  
Christina Hardy  
Darren Hart  
Stephen Hensel  
Kevin Hetzel  
Keriann Houle  
Thomas Howley  
Rafael Iskhakov  
Nicole Kellogg  
Katharine Kelly  
Joshua Key  
Irina Kushnir  
Alisa Labunski  
Bernadette Lachoff  
Sharon Lair  
Karen Lare  
Kara Linn  
Geraldine Logrillo  
Jodi Lowe  
Paul Lupi  
Kristen Lynch  
Janina Mango  
Alexis Marek  
Lindsay Marchetti  
Sean Martin  
Thomas Martin  
Lillian Martinez  
Jennifer Martland  
Irlene Mayo  
Tristina McDonald  
Kaitlin McGann  
David McLear  
Shelia McPherson  
Jenny McShan

Michael Merlini  
Jennifer Mooney  
Misha Mugits  
Erin Murphy  
Lisa Murray  
Allen Pailley  
Kathryn Petersen  
James Petty  
Shannon Pinkowski  
Timothy Prall  
Chris Reach  
Rebecca Relyea  
Laura Robertaccio  
Cynthia Romano  
Elizabeth Romero  
Sarah Rust  
Christine Ryan  
Crystal Sanfilippo  
Kimberly Santiago  
Ross Schwartz  
William Sheehan  
Amy Sherman  
Jessica Spero  
Elizabeth Strelchun  
Tricia Switzer  
Charles Tedeschi  
Marvin Veeder  
Joshua Walas  
Mary Ellen Walsh  
Jessica Waltzer  
Michael Weinstein  
Brandie Welsh  
Amber Whalen  
Melinda Whisenhunt  
Jillian White  
Blanche Willig  
Ashleey Williams  
Lea Williams  
Kelly Wirth  
Ann Wolf

**Conditional Clearance:**

Danielle Beach

Mrs. French congratulated Mrs. Kerri Collins on her recommendation for tenure as an Occupational Therapist.

**Public Privilege of the Floor**

There were no comments from the public.

**Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that an executive session be convened at 7:53 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the executive session be adjourned at 11:20 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 11:21 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk