

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, November 19, 2007, Mohonasen High School*

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:03PM.

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 & Instr.
Lin Severance, Ph.D., Director for Student & Personnel
Services
Patrick McGrath, Mohonasen High School Principal
Rosemary Soltis, Assistant MS Principal

Absent:

Joseph Salamone, Member

2 Faculty Members
3 District Residents

Superintendent

Dr. Kathleen Spring wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Board of Education

Mrs. Eileen French distributed informational materials to Board members. She also mentioned a letter that the Board had received in their Friday packet from a Schalmont District employee who had provided a recent training for Mohonasen Transportation Department employees. He stated how impressed he was with the staff from Mohonasen's bus garage. Mrs. French asked that the letter be shared with Mr. Lucca and transportation department employees. Mrs. French also read upcoming calendar events and reminded Board members that they are scheduled to meet with Bill Richardson, Randy Collins and Jeff West at 5:00pm on December 3rd prior to the Board meeting. She wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Spadaro stated that the bon fire held last Friday evening at Bradt School went very well.

Mrs. Adamec stated that that Mr. Lucca, the district's Transportation Director, spoke at a recent elementary PTO meeting and said that he did a very nice job informing parents on how the transportation department operates.

Mr. Macejka reminded everyone that on the boys' and girls' basketball teams are sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 25th at the Rotterdam Elks Lodge on Curry Road.

Mrs. French also mentioned that she and Mr. Cafarelli attended Fiscal Oversight Training provided by Capital Region BOCES this past week.

Public (Privilege of the Floor)

Karl Hernas of White Birch Court read an email he had sent the Superintendent regarding the use of school property for the Rotterdam Elks' Lodge Car Show to be held in June 2008. Dr. Spring asked for his phone number to contact him regarding setting up a meeting to discuss details.

New Business

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

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Macejka, 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 October 31, November 1, 7 and 9, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request Approval for Grade 11 & 12 Special Education Students to Participate in a Field Trip to SUNY Cobleskill and Fulton-Montgomery Community College on November 28, 2007

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve a field trip to SUNY Cobleskill and Fulton-Montgomery Community College for Grade 11 & 12 special education students on November 28, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request Approval of Tax Refund Pursuant to RPTL 550 (2)(c) & RPTL 550(3)(b)

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

2007			
	<u>Taxes Billed</u>	<u>Corrected Tax</u>	<u>Tax Refund</u>

Donald & Theodora Harms	\$1,615.54	\$1,083.37	\$532.17
Robb & Paula Ogilvie	\$2,171.86	\$1,264.17	\$ 907.69

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

Request for Approval of the Establishment of the Lucille and Anthony Verruto Memorial Music Scholarship

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the establishment of the Lucille and Anthony Verruto Memorial Music Scholarship. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Corrected Tax Roll and Tax Refund for the Year 2007

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approves the Corrected Tax Roll for 2007 for the following property tax owner and authorizes a refund in the stated amount:

David J. & Cathleen A. Leninger

SBL:59.14-6-11

Previous Assessment:	\$157,000.00
New Assessment:	\$144,250.00
Taxes Paid 2007:	\$ 1,688.74
2007 Taxes on Reduced Assessment:	\$ <u>1,502.07</u>
TAX REFUND	\$ 186.67

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

Request Approval of Tax Refund Pursuant to RPTL 726

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the following refunds, as ordered, to the following corporation:

Global Crossing North American Networks, Inc.
 c/o Hiscock and Barclay
 50 Beaver Street
 Albany, NY 12207

2004			Total	
<u>Taxes Paid</u>	<u>Corrected Tax</u>	<u>Tax Refund</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Refund</u>
\$476.07	\$299.16	\$176.91	\$26.17	\$203.08

2005				Total
<u>Taxes Paid</u>	<u>Corrected Tax</u>	<u>Tax Refund</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Refund</u>
\$398.72	\$287.13	\$111.59	\$12.32	\$123.91

2006				Total
<u>Taxes Paid</u>	<u>Corrected Tax</u>	<u>Tax Refund</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Refund</u>
\$390.63	\$264.18	\$126.45	\$7.01	\$133.46

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

Request for Approval of The Omni Group as Third Party Administrator for Tax Sheltered Annuities

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Business to enter into an agreement with The Omni Group as third party administrator for tax sheltered annuities effective January 1, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request Approval of Resolution to Declare the School District as Head Agency for the Purpose of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2007, DETERMINING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS FOR THEIR APPROVAL ON OCTOBER 16, 2007 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$21,881,000 OF SERIAL BONDS FOR SUCH PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously authorized a proposition for the construction and reconstruction of school buildings and authorizing the issuance of \$21,881,000 of Serial Bonds submitted to the voters for their approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rotterdam Mohonasen Central School District, Schenectady and Albany Counties, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. The Rotterdam Mohonasen Central School District is hereby declared as the head agency for the purpose of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and regulations.

Section 2. The Board of Education hereby determines that the specific objects or purposes authorized submitted to the voters on October 16, 2007 for the issuance of \$21,881,000 of Serial Bonds constitutes a Type II Action pursuant to the State Environmental

Quality Review Act (Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law) and therefore no further environmental review is required.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

Request Approval of Resolution to Issue Serial Bonds not to Exceed \$21,881,000

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District approve the following resolution:

BOND RESOLUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2007, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$21,881,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE ROTTERDAM MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ALL SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING COST INCIDENTAL THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (being an elective board of education) of the Rotterdam Mohonasen Central School District (the "School District") desires to provide for the construction and reconstruction of all school buildings (the "Project") and hereby determines that such construction and reconstruction is in the public interest of the School District, and

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the School District at the regular meeting of such voters held on October 16, 2007 approved a proposition authorizing the Project and the levy of taxes to be collected in the manner provided in the Education Law and the financing of the Project;

WHEREAS, all proceedings prescribed by the Education Law and the Local Finance Law required to be taken by the School District to authorize expenditure and borrowing of monies have been taken and completed in substantial compliance with applicable law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rotterdam Mohonasen Central School District, Schenectady and Albany Counties, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education has determined that the specific object or purpose authorized pursuant to this resolution constitutes a Type II Action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law) and therefore no further environmental review is required.

Section 2. There is hereby authorized to be issued serial bonds of the Rotterdam Mohonasen Central School District not to exceed aggregate principal amount of \$21,881,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law (herein called "Law") to finance the undertaking of the

construction and reconstruction of all School Buildings, pursuant to plans on file with the district, (which buildings are Class "A" construction, within the meaning of Section 11:00 subsection 11(a)), including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and cost incidentals, substantially in accordance with the plans prepared by the School District and other work required in connection therewith at an estimated cost of \$21,881,000 the plan of financing shall include the issuance of \$21,881,000 of Serial Bonds or Notes by the School District less any Excel Aide from the State Department of Education received for the Project.

Section 3. The specific objects or purposes or class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this bond resolution, the Project, the estimated maximum cost of such specific objects or purposes or class of objects or purposes, the principal amount of serial bonds authorized herein for such specific objects or purposes or class of objects or purposes, and the period of probable usefulness of such specific objects or purposes or class of objects or purposes thereof pursuant to the applicable subdivision of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law subdivision 12(a)(1) is twenty-five (25) years computed from the earlier of (i) the date of the first issue of such serial bonds or (ii) the date of the first bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds.

Section 4. Subject to the terms and conditions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 21.00, 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewal of such bond anticipation notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, including the power to issue serial bonds with substantial level or declining debt service and the power to issue, sell and deliver such serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, as chief fiscal officer of the School District. The President of the Board of Education of the School District is hereby authorized to execute by manual or facsimile signature on behalf of the School District all serial bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and all bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, and the Clerk of the School District is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the School District (or to have imprinted a facsimile thereof) to or on all such serial bonds and all such bond anticipation notes to attest such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes. Each interest coupon, if any, representing interest payable on such serial bonds shall be authenticated by the facsimile signature of the President of the Board of Education.

Section 5. When this resolution takes effect, the Clerk of the School District shall cause the same to be published, together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the School District's official newspaper, a newspaper having general circulation in the School District and published in Schenectady and Albany Counties, New York. The validity of such serial bonds and of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the

School District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should have been complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or if such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution or the State of New York.

Section 6. The Faith and credit of the School District are hereby and shall be irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all obligations authorized and issued pursuant to this resolution as the same shall become due.

Section 7. The School District covenants for the benefit of the holders and owners of the obligations authorized herein that it will not make any use of the proceeds of such obligations, any funds reasonably expected to be used to pay the principal of or interest on such obligations or any other funds of the School District, and will not make any use of the facilities financed with the proceeds of such obligations which would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to federal income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") (except for the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations by section 55 of the Code) or subject the School District to any penalties under section 148 of the Code, and that it will not take any action or omit to take any action with respect to such obligations, the proceeds thereof or any facilities financed thereby if such action or omission would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to federal income taxation under the Code (except for the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations by section 55 of the Code) or subject the School District to any penalties under section 148 of the Code. The foregoing covenants shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the defeasance of the obligations or any other provisions hereof until the date which is 60 days after the final maturity date or earlier prior redemption date thereof. The proceeds of the bond and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of bonds may be applied to reimburse expenditures or commitments made for such purposes on or after a date which is not more than one year prior to the adoption date of this bonds resolution of the District. The District expects to expend general funds or other available moneys for the purposes described in Section 2 hereof which shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of such obligations.

Section 8. The School District complied with all relevant provisions prescribed in Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation if any, relating to the specific objects or purposes authorized or class of objects or purposes herein to be financed through the issuance of general obligations of the District.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

Request for Acceptance of Uncollected Tax Report

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education accept the Uncollected Tax Report as follows:

Rotterdam	\$878,098.38
Guilderland	\$ 35,392.12
Colonie	\$ 57,807.78

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

Consensus Agenda

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

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on November 5, 2007.

Financial Reports

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

APPROVED the Cafeteria Financial Statements for the month of October.

APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of October.

APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of October.

APPROVED the Budget Transfer Report for the month of October.

APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the months of October and November for Warrant #4P and 5.

Warrant #4P – October 31, 2007

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #89	\$ 335,307.45
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #23	\$ 180.00
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #31	\$ 6,360.26
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #32	\$ 24,620.02
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #27	\$1,306,146.32
TOTAL – Warrant #4P		\$1,672,614.05

Warrant #11 – October 22, 2007

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #88	\$ 116,382.12
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #22	\$ 76,656.96
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #30	\$ 20,509.25
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #31	\$ 80,002.11
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #26	\$1,234,970.21
TOTAL – Warrant #5		\$1,528,520.65

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Appointments

Lisa Cutting,

Appointment: Part-Time (1 day per week)
Assignment: Academic Administrator for English 7-12
Date of Commencement: November 26, 2007
Expiration Date: June 30, 2008
Certification Status: SDA, Permanent; English 7-12, Permanent
Salary: \$80,000, pro-rated

Daniel P. Lucca

Appointment: Part-Time (up to 3 days per week)
Assignment: Academic Administrator for Social Studies 7-12
Date of Commencement: January 2, 2008
Expiration Date: June 30, 2008
Certification Status: SAS, Permanent; Social Studies 7-12, Permanent
Salary: \$80,000, pro-rated

Diane Boehne

Assignment: Food Service Helper
Salary: Step 1
Effective: November 20, 2007

Yvonne DiCocco

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Salary: Step 3
Effective: November 19, 2007

Cesare Leonetti

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Salary: Step 1
Effective: November 20, 2007

Elida Gross

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)
Salary: Step 1
Effective: November 20, 2007

Alexander Magiera

Assignment: P/T School Monitor (6.5 hr/day)
Salary: Step 3

Effective: November 26, 2007

Robert D. Schraver

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver

Salary: \$11.30/hr.

Effective: November 19, 2007

Mohon Masque – Fall 2007 Production - “The Crucible”

Advisor/Co-Advisor	Stipend
Dr. Margaret Gray	\$2,814.
Kathy Derochie	\$1,407.

AIS/After School Test Prep – Global Studies Regent’s Exam – Ten 1.5 hour sessions leading up to January 2008 Global Studies Regents’ Exam, \$31.66/hour

Name	Dates
Autumn Ruckert	November 27, 2007 – January 25, 2008

B. Resignations

Elida Gross

Assignment: P/T Food Service Worker

Effective: Close of business, November 19, 2007

Diane Boehne

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Worker

Effective: Close of business, November 19, 2007

Mary Gradoni

Assignment: P/T Food Service Worker

Effective: Close of business, November 30, 2007

Denise Brocci

Assignment: External/Internal Suspension Tutor

Effective: November 13, 2007

Maureen Kavanaugh

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant

Effective: Close of business, November 30, 2007

Robert D. Schraver

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver

Effective: Close of business, November 18 2007

C. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearances

Danielle Beach
Trevor Black
Kevin Clough
Sarah Downs
Stacy Frisoni
Katharine Kelly
Bernadette Lachoff
Sandra Mastroianni
Irlene Mayo
James Petty
Darin Rafferty
Michael Rosenthal
Shelley Sausville
Barbara Zechner

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Michelle Ardolino
Karin Baldauf
Lauren Beaver
James Bell
Rachel Bellizi
Samantha Bianchi
Thomas Brahler
Michael Burgio
James Califano
Sheldon Carnes, Jr.
Caitlin Cuda
Joel Dashnaw
Michael Demos
James Desira
Kathryn Dieckmann
Jacquelyn Dignum
Kaitlyn Dollard
Robert Drake, Sr.
Helene Dworak
Amy Esposito

Ann Farrell
Kristin Farrell
Pamela Finton
Stephanie Foreman
Mark Giordano
Stephanie Gotham
Peter Gray
Rochelle Guiry
William Haight
Rachael Haines
Christina Hardy
Darren Hart
David Hayden
Jeffrey E. Hayes
Keriann Houle
Thomas Howley
Nicole Kellogg
Joshua Key
Jenifer Kish
Daniel Klein
Irina Kushnir
Alisa Labunski
Karen Lare
Wayne Lewis
Kara Linn
Paul Lupi
Kristen Lynch
Marguerite MacDougall
Alexis Marek
Thomas Martin
Lillian Martinez
Jennifer Martland
Tristina McDonald
Kaitlin McGann
Jacqueline McGinn
Shelia McPherson
Jenny McShan
Michael Merlini
Jennifer Mooney
Misha Mugits
Lisa Murray

Bonnie Ng
Kathryn Petersen
Alexandria Piedmont
Jonathan Pietrafesa
Shannon Pinkowski
Timothy Prall
Rebecca Relyea
Laura Robertaccio
Cynthia Romano
Elizabeth Romero
Sarah Rust
Jennifer Saddlemire
Kimberly Santiago
William Sheehan
Amy Sherman
Michelle Schoonmaker
Liesha Sherman
Kenneth Sommer
Jessica Spero
Elizabeth Strelchun
Tricia Switzer
Carmela Tiscione
Kathleen Trainor
Marvin Veeder
Joshua Walas
Mary Ellen Walsh
Kathy Warlow
Michael Weinstein
Brandie Welsh
Amber Whalen
Melinda Whisenhunt
Jillian White
Blanche Willig
Ashleey Williams
Lea Williams
Kelly Wirth
Ann Wolf
Sarah Wolfsont
Jonathan Yatrakis
Ashlee Yonos
Caitlin Ziobrowski

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that an executive session be convened at 7:17 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:10 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:11 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk