

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:03 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
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
Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal
Arlene DeSiena, Administrator for Literacy K-6
Heidi Christman, Administrator for Mathematics K-12
Gerald Garing, Administrator for Science K-12
Christopher Ruberti, Administrator for Counseling K-12
Joseph Scalise, Director of PE, Athletics and Health Education
2 Faculty Members
34 District Residents
42 Students

Absent:

Joseph Salamone, Member

Superintendent

Recognition of Odyssey of the Mind Participants

Dr. Spring explained that this evening the Board would be recognizing the students and coaches who participated in this year's regional Odyssey of the Mind competition. She stated that the program requires a lot of work, but is well worth it. Dr. Spring introduced Ms. Lori Ranze, Coordinator of Odyssey of the Mind. Ms. Ranze explained that the program has grown to 11 teams this year and that her goal is to eventually reach 15 teams. The students were awarded their certificates and congratulated by the Board. Students and coaches also presented Ms. Ranze with an award for her hard work and dedication to the Odyssey of the Mind

program. Mrs. French also thanked everyone on behalf of the Board of Education for their work with this program.

Board of Education

Budget Review/Response to the Budget Review Committee

Mrs. Eileen French recognized members of this year's Budget Review Committee. She asked Ms. Denise Zimmerman, a co-chair on the committee, to summarize the committee's recommendations. Mrs. French then read the response of the Board of Education to the Budget Review Committee. A few committee members commented that it would make sense to start the Budget Review Committee earlier in the school year. Mrs. French responded that the district would like to look at what other districts do. Ms. Zimmerman thanked administrators and committee members for all their work.

Mrs. del Prado stated that Mohonasen's Color Guard took third place in the Mid-York Color Guard Championships. She also expressed congratulations to everyone involved with the production of "The Music Man."

Mrs. French also reminded Board members of the BOCES Annual Meeting on Wednesday evening, April 9th.

Student Representatives

There were no student representatives in attendance.

New Business

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

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, 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 March 27, 28, 31, and April 2, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request for Approval to Establish a Mathematics Honor Society

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the establishment of a Mathematics Honor Society. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request Approval of Tax Refund Pursuant to Section 556 (5) RPTL

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve a tax refund, due to clerical error, to the following resident in the following amount:

Taxes Paid/Billed

Corrected Tax

Tax Refund

Margaret and Rocco Gerbo (59.8-1-20)	\$819.85	\$0	\$819.85
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The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with Cobb Memorial School in Altamont, New York

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Cobb Memorial School, Altamont, New York, at a total cost of \$10,188.84 for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

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

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on March 31, 2008.

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Retirements

Eleanor M. Meher

Assignment: School Monitor
Effective Date: Close of Business, June 26, 2008

B. Appointments

Bernadette Butkas

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: April 8, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, June 26, 2008
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Grade 1-6), Initial
Salary: Step 1

Stephen Decker

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute

Assignment: Physical Education
Date of Commencement: March 31, 2008 (*amended from 2/25/08 agenda*)
Expiration Date: Close of business, June 26, 2008
Certification Status: Physical Education, Initial
Salary: Step 1

Michael Norton

Assignment: Cleaner
Salary: Step 3
Effective: April 8, 2008

Scoring of Science Exams – May 5, 6, 2008 (Gr. 8) – May 8, 2008 (Gr. 4) - \$87/day

Name	Address
Nicole Bogdanowicz	
Amber Cost	
Joshua McLane	

C. Resignations

Brian K. Peck

Assignment: Cleaner
Effective: March 31, 2008 (*amended from 3/31/08 agenda*)

D. Leaves of Absence

Christine Altomer

Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Effective Dates: May 20, 2008 – June 30, 2009
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

E. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearances

Nicole Bogdanowicz

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Elizabeth Abeel

Karin Baldauf

Edward Battisti
Robin Bergener
Timothy Cheng
Ann Chu
Gregory Conklin
Davis Connelly
Amber Cost
Mathew Cunningham
Linda DeMaria Rusnica
Laurie DeNovio
Thomas DeRusso
James Desira
Elizabeth Ferenczy
Pamela Finton
Jessica Fuld
Sarita Gould
Megan Haley
Stephen Hensel
Peter Hoffman
Katharine Kelly
Robert Kinder
Kristin LaClaire
Jessica LaForce
Sarah Lajeunesse
Aimee Lasch
Jennifer Lawlor
Han Xiang Li
Geraldine Logrillo
Kristen Lynch
Stephanie Malette
Lindsay Marchetti
Jennifer Martland
Adam Mastroianni
William May
Laura McDonough
Tracy McGearry
Erin Murphy
Salaam Mustafa
Jaclyn Nadeau
Bonnie Naumann
Lauren Petrick
Meghan Petrie
Wampiqa Rafiq

Chris Reach
Douglas Rivenburg
Mattia Sidoti
Laurence Sombke
Melody Stasik
Deborah Steinbach
Vanessas Teta
Kotun Uruga
Marvin Veeder
Mary Ellen Walsh
Eadwine Webb
Sarah Webster
Michael Weinstein
Susan Wiley
Blanche Willig
Lea Williams
Heather Wysomski

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that an executive session be convened at 8:03 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:00 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:05 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk