

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, June 2, 2008, Mohonasen High School*

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:

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
Lin Severance, Ph.D., Director for Student & Personnel Svcs.
Patrick McGrath, Mohonasen High School Principal
David Collins, Assistant HS Principal
Makensie Bullinger, Assistant HS Principal
Debra Male, Draper MS Principal
Michele Hunter, Pinewood Principal
Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal
Heidi Christman, Administrator for Mathematics K-12
Arlene DeSiena, Administrator for Literacy K-6
Chris Ruberti, Administrator for Counseling K-12
Joseph Scalise, Director of PE, Athletics & Health
Jeff Jackson, Chief of School Security
Kim Gagnon, Food Services Supervisor
Skylar Aviza, Student Representative
Matt Farrell, Student Representative
2 Students
16 District Residents

Absent:

Julie Adamec, Member
Joseph Salamone, Member

Superintendent

Dr. Spring reported that the budget passed resoundingly by a margin of 1094 to 591 and thanked everyone for their support. She stated that the bus proposition also passed with 1153 voting in favor to 523 against. Dr. Spring congratulated Mr. Joseph Salamone and Mrs. Nancy del Prado for their successful bid for re-election as Board members and thanked the other two candidates who also ran for the Board.

Dr. Spring said that the District was informed today that Matthews Buses has an older bus which it is willing to donate to the district. The bus is expected to last another 5-7 years and all it really needs is a coat of paint. Dr. Spring thanked Randy Jerreld, Transportation Supervisor, who was instrumental in obtaining this donation.

Dr. Spring introduced Mrs. Kim Gagnon, Food Services Supervisor, who would be doing a presentation on the status of the school lunch program. Mrs. Gagnon said that there has been a lot of talk on the media lately about rising food costs. She explained how operating costs are increasing while program revenues are decreasing, which is creating a "Perfect Storm" for impacting the cost of school lunches. Mrs. Gagnon said that she is trying to be pro-active and creative in coming up with ideas to keep the lunch program in the black. Mrs. Swezey added that

the school lunch program is self supporting and that is why this is such an important topic this evening.

The second part of the presentation was about the Parent Account Management System (PAYPAMS), which provides parents the option of paying for their child's school lunches through an on-line account. Mrs. Gagnon explained that the program offers many options including the ability to view your child's meal account balance, schedule automatic payments based on the account balance, receive low balance email notifications, and the ability to view your child's cafeteria purchases. Several Board members asked questions regarding the PAYPAMS accounts and other food options for students.

Board of Education

Mrs. French reminded everyone of upcoming calendar events.

Student Representatives

Mr. Matthew Farrell and Ms. Skylar Aviza stated that this would be their last Board meeting as student representatives and expressed how much they enjoyed the experience. They congratulated Mrs. del Prado and Mr. Salamone on getting re-elected to the Board. Matt and Skylar introduced Doug Carlton and Sara Dalton who will be Student Representatives to the Board of Education during the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. French congratulated the new student representatives and thanked Matt and Skylar for doing such a great job over the past year.

New Business

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

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve and arrange for the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Committee of Pre-School Special Education for meetings held on May 8, 9, 13, and 14, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval of Annual Professional Performance Review Plan

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan in accordance with Section 100.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner for implementation in 2008-2009. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval to Enter into a Contract with PAMS Lunchroom, L.L.C. – Parent Account Management System – Pre-pay Student Lunches

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with PAMS Lunchroom, L.L.C. to operate a web site through which parents or guardians of students at Mohonasen Central School may make prepayments for meals to be provided to students. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Request Approval of Monetary Donations for Marching Band Uniforms

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education accept donations totaling \$2,050 for the purchase of marching band uniforms. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Request Approval of Monetary Donations & Budget Re-Appropriation

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education accept donations totaling \$2775.00 and approve the following budget reappropriation:

Increase A510	Estimated Revenue	\$2,775.00	
Increase A2705	Gifts and Donations	\$2,775.00	
Increase A960	Appropriations		\$2,775.00
Increase 1010.400-0-0	Other Exp. – Board of Education	\$2,775.00	

The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting. Mrs. French and members of the Board of Education thanked everyone who so generously made donations to the school.

Request Approval of Budget Re-Appropriation – Mohon Masque

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education amend the 2007-2008 budget as follows:

Increase A510	Estimated Revenue	\$27,513.78	
Increase A2770.4	Unclassified Receipts	\$27,513.78	
Increase A960	Appropriations		\$27,513.78
Increase A2110.409	Drama-Professional Services	\$ 9,675.00	
Increase A2110.459	Drama Expenditures	\$16,038.78	
Increase A2110.159	Salaries/Instruc. Drama	\$ 300.00	
Increase A2110.169	Non-Instructional Salaries Drama	\$ 1,500.00	

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

Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Niskayuna Central School District

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the Niskayuna Central School District, in the total amount of \$1,409.46 for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

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

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meetings held on May 19 and May 20, 2008.

Bids/Change Orders

APPROVED the award of the following bid pertaining to Phase I of the EXCEL Project to:

Titan Roofing Inc.
70 Orange Street
Chicopee, MA 01013
Amount of Contract: \$922,400.00

APPROVED the award for the 2008-09 Miscellaneous Auto/Bus Co-Op Bid to the following company:

Schenectady Unit Parts, Inc.
67 Freemans Bridge Road
Scotia, NY 12302
Projected Usage - \$8,037.33

APPROVED the award of the Cooperative Re-Manufactured Toner Cartridge Service Bid to the following low bidder: Ikon Office Solutions, 1612 NY Rte. 7, Troy, NY 12180 for an estimated total of \$4,109.50.

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Retirements

Ramona Carson

Assignment: District Registrar/Senior Stenographer
Effective Date: Close of business, June 27, 2008 (*amended from the 2/11/08 agenda*)

B. Appointments

Stephanie Zych

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Mathematics
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2011
Certification Status: Mathematics 7-12, Initial
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits

Dawn Aulita

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Science
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2011
Certification Status: Chemistry 7-12, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Amy Molina

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Family & Consumer Sciences
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2011
Certification Status: Family & Consumer Science, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Katria M. Hitrick

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2011
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Cara M. Olsen

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2011
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Initial
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits

Cortney Colvin

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2010 (2 semesters Jarema credit)
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Initial; Early Childhood Ed. B-Gr. 2, Initial
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits

Kristen A. Lynch

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Special Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2010 (2 semesters of Jarema credit)
Certification Status: Students w/Disabilities Gr. 1-6, Initial Pending;
Childhood Ed. Grades 1-6, Initial Pending
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits

John F. Burmeister

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Music
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2011
Certification Status: Music, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Rebecca Pollick

Appointment: Long Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, June 25, 2009
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Caitlin M. Rogers

Appointment: Long Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, December 23, 2008
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Matthew D. Connell

Appointment: Long Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, June 25, 2009
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Initial Pending
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Jacqueline M. Viernes

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Social Studies
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2011
Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12, Initial Pending
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Colleen A. Organ

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Social Studies
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2011
Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12, Initial
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits

H. Thomas Schweizer

Appointment: Probationary
Assignment: Social Studies
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2009 (4 semesters Jarema credit)
Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12 & 5-6 Ext., Provisional
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

John Leighton

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Grade 7 Science
Date of Commencement: March 25, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business June 4, 2008 (*amended from the 3/31/08 agenda*)
Certification Status: Biology 7-12, Provisional
Salary: Step 1

Malachi Martin

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Social Studies
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business June 25, 2009
Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12, Initial Pending
Salary: Step 1

Brenda DiNicola

Appointment: Probationary
Assignment: School Counseling
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2011
Certification Status: School Counselor, Provisional
Salary: Step 1

Jeffrey Jackson

Assignment: Chief of School Security – Permanent (subject to 26 weeks probation)
Salary: \$60,000 (pro-rated)
Effective: May 20, 2008

Alexander Magiera

Assignment: Substitute Detention Aide
Salary: \$8.25/hr
Effective: June 2, 2008

Gregory Van Gelder

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Salary: \$11.30/hr.
Effective: June 3, 2008

Cara Cristello

Assignment: Water Safety Instructor
Salary: \$12.25/hr.
Effective: June 2, 2008

Joshua Mannarino

Assignment: Water Safety Instructor
Salary: \$12.25/hr.
Effective: June 2, 2008

Ian Cohn

Assignment: Water Safety Instructor
Salary: \$12.25/hr.
Effective: June 2, 2008

Beth Herb

Assignment: Bus Aide
Salary: Step 1
Effective: May 29, 2008

Ronald Lohmann

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Salary: Step 1
Effective June 2, 2008

Deborah Kruzinski

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Salary: Step 3 (*amended from the 5/12/08 agenda*)
Effective April 28, 2008

Summer School 2008 - Draper Middle School (July 8 through August 14)

Name	Assignment	Step	Sections	Number of Days
Raymond Kearney	PE/Fast Track	4	2	28
Joshua Whipple	ELA/Social Studies 7	4	2	28
Douglas Hallberg	PE/Health	2	1	14
Don Dieckmann	Fast Track	4	1	14
Linda Harrison	ELA 8/Skills	4	2	28
Matthew Rider	Math Skills 7/Fast Track	3	2	28
MaryAnn Nickloy	Math 7,8	2	1	14
Lauren DeFilippo	ELA/Social Studies 7	4	2	28
Sara Bach	Science 8/Math 7,8	3	2	28
Lori Marshall	AIS Grade 5/Science	3	2	28
Rebecca Kirschman	ELA/Social Studies 6	4	2	28
Kimberly Brassard	ELA/Social Studies 6,7	4	2	28
Esther Vrooman	ELA Skills 7/ELA & SS 7 & 8	1	2	28
Kevin Cummings	Math 6-8	4	2	28
Maureen Geagan	French	4	1	14
Mark DiCocco	ELA/Social Studies 7	2	2	28
Maria Pacheco	Spanish	1	1	14
Karen Squires	Math 8 Skills	1	2	28
Jennifer Palleschi	ELA 6/Math Skills	4	2	28

Summer School Substitutes - Summer 2008

Laura Gallelli
 Kristofer Rose
 Danielle Spickerman
 Christina Patterson

Spring Extramurals 2008

Nicole Schaap - Track & Field
 Nicole Schaap - Volleyball
 Melissa Goncerz - Track & Field

Raymond Manuli

Assignment: Summer School Hall Monitor
Step/Salary: Step 9

Joanne Ronca

Assignment: Substitute - Summer School Hall Monitor
Step/Salary: Step 6

2008 AIS Summer School – Session 1 - Bradt School (July 7 – July 25, 2008, 3 hrs/day)

Melissa Goard Bongo Step 4
Amber Kennedy Step 1
Brenda DiNicola Step 1
Anna Dagostino Step 2
Andrea Conover Step 1

2008 AIS Summer School – Session 2 - Bradt School (July 28 – August 15, 2008, 3hrs/day)

Lynette Griesemer Step 2
Brenda DiNicola Step 1
Amy Varano Step 1
Laura Eggleston Step 2
Jennifer Palmer Hurst Step 1

Fall Coaches - 2008

Position	Coach	Step
Boys' Varsity Volleyball	Cameron Erickson	Step 3

C. Resignations

Gregory J. Van Gelder

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business May 30, 2008

Tracy Van Blarcom

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: Close of business May 16, 2008

D. Leaves of Absence

Carolyn Lundy

Assignment: Science Teacher
Effective Dates: May 19, 2008 – June 4, 2008 (*amended from the 5/12/08 agenda*)
Reason: Family Medical Leave

E. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearances

Darcy DeMaria
Brittni Doyle
Gary Hayes
Michelle Schrader
William VanWie
Wendy Whitman
Ronald Wood

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

David Aloisi
Catherine Amos
Karin Baldauf
Michael Apple
Edward Battisti
Eric Biehler
Stanley Bilinski
Bret Bystricky
Davis Connelly
Amber Cost
Emery Dergosits, Jr.
James Desira
Elizabeth Ferenczy
Jessica Godkin
Nancy Goldblatt
Maria Halasz-Dees
Stephen Hensel
Nicole Hughes
Katharine Kelly
Jessica LaForce
Jennifer Lawlor
Kristen Lynch
Tara Ann McLoughlin
Erin Murphy
Shelley Palkovic
Patrick Quirk
Erica Sleasman
Brian Slezak
Tracy Stryker
Lisa Tarullo
Kristen Torpey
Marvin Veeder
Mary Ellen Walsh
Eadwine Webb
Susan Wiley
Lea Williams
Caitlin Willsey
Kayleigh Witz
Maria Ziamandanis

Conditional Clearance:

Pamela Finton

Mrs. French congratulated the following newly hired staff who were in attendance: Stephanie Zych, Dawn Aulita, Katria Hitrick, Cara Olsen, Cortney Colvin, Kristin Lynch, John Burmeister, Rebecca Pollick, Caitlyn Rogers, Matt Connell, Colleen Organ, Tom Schweizer, and Brenda DiNicola. Mrs. French also congratulated Mr. Jeff Jackson, Chief of Security, on his permanent appointment.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that an executive session be convened at 7:40 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Mrs. Adamec arrived at 7:40 PM.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the executive session be adjourned at 11:58 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 11:59 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk