

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, February 25, 2008, Mohonasen High School*

The Board meeting was preceded by a Budget Review Meeting from 5:30PM to 7:00PM.

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:00 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 Svcs.
Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal
Rosemary Soltis, Assistant MS Principal
Arlene DeSiena, Administrator for Literacy K-6
Hank Stopinski, Director of Career & Technical Education
Chef Brucker, BOCES Culinary Arts Program
2 District Staff
2 BOCES Culinary Students
2 Student Representatives
2 District Residents

Superintendent

Dr. Kathleen Spring stated that we were fortunate to have two BOCES Culinary students, one from Mohonasen and one from Schalmont, doing a presentation this evening on their trip to Austria. She turned the meeting over to Mr. Hank Stopinski, Director of Career and Technical Education at Capital Region BOCES.

Mr. Stopinski stated that the Career and Technical School at Capital Region BOCES serves 66 students from the Mohonasen District. He explained some of the different programs which are offered at BOCES and how those programs give students the needed skills to prepare them for the global economy. Mr. Stopinski introduced Chef Brucker, one of the culinary instructors at BOCES.

Chef Brucker explained that 6 students from Capital Region BOCES, along with other students from around the United States, traveled to Austria to participate in a culinary exchange program. Charles Nadler, a Mohonasen student, and Ryan McLoughlin, a student from Schalmont, participated in the trip. The students showed a PowerPoint presentation on the culinary arts school where they studied and the various places they visited during their stay in Austria. They both stated that it was a wonderful learning opportunity. The Board and Dr. Spring thanked them for coming and complimented them on doing an outstanding job. After the presentation, the students offered apple strudel to everyone in attendance.

Board of Education

Mrs. Eileen French reminded everyone about the next CAPSBA dinner meeting to be held on Thursday, March 13, 2008. She shared a few news articles which highlighted the successes of some Mohonasen sports teams and athletes. She also reminded Board members of the BOCES Annual Meeting which will be held on April 9th at the Capital Region BOCES Career and Technical School. Deadline for reservations is March 24th. Mrs. French reminded everyone of upcoming calendar events. She also shared a news article highlighting Collins & Scoville Architects which appeared in the Business Review.

Public Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Tom Merritt, a member of the Mohonasen Transportation Department, expressed concerns regarding the shortage of bus drivers in the district.

Old Business

Request for Approval and Arrangements of Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve and arrange for the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education for meetings held on February 1, 4, 6 and 8, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval to Enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement for Internal Audit Function for the 2008-2009 School Year

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education execute and adopt the Inter-Municipal Agreement with Capital Region BOCES to fulfill the Internal Audit Function. The cost will be approximately \$681.00 per day, based upon a 7.5 hour day, with work limited to no more than 20 days. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval to Participate in a Purchasing Consortium and Process Cooperative Bids

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education formally approve Mohonasen's participation in the Schenectady County Public Schools Purchasing Consortium and formally adopt the following Cooperative Bidding Resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Schenectady County during the 2008-09 school year to bid jointly for the purchase of various commodities and

WHEREAS, items for which plans are being developed for cooperative bidding include: bus parts, swimming pool chemicals, photocopy paper, HVAC filters, copier toner cartridges, and

WHEREAS, the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District is desirous of participating with other public school districts in the joint bidding of such commodities and services, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Article 5-G;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby authorize Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District participation with other public school districts in Schenectady County during the 2008-09 school year to bid jointly for the purchase of various commodities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Cooperative Bid Procedures the Board of Education agrees to award bid item purchases according to the recommendation of the coordinating school district if such award is in the best interest of Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District.

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

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes, 2) Financial Reports and 3) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on February 11, 2008.

Financial Reports

APPROVED the Treasurer's Report for the month of January.

APPROVED the Cafeteria Financial Statements for the month of January.

APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of January.

APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of January.

APPROVED the Budget Transfer Report for the month of January.

APPROVED the Extracurricular Activities Report for the month of December.

APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for Warrant #7P and 8 for the months of January and February.

Warrant #7P – January 31, 2008

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #96	\$ 142,533.65
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #36	\$ 39,539.98
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #37	\$ 32,652.25
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #32	\$1,157,042.68
TOTAL – Warrant #7P		\$1,371,768.56

Warrant #8 – February 15, 2008

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #97	\$ 415,107.55
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #26	\$ 64,119.02
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #37	\$ 48,631.87
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #38	\$ 27,659.37
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #33	\$ 842,478.33
TOTAL – Warrant #8		\$1,397,996.14

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Appointments

Rebecca Pollick

<u>Appointment:</u>	Long-Term Substitute
<u>Assignment:</u>	Elementary Teacher – Grade 4
<u>Date of Commencement:</u>	February 25, 2008
<u>Expiration Date:</u>	Close of business, June 26, 2008
<u>Certification Status:</u>	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial
<u>Salary:</u>	Step 1 plus graduate credits

Ryan Turnbull

<u>Appointment:</u>	Long-Term Substitute
<u>Assignment:</u>	Physical Education
<u>Date of Commencement:</u>	March 3, 2008
<u>Expiration Date:</u>	Close of business, June 25, 2009
<u>Certification Status:</u>	Physical Education, Initial
<u>Salary:</u>	Step 2 plus graduate credits

Stephen Decker

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Physical Education
Date of Commencement: April 21, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, June 26, 2008
Certification Status: Physical Education, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Deanna Cipoletti

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: February 25, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, June 26, 2008
Certification Status: Students with Disabilities Gr. 1-6, Pending
Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Pending
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits

Christine LaBar-VanBuren

Appointment: Part-Time Teacher Assistant (6 hrs)
Effective Date: March 3, 2008
Salary: Step 1

Nancy Barber

Assignment: Cleaner
Salary: Step 3
Effective: February 19, 2008

Kimberly Brassard

Assignment: Volunteer Coach – JV Softball
Effective Date: March 1, 2008

B. Resignations

Joanne M. Fuson

Assignment: Special Education Teacher
Effective: Close of business, March 14, 2008

Ryan Turnbull

Assignment: .5 Physical Education/.2 Art
Effective: Close of business, February 29, 2008

Susan R. Vogel

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver

Effective Date: Close of business January 27, 2008

Susan R. Vogel

Assignment: Substitute Typist

Effective Date: Close of business January 27, 2008

C. Rescind Removal from Service

Clifford Tidball

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide/Bus Aide

D. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearances

Alissa Barnett

Gregory Conklin

Elizabeth Ferenczy

Mary Mastrianni

Rebecca McCreary

Eadwine Webb

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Shari Aldrich

Kathleen Andrzejczak

Michelle Ardolino

Karin Baldauf

Ashley Beebe

Rachel Bellizi

Robert Bennett

Robin Bergener

Samantha Bianchi

Daniel Birch

Trevor Black

Kyle Blair

Kelly Bootier

Matthew Bruce

Ben Bunce

Michael Burgio

Laurie Byrnes
James Califano
Christina Capullo
Sheldon Carnes, Jr.
Caitlin Carney
Cassandra Carter
Sara Castiglia
William Casto
Ann Chu
Lindsay Coons
Amber Cost
Brian Csorny
Michael Croyle
Caitlin Cuda
Linda DeMaria Rusnica
Laurie DeNovio
James Desira
Thomas DeRusso
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
Megan Haley
Christina Hardy
Darren Hart
Stephen Hensel
Peter Hoffman
Keriann Houle

Thomas Howley
Rafael Iskhakov
Ashley Keegan
Nicole Kellogg
Katharine Kelly
Joshua Key
Irina Kushnir
Alisa Labunski
Bernadette Lachoff
Kristin LaClaire
Sharon Lair
Sarah Lajeunesse
Karen Lare
Aimee Lasch
Kara Linn
Geraldine Logrillo
Jodi Lowe
Paul Lupi
Kristen Lynch
Stephanie Malette
Alexis Marek
Lindsay Marchetti
Sean Martin
Thomas Martin
Lillian Martinez
Jennifer Martland
Irlene Mayo
Tristina McDonald
Laura McDonough
Kaitlin McGann
Tracy McGeary
Shelia McPherson
Jenny McShan
Michael Merlini
Jennifer Mooney
Misha Mugits
Erin Murphy
Lisa Murray
Bonnie Naumann
Michelle Pahl
Allen Pailley

Kathryn Petersen
James Petty
Meghan Petrie
Shannon Pinkowski
Timothy Prall
Chris Reach
Rebecca Relyea
Laura Robertaccio
Cynthia Romano
Elizabeth Romero
Sarah Rust
Christine Ryan
Crystal Sanfilippo
Ross Schwartz
William Sheehan
Amy Sherman
Mattia Sidoti
Melody Stasik
Deborah Steinbach
Cheryl Stover
Elizabeth Strelchun
Tricia Switzer
Charles Tedeschi
Marvin Veeder
Joshua Walas
Mary Ellen Walsh
Sarah Webster
Michael Weinstein
Brandie Welsh
Amber Whalen
Melinda Whisenhunt
Jillian White
Blanche Willig
Ashleey Williams
Lea Williams
Kelly Wirth
Ann Wolf
Heather Wysomski

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that an executive session be convened at 7:42 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Mrs. French left the meeting at 9:45 PM.

MOTION made by Mr. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the executive session be adjourned at 10:04 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:05 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk