

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, December 3, 2007, Mohonasen High School*

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:05 PM.

Mrs. French requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

***Present:***

Julie Adamec, Member	Kathleen A. Spring, Ph.D., Superintendent
Dominic Cafarelli, Member	Michael Johnson, Ed.D. Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Nancy del Prado, Member	Lin Severance, Ph.D., Director for Student & Personnel Services
Eileen French, President	Karla Empie, Director of Special & Alternative Programs
Charles Macejka, Member	Patrick McGrath, Mohonasen High School Principal
Joseph Salamone, Member	David Collins, Assistant HS Principal
Gary Spadaro, Member	Makensie Bullinger, Assistant HS Principal
	Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal
	Rosemary Soltis, Assistant MS Principal
	Michele Hunter, Pinewood Principal
	Deborah Kavanaugh, Pinewood Assistant Principal
	Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal
	Heidi Bromley, Administrator for Mathematics K-12
	Arlene DeSiena, Administrator for Literacy K-6
	Gerald Garing, Administrator for Science K-12
	Joseph Scalise, Director of PE, Athletics & Health Education
	Chris Ruberti, Academic Administrator for Counseling K-12
	Skylar Aviza, Student Representative
	Matthew Farrell, Student Representative
	7 School Counselors
	1 District Resident
	1 Media

**Superintendent**

Dr. Kathleen Spring explained that Mr. Christopher Ruberti, Academic Administrator for Counseling K-12, would do a presentation on counseling services in the district. Dr. Spring stated that the district recently added elementary counselors, increased social worker services, in addition to creating the position of Academic Administrator for Counseling K-12.

**Counseling Services K-12**

Mr. Ruberti distributed copies of his PowerPoint presentation. He said the district is starting to see the benefits of the addition of the elementary counseling piece at Bradt and Pinewood and the addition of a social worker in the high school. He explained that he met with district counselors and social workers and they developed a mission statement, which he shared with the Board. Mr. Ruberti said that he plans on meeting each month with the K-12 counseling staff

to make sure everyone is on the same page. He also answered a few questions asked by the Board. Mrs. French congratulated him and his staff for doing a phenomenal job.

### **Board of Education**

Mrs. French passed out informational materials to Board members. She commented on the Middle School and High School Discipline Reports, which had been included in the Friday packet, and how the number of referrals are down from last year. She commended the administration for the job that they are doing. Mrs. French also updated everyone on upcoming calendar events.

Mr. Salamone stated that he had attended the CAPSBA meeting last Thursday evening featuring attorney Susan Johns and will bring in information from that meeting to share with Board members.

Mrs. French stated that last Wednesday evening she, Mr. Macejka and Dr. Spring attended the Academic Awards ceremony at the high school and commented that it was a very nice night for students and parents.

### **Student Representatives**

Skylar Aviza stated that about 350 students attended the semi-formal dance held on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Students enjoyed the DJ and everyone had a great time. She also said that the Mohon Masque production of "The Crucible" was very good. Matthew Farrell explained that they had the results of the survey which they had sent out to students and that a common theme seemed to be more cell phone privileges and having an open campus. He also said that some students requested having more clubs for special interests, such as skateboarding and equestrian activities.

### **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. Salamone, 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 November 14, 16 and 27, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

#### **Request Approval for Establishment of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Chapter at Mohonasen High School**

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the establishment of a Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Chapter at Mohonasen High School. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting. Mrs. French commented that she had attended a meeting with approximately 26-28 students who were interested in being a part of this program. She thinks this is a great idea.

#### **Request Approval for Earth Science Students to Participate in a Field Trip to the Museum of Natural History in New York City**

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the request for Earth Science students to participate in a field trip to the Museum of Natural

History in New York City on Friday, April 11, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Request Approval for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students to Participate in a Field Trip to Medieval Times, Lyndhurst, New Jersey and the Museum of Natural History in New York City.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the request for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in a field trip on Friday, April 25, 2008 to Medieval Times in Lyndhurst, New Jersey and the Museum of Natural History in New York City. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Request for Approval to Award Bus Purchase Bond – Key Bank, N.A.**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approves the award of the bid to purchase a Statutory Installment Bond in the amount of \$417,980 maturing in 2012 to Key Bank, N.A. at an annual rate of 3.2%. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with St. Coleman’s Home, Inc. for the 2007-2008 School Year**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve a contract with St. Coleman’s Home, Inc. at a total cost of \$45,327.60 for the 2007-2008 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with St. Coleman’s Home, Inc. for July/August 2008**

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approves a contract with St. Coleman’s Home, Inc. at a total cost of \$7,554.60 for the period of July 2008-August 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Request Approval for Creation of Maintenance Mechanic Position**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education create a Maintenance Mechanic position, district-wide, effective immediately. 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 approves the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes, and 2) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Minutes**

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on November 19, 2007.

**Personnel Recommendations**

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

**A. Appointments**

Dolores Weaver

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: Grade 6  
Date of Commencement: December 10, 2007  
Expiration Date: Close of Business, April 8, 2008  
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. (Gr. 1-6), Initial  
Salary: Step 2

Heather Dillenbeck

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (6 Hours)  
Salary: Step 1  
Effective: December 3, 2007

Mary Gradoni

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

Melody Fazio

Assignment: Substitute Monitor  
Salary: \$11.25/hour  
Effective Date: December 4, 2007

**Change of Employment Status**

Joyce Dubuc

Previous Assignment: Internal Suspension Tutor (3 hours/day)  
Current Assignment: Internal Suspension Tutor (6 hours/day)  
Effective Date: December 4, 2007

**Change of Employment Status**

Melissa Van Every

Previous Assignment: P/T Teacher Assistant K-12 (6 Hours)  
Current Assignment: P/T Teacher Assistant K-12 (6.5 Hours)  
Effective Date: November 26, 2007

Roopnarine Persaud

Assignment: Provisional Maintenance Mechanic  
Salary: Step 2  
Effective Date: December 26, 2007

Cara Cristello

Assignment: Lifeguard  
Salary: \$7.25/hour  
Assignment: Water Safety Instructor Aide  
Salary: \$9.00/hour  
Effective Date: December 3, 2007

Yvonne DeCocco,

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
Salary: \$8.25/hour  
Effective Date: December 3, 2007

Matthew Sitors

Assignment: Volunteer Coach – Modified Wrestling  
Effective Date: December 3, 2007

Nicholas Ronca,

Assignment: Volunteer Coach –Wrestling  
Effective Date: December 3, 2007

### **B. Resignations**

Stacy Calhoun

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide  
Effective: Close of business, December 4, 2007

Donna L. Coole

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
Assignment: Substitute Cleaner  
Effective Date: Close of Business, November 16, 2007

Daniel Lucca

Assignment: Interim Administrator for Transportation  
Effective: Close of business, October 26, 2007

### **C. Leaves of Absence**

Debra LaRose

Assignment: Cleaner  
Effective: November 28, 2007 – January 4, 2008  
Reason: Family Medical Leave

### **D. Fingerprint Clearances**

#### **Emergency Conditional Clearances**

Amber Cost  
Stephen Decker  
Mark Iskhakov  
Janina Mango  
Sean Martin  
Allen Pailley  
Jessica Waltzer

#### **Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance**

Michelle Ardolino

Karin Baldauf  
Danielle Beach  
Lauren Beaver  
James Bell  
Rachel Bellizi  
Samantha Bianchi  
Trevor Black  
Thomas Brahler  
Michael Burgio  
James Califano  
Sheldon Carnes, Jr.  
Kevin Clough  
Caitlin Cuda  
Joel Dashnaw  
Michael Demos  
James Desira  
Kathryn Dieckmann  
Jacquelyn Dignum  
Kaitlyn Dollard  
Sarah Downs  
Robert Drake, Sr.  
Helene Dworak  
Amy Esposito  
Ann Farrell  
Kristin Farrell  
Pamela Finton  
Stephanie Foreman  
Stacy Frisoni  
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  
Katharine Kelly  
Joshua Key  
Jenifer Kish  
Daniel Klein  
Irina Kushnir  
Alisa Labunski  
Bernadette Lachoff

Karen Lare  
Wayne Lewis  
Kara Linn  
Paul Lupi  
Kristen Lynch  
Marguerite MacDougall  
Alexis Marek  
Thomas Martin  
Lillian Martinez  
Jennifer Martland  
Sandra Mastroianni  
Irlene Mayo  
Tristina McDonald  
Kaitlin McGann  
Jacqueline McGinn  
Shelia McPherson  
Jenny McShan  
Michael Merlini  
Jennifer Mooney  
Misha Mugits  
Lisa Murray  
Bonnie Ng  
Kathryn Petersen  
James Petty  
Alexandria Piedmont  
Jonathan Pietrafesa  
Shannon Pinkowski  
Timothy Prall  
Darin Rafferty  
Rebecca Relyea  
Laura Robertaccio  
Cynthia Romano  
Elizabeth Romero  
Michael Rosenthal  
Sarah Rust  
Jennifer Saddlemire  
Kimberly Santiago  
Shelley Sausville  
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  
Barbara Zechner  
Caitlin Ziobrowski

**Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that an executive session be convened at 7:35 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:30 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 8:33 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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Nancy A. Brassard, Deputy District Clerk