

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, September 24, 2007, Mohonasen High School*

Present:

Kathleen Spring, Superintendent
Michael Johnson, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Denise Swezey, Asst. Supt. for Business
Julie Adamec, Member
Dominic Cafarelli, Member
Eileen French, President
Charles Macejka, Member

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that an executive session be convened at 6:30 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, four members present and voting.

Mr. Spadaro arrived at 6:40 PM, Mrs. del Prado arrived at 6:45 PM, and Mr. Salamone arrived at 6:53 PM.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the executive session be adjourned at 6:55 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

The business meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:06 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	Denise A. Swezey, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Nancy del Prado, Member	Michael Johnson, Ed.D. Asst. Supt. for Curric. & Inst.
Eileen French, President	Karla Empie, Director of Special & Alternative Programs
Charles Macejka, Member	Patrick McGrath, Mohonasen High School Principal
Joseph Salamone, Member	Makensie Bullinger, Assistant HS Principal
Gary Spadaro, Member	Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal
	Rosemary Soltis, Assistant MS Principal
	Michele Hunter, Pinewood School Principal

Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal
Heidi Bromley-Christman, Administrator for Math K-12
Arlene DeSiena, Administrator for Literacy K-6
Christopher Ruberti, Administrator for Guidance K-12
Joseph Scalise, Director of PE, Athletics & Health
Tracey Roberts, District Treasurer
1 Staff Member
11 District Residents

Superintendent

EXCEL Project Referendum Vote Public Hearing

Dr. Kathleen Spring stated that the EXCEL capital project had been approved at the August 27th Board meeting to be put forth as a proposition to voters on October 16th. She explained that prior to the vote, a public hearing is required to help residents understand the scope of the project and to give them a chance to ask questions. She also pointed out that Mohonasen could finance up to \$21 million worth of projects with no cost to local taxpayers. Dr. Spring explained the process the district went through, the hiring of the architects and Jeff West, and the formation of a Facilities Committee to brainstorm and prioritize projects. She then turned the meeting over to Ron Baggoli and Randy Collins, architects from Collins & Scoville, who explained improvements to be made at each of the school buildings. Dr. Spring gave some examples of questions people may ask and explained why Schalmont has a cost to their project and Mohonasen does not. She thanked everyone who worked so hard on putting this project together. The floor was then opened to the public.

Mr. Jerry Smith of Deforest Avenue and Mr. Richard Moore of Westside Avenue both asked for clarification on actual cost to local taxpayers. Dr. Spring explained that EXCEL aid would cover what is usually the taxpayer's share and the district's 95% building aid would pay the remaining amount. Several Board members asked the architects questions regarding specific items included in the project. Dr. Spring encouraged anyone who had questions regarding the project to please call the district office for clarification.

Expanded Options for Grade 12 Math

Mr. Patrick McGrath spoke briefly about several options students now have for a fourth year of math in the high school.

Mr. McGrath also stated that the football game recognizing local military servicemen & women went extremely well and wanted to publicly thank First New York Federal Credit Union, the Rotterdam Elks Lodge, and Price Chopper for donating the fireworks.

Board of Education

Mrs. Eileen French congratulated Erin McNulty on receiving two awards from NYSPRA, one for the district calendar and one for the website. Mrs. French also reminded everyone of upcoming calendar events and shared some communications with Board members. She also thanked Dr. Spring and Mrs. Swezey for all their work on the EXCEL project.

Mr. Macejka thanked Mr. McGrath and staff for the excellent job they did with honoring service men and women at the football game and reminded everyone of the Community Pancake Dinner on Friday, September 28th from 4:30-6:00PM.

Public Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Mark Thornhill of Rabbetoy Street thanked the Board and administrators for the district's hard work in keeping the budget increase this past year to only 4.25%.

Mr. Jerry Smith of Deforest Avenue asked whether the district had decided to go homestead or non-homestead. Dr. Spring explained that the district decided to go non-homestead and that contrary to the tax impact statement which was sent out in March, there was actually only a \$.60 per thousand difference in the rates for homeowners in the district.

New Business

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

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, 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 September 14 and 19, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval for High School. History Club to Participate in a Field Trip to Plymouth and Boston, Massachusetts

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve a field trip to Plymouth and Boston, Massachusetts for the High School History Club on November 2-3, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval for Mohonasen Marching Band to Participate in a Field Band Show in Syracuse, New York

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Mohonasen Marching Band to participate in a field band show at West Genesee High School in Syracuse, New York on Saturday, September 29, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval for Mohonasen Marching Band to Participate in a Field Show Competition at Arlington High School in Lagrangeville, New York

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Mohonasen Marching Band to participate in a field show competition at Arlington High School, Lagrangeville, New York on Sunday, October 7, 2007. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with Center for Disability Services/Langan School

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Center for Disability Services/Langan School for the 2007-2008 school year at a rate of \$3296.70 per student as per the student(s) IEP. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Substitute Teachers Contract

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Mohonasen Teachers Association (Substitutes) effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2011 (five years' duration) and upon ratification by the Mohonasen Teachers Association, authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement as reviewed by district counsel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval to Accept Donation of Weight Room Equipment

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education accept the donation of approximately \$3,000 worth of weight room equipment from Mr. Dave Leon, owner of Planet Fitness. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with Parsons Child and Family Center Day Treatment Program

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Parsons Child and Family Center Day Treatment Program at a total cost of \$29,189.00 per child for the 2007-2008 school year and summer at a rate of \$772.17 per child, as per IEP.

Request for Approval to Enter into a Renewal Agreement with Schenectady County ARC for School-To-Work Transition Services

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education authorize the renewal of an agreement for the provision of the School-To-Work program

through Schenectady County Association for the Retarded Children (SARC) during the period of September 2007 – June 2008, at a cost of \$3,710.00 per student per month.

Request Approval of Applications for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2007, Pursuant to Sect. 554, Real Property Tax Law

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the Application for Corrected Tax Roll from the following property tax owner in the stated amounts:

Patricia Coons

Previous Tax: \$1,903.21

Corrected Tax: \$ 0.00

Frank Daniels

Previous Tax: \$1,244.41

Corrected Tax: \$ 634.65

Jennie Pallutti

Previous Tax: \$1,493.29

Corrected Tax: \$ 834.49

Henry Zeppieri

Previous Tax: \$2,298.50

Corrected Tax: \$ 922.33

Mark & Ann Ando

Previous Tax: \$4,099.23

Corrected Tax: \$3,489.47

Joseph Rudesheim

Previous Tax: \$1,176.33

Corrected Tax: \$ 640.50

Dorinda Chatterton

Previous Tax: \$1,879.06

Corrected Tax: \$ 634.65

Fenton & Jeannine Robbins

Previous Tax: \$1,513.05

Corrected Tax: \$ 980.89

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes, 2) Financial Reports 3) Bids/Change Orders and 4) Personnel. Mr. Macejka asked why the Minutes of the 8/27/07 Board meeting were being amended. Dr. Spring explained that due to the absence of the Board secretary, a phrase had been omitted from the resolution and needed to be amended. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on September 10, 2007.

APPROVED the amended minutes of the August 27, 2007 Board Meeting with the following change in wording to the 2007 EXCEL Bond Referendum resolution to be put forth as a proposition to the voters on October 16, 2007:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District, Schenectady and Albany Counties, New York, is hereby authorized and directed to construct and reconstruct school buildings, including site development, original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus, and other incidental improvements and

incidental costs thereto and expend therefore a sum not to exceed a total maximum estimated cost of Twenty-One Million Eight Hundred Eighty-One Thousand (\$21,881,000) Dollars, or so much as may be necessary less any funds received from New York State Department of Education EXCEL Aid Program and to levy a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and to issue obligations in anticipation of the collection of taxes in accordance with Education Law and Local Finance Law.

Financial Reports

APPROVED the Treasurer’s Report for the month of August.
 APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of August.
 APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of August.
 APPROVED the Budget Transfer Report for the month of August.
 APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for Warrant #2P and 3 for the months of August and September.

Warrant #2P – August 31, 2007

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #82	\$238,038.11
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #26	\$ 8,813.24
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #27	\$ 251,377.38
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #22	\$242,321.37
TOTAL – Warrant #2P		\$785,550.10

Warrant #3 – September 24, 2007

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #84	\$ 798,896.29
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #19	\$ 25,063.90
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #27	\$ 10,337.73
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #28	\$ 23,376.32
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #15	\$ 937,783.78
TOTAL – Warrant #3		\$1,795,458.02

Bids/Change Orders

APPROVED Change Order GC-1 and GC-2, Malone and Tate Builders, Inc., General Contractor for Phase II of the \$8.5 million capital project.

Original Contract Amount:	\$2,072,000
Contract Change due to Change Order #GC-1 & GC-2	<u><\$ 367></u>
New Total Authorized Contract Amount	\$2,071,633

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Tenure Appointments

Cheryl Rasmussen,

Tenure Area: Elementary Education

Effective Date: February 6, 2008

B. Appointments

Maria Britti,

Assignment: Food Service Helper

Salary: Step 1

Effective: September 25, 2007

Jill Purcell,

Assignment: Substitute Typist

Salary: \$10.55/hr.

Effective: September 10, 2007

Peter Dennebaum,

Assignment: Cleaner

Salary: Step 2

Effective: September 25, 2007

Annemarie Monacelli,

Appointment: Home Tutor

Salary: \$25/hr.

Effective: September 25, 2007

Robyn Seccombe,

Appointment: Substitute Teacher Aide

Salary: \$8.25/Hour

Effective: November 1, 2007

Program Facilitators 2007-2008

Kathleen Ackerman Grade 3 (\$1109) *(amended from the 8/13/07 agenda)*

2007-2008 Extracurricular Appointments - District

Advisor/Co-Advisor	Extracurricular Club/Organization	Salary
Lori Ranze	Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator	\$1607

2007-2008 Extracurricular Appointments – High School

Advisor/Co-Advisor	Extracurricular Club/Organization
Sue Braiman	Student Senate Co-Advisor
Priscilla Perry	Student Senate Co-Advisor (<i>amended from 7/2/07 agenda</i>)
Jessica Westervelt	Class of 2011 Co-Advisor
Nicole Zabloutny	Class of 2011 Co-Advisor

Fall Coaching Appointments

Name	Assignment	Salary/Step
Nicole Zabloutny	Friendship League Cross Country (Extramurals)	\$555.
Nikki Steele	Friendship League Co-Ed Soccer (Extramurals)	\$555.

Robert Wehmeyer,

Assignment: Volunteer Coach – Boys Modified Soccer
Effective Date: September 25, 2007

Kevin Clough,

Assignment: Volunteer Coach – Boys Modified Soccer
Effective Date: September 25, 2007

Megan Hopkins,

Assignment: Volunteer Coach – Freshman Cheerleading
Effective Date: September 25, 2007

Gregory Van Gelder,

Assignment: Volunteer Coach – Football
Effective Date: September 25, 2007

Fall 2007 Adult Education Instructors

The current pay rate for instructors is \$16.00 per hour for regular classes and \$21.00 per hour for computer related classes.

Thomas Lovell
LIFE INSURANCE

Ann Elliott
RUBBER STAMPING

Kathleen Cianfarani
DIVA BEADS & JEWELS

Richard/Joanne Darling
DEFENSIVE DRIVING

John Ferrari
ITALIAN

Theresa Cosco
PSYCHIC AWARENESS

Charles Hicks & Co.
LONG TERM CARE

Dave Battaglia
BASKETBALL

Pam Davis
QUILTING

Fred Hickey
55 ALIVE/AARP

Suzanne Amsler
REIKI/HUNA

Cheryl Zinnershine
COED VOLLEYBALL

Gail Kriss
COED VOLLEYBALL

An agreement has been made to pay these instructors 60% of the total for this course and we receive 40%. A claim form will be submitted after the classes are completed.

Carol Phillips
PEN AND INK

Janet Murphy
TAPPERCIZE

Lynn Circe
ONE STROKE PAINTING/CROCHET

Lisa Evans
AEROBICS-STABILITY BALL

Jean Sefcovic
YOGA

Rafael Rojas
BALLROOM/SWING

An agreement has been made to pay these instructors 75% of the total for this course and we receive 25%. A claim form will be submitted after the classes are completed.

Davia Boyle
COUNTRY LINE DANCE

Joanne Desrochers
COUNTRY LINE DANCE

Jianye Jiang,, Tai Chi Association
TAI CHI

An agreement has been made with the following to pay Mohonasen Adult Ed \$15.00 per hour of gym use:

Angie Santabarbara
AEROBIC KICKBOXING

C. Leaves of Absence

Kerrienne Pace

Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Effective Date: October 24, 2007 – December 20, 2007
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Lisa Cutting

Assignment: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Effective Date: September 24, 2007 – June 30, 2008
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

D. Resignations

Jill Purcell

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide
Effective: Close of business, September 7, 2007

Melissa Van Every

Assignment: Food Service Helper
Effective: Close of business, September 6, 2007

Gary Warner

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective: Close of business, September 7, 2007

Indira Sukra

Assignment: Food Service Helper
Effective: Close of business, September 28, 2007

Cindy Diaz

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Effective: Close of business, August 31, 2007

Steven A. Jackson

Assignment: Custodian
Effective: Close of business, September 11, 2007

Faith Perry

Assignment: Class of 2011 Co-Advisor
Effective: September 1, 2007

Kathryn Miller

Assignment: Grade 3 Co-Facilitator
Effective: September 1, 2007

Robyn Seccombe

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide
Effective: Close of business, October 31, 2007

Kelley Barnes

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide
Effective: Close of business, June 29, 2007

E. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearances

Catalano, Maria
DeCarr II, Richard
Fennessy, Lauren
Gialanella, Madeline
Hamm, Allison
Heidelmark, Sara
Kasman, Robert
LaMora, Scott
Ng, Bonnie
Szumowski, Melanie
Wolfsont, Sarah

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Rachel Bellizi
Victoria Berger
Samantha Bianchi
Michael Burgio
James Califano
Sheldon Carnes, Jr.
Caitlin Cuda
Kelly Debes
Michael Demos
James Desira
Kathryn Dieckmann
Audrey Dorante
Helene Dworak
Amy Esposito
Erika Falle
Ann Farrell
Kristin Farrell
Stephanie Foreman
Mark Giordano
Casey Golden
Stephanie Gotham
Lindsey Guilz
Rochelle Guiry
William Haight
Rachael Haines

Christina Hardy
Darren Hart
Jeffrey E. Hayes
Keriann Houle
Thomas Howley
Brian Kaplan
Nicole Kellogg
Joshua Key
Irina Kushnir
Alisa Labunski
Karen Lare
Kara Linn
Angela Logallo
Paul Lupi
Marguerite MacDougall
Alexis Marek
Thomas Martin
Virginia McCarthy
Tristina McDonald
Kaitlin McGann
Jenny McShan
Michael Merlini
Jennifer Mooney
Misha Mugits
Lisa Murray
Emily Osterhout
Kathryn Petersen
Shannon Pinkowski
Timothy Prall
Rebecca Relyea
Cynthia Romano
Elizabeth Romero
Sarah Rust
Matthew Rybaltowski
Daniel Scher
Victoria Schilling
William Sheehan
Amy Sherman
Elisabeth Spoehr
Laurel Straight
Elizabeth Strelchun
Erin Swasey
Tricia Switzer
Carmela Tiscione

Marvin Veeder
Joshua Walas
Mary Ellen Walsh
Brandie Welsh
Amber Whalen
Melinda Whisenhunt
Jillian White
Blanche Willig
Ashleey Williams
Kelly Wirth
Ann Wolf
Caitlin Ziobrowski

Mrs. Eileen French congratulated Mrs. Cheryl Rasmussen on her tenure recommendation.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that an executive session be convened at 8:28 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:50 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:51 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey
District Clerk