

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, March 10, 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 7:02 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 Curriculum &
Instruction
Lin Severance, Ph.D., Director for Student & Personnel Services
Karla Empie, Dir. of Special and Alternative Education
Patrick McGrath, Mohonasen High School Principal
David Collins, Assistant HS Principal
Makensie Bullinger, Assistant HS Principal
Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal
Rosemary Soltis, Assistant MS Principal
Michele Hunter, Pinewood Principal
Deborah Kavanaugh, Pinewood Asst. Principal
Heidi Christman, Administrator for Mathematics K-12
Arlene DeSiena, Administrator for Literacy K-6
Gerald Garing, Administrator for Science K-12
Christopher Ruberti, Administrator for Counseling K-12
Lisa Cutting, Administrator for English 7-12
Erin McNulty, Communications Specialist
Joseph Scalise, Director of PE, Athletics and Health Education
Skylar Aviza, Student Representative
Matthew Farrell, Student Representative
Assemblyman George Amedore
3 Faculty Members
8 District Residents

Superintendent

Dr. Spring introduced Assemblyman George Amedore and stated that he was invited this evening to talk about the Governor's proposed budget.

Mr. Amedore thanked Dr. Spring for inviting him and introduced Matt Ossenfort, his Chief of Staff, and Lauren O'Hare, a senior analyst on the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Amedore showed a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2008-09 budget. He explained that the Governor proposed a \$6 billion increase over last year's budget. To provide for this extra spending and close a \$4.8 billion budget gap, the Governor's plan includes raising 52 different fees, tax increases, other one-shot actions, and also reducing some spending. He stated that in the proposed budget, Mohonasen's total aid would increase an estimated \$1.9 million or 11% over last year's aid. Mr. Amedore also spoke about high property taxes in some upstate New York counties and his proposal for a property tax cap. He explained that 14 other states have had success with the property tax cap. Mrs. del Prado and Mr. Salamone asked questions and expressed their views on school tax reform. Mrs. French also asked Mr. Amedore about his viewpoint on charter schools. Mr. Amedore spoke in favor of parents having a choice of schools for their children. Mrs. French and Dr. Spring thanked Mr. Amedore for coming.

Board of Education

Mrs. French shared informational materials with Board members. She reminded everyone that the next Board meeting would be March 31st.

Mr. Spadaro stated that the Odyssey of the Mind Competition held on March 1st went well. Dr. Spring mentioned that the Mohonasen students who participated in the competition would be at the April 7th Board meeting.

Student Representatives

Matt Farrell commented that he took part in the Science Bowl. He said his team took third place in their division. Skylar Aviza spoke briefly about participation in Student Senate.

New Business**Request for Approval and Arrangement of Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, 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 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, 29, March 4 and 6, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval for Students in French 4 Classes to Participate in a Field Trip to the Clark Museum, Williamstown, Massachusetts on Friday, March 28, 2008

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve a field trip for French 4 classes to the Clark Museum, Williamstown, Massachusetts on

Friday, March 28, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval for Spanish 4 and 5 Honor Society Students to Travel to New York City on Friday, April 11, 2008

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the request for Spanish 4 & 5 Honor Society students to participate in a field trip on Friday, April 11, 2008 to New York City. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request to Establish 2007-08 Non-Resident Tuition Rates

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve the following tuition rates for use during the 2007/2008 school year:

	Tuition for Regular Ed. Pupil	Tuition for Special Ed. Pupil
½ day Kindergarten	\$1,815	\$17,938
Grades 1-6	\$4,975	\$21,098
Grades 7-12	\$4,708	\$20,831

Mrs. del Prado clarified that the district does not accept tuition students, but these rates need to be set for instances such as court placements. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

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

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on February 25, 2008.

Bids/Change Orders

APPROVED the grocery, frozen food and meats bid to the following low bidders meeting specifications for the period March 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008:

By George	\$ 637.84
Quandt's Distributors	\$ 8,794.65
Sysco Foods, Inc.	\$34,580.21
Ginsberg's	\$23,301.81
US Foodservice	\$ 9,761.09
Total	\$77,075.60

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following personnel recommendations:

A. Retirements

Elizabeth Putnam

Assignment: Music Teacher/Pinewood
Effective Date: Close of Business, June 26, 2008

Marilyn Wagschall

Assignment: Elementary Teacher/Pinewood
Effective Date: July 1, 2008

Joyce DeSarbo

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of Business, March 28, 2008

B. Tenure Appointments

Kevin Cummings

Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Effective Date: September 1, 2008

Nicole Gabriel

Tenure Area: Music
Effective Date: September 1, 2008

Melissa Goncerz

Tenure Area: Health
Effective Date: September 1, 2008

C. Appointments

Andrew Cuthbertson

Appointment: Part-Time
Assignment: Physical Education (.5)/Art (.2)
Date of Commencement: March 3, 2008
Expiration Date: June 26, 2008
Certification Status: Physical Education, Initial
Salary: Step 1

John Leighton

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Grade 7 Science
Date of Commencement: April 4, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, May 30, 2008
Certification Status: Biology 7-12, Provisional
Salary: Step 1

Robert Flynt

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: English Teacher
Date of Commencement: January 28, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, March 19, 2008 (*amended from 1/28/08 agenda*)
Certification Status: English 7-12, Permanent
Salary: Step 7

After School Test Prep – Global Studies Regents Exam

Name	Dates	Salary
Autumn Ruckert	April 1 – June 10, 2008	Ten 1.5 hour sessions @ \$31.66/hour

Laurie Howard

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Salary: \$8.25/Hour
Effective: February 6, 2008

Jody Sinclair

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Salary: \$8.25/Hour
Effective Date: March 10, 2008

Gail Manganaro

Assignment: Substitute Monitor
Salary: \$11.25/Hour
Effective Date: March 10, 2008

Arnold Dipnarine

Assignment: Substitute Mechanic
Salary: \$13.35/Hour
Effective: March 3, 2008

Karen Cappello

Assignment: Typist
Salary: Step 3 (*salary increase*)
Effective: February 25, 2008

Kathy Kowalk

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Salary: \$11.30/Hour
Effective: March 11, 2008

Change in Employment Status:

Katja Schmidt

Previous Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)
Current Assignment: P/T Teacher Assistant (6 hours)
Effective Date: March 10, 2008

Extracurricular Assignments 2007-2008

Assignment	Advisor	Salary
Ski Club Advisor	Robert Buehler, Jr.	\$100 for 4 Weekday Trips \$150 for 2 Weekend Trips

Spring Coaches - 2008

Position	Coach	Step
Boys' Track Assistant	Tara Shellard	Step 1
JV Baseball	Andrew Cuthbertson	Step 1

Jessie Holloway

Assignment: Volunteer Coach – Varsity Tennis
Effective: March 10, 2008

D. Resignations

Lisa Hess

Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper
Effective Date: Close of business, February 29, 2008

Noreen L. Hutton

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business, March 14, 2008

Maria Relyea

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: Close of business, March 7, 2008

Kathy Kowalk

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Dates: Close of business March 5, 2008

E. Leaves of Absence

Sharon Berschwinger

Assignment: Reading Teacher
Effective Dates: April 2, 2008 – June 30, 2008
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1st 12 weeks)

Rachel Geracitano

Assignment: English Teacher
Effective Dates: March 14, 2008 – March 19, 2008
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Lauren O'Brien-Neale

Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Effective Dates: April 21, 2008 – May 30, 2008
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1st 12 weeks)

F. Remove from Service

Sharon Sicilia

Assignment: Substitute Monitor
Effective Date: Close of business, March 10, 2008

Gregory VanGelder

Assignment: Substitute Monitor
Effective Date: Close of business, March 10, 2008

Virginia Capeless

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

Leola A. Ruzzo

Assignment: Substitute Clerk
Effective Date: Close of business March 11, 2008

Gretchen Bonk

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: Close of business March 11, 2008

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Kevin Carroll

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business March 11, 2008

Stanley Ziobrowski

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business March 11, 2008

Timothy Fiorillo

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business March 11, 2008

Robert McBride

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business March 11, 2008

Robert Schrauer

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business March 11, 2008

Guido Sgueglia

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business March 11, 2008

Vincent L. Barbalace

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business March 11, 2008

G. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearances

Timothy Cheng
Davis Connelly
Mathew Cunningham
Sarita Gould
Robert Kinder
Han Xiang Li
Meredith McCarthy
Salaam Mustafa
Jaclyn Nadeau

Douglas Rivenburg

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Shari Aldrich

Kathleen Andrzejczak

Michelle Ardolino

Karin Baldauf

Alissa Barnett

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

Gregory Conklin

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
Elizabeth Ferenczy
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
Mary Mastrianni
Irlene Mayo
Tristina McDonald
Laura McDonough
Kaitlin McGann
Rebecca McCreary
Tracy McGearry
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
Eadwine Webb
Sarah Webster
Michael Weinstein
Brandie Welsh
Amber Whalen
Melinda Whisenhunt
Jillian White
Blanche Willig
Ashleey Williams
Lea Williams
Kelly Wirth
Ann Wolf
Heather Wysomski

Mrs. French congratulated Elizabeth Putnam, Marilyn Wagschall, and Joyce DeSarbo on their retirement and also congratulated Kevin Cummings, Nicole Gabriel and Melissa Goncerz on their tenure recommendation.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that an executive session be convened at 8:23 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the executive session be adjourned at 10:25 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:26 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk