

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, January 12, 2009, Mohonasen High School*

Present:

Kathleen Spring, Superintendent
Patrick McGrath, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Denise Swezey, Asst. Supt. for Business
Julie Adamec, Member
Dominic Cafarelli, Member
Nancy del Prado, Member
Eileen French, President
Charles Macejka, Member
Joseph Salamone, Member
Gary Spadaro, Member

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that an executive session be convened at 5:30 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the executive session be adjourned at 5:55 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

The Executive Session was followed by a Budget Presentation at 6:00 PM.

The business meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:08 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	Patrick McGrath, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruc.
Eileen French, President	David Collins, Mohonasen High School Principal
Charles Macejka, Member	Makensie Bullinger, Assistant High School Principal
Joseph Salamone, Member	Timothy Hulihan, Assistant High School Principal
Gary Spadaro, Member	Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal
	Rosemary Soltis, Assistant Middle School Principal
	Michele Hunter, Pinewood School Principal
	Deborah Kavanaugh, Pinewood Assistant Principal
	Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal
	Arlene DeSiena, Bradt Asst. Principal
	Lisa Cutting, Administrator for English 6-12
	Gerald Garing, Administrator for Science K-12
	Chris Ruberti, Administrator for Counseling K-12
	Joseph Scalise, Director of PE, Athletics & Health Education
	Sara Dalton, Student Representative
	Doug Carlton, Student Representative
	4 District Residents

Superintendent

Dr. Spring stated that the Budget Workshop process has begun. The first Budget presentation preceded the Board meeting. The next workshop, "Budget 101", is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th at 7:00 PM in the high school library. Dr. Spring said that she hopes to be able to report on the feedback from the on-line budget survey at the next Board meeting.

Board of Education

Mrs. French shared correspondence and distributed informational materials to fellow Board members. She reminded everyone of upcoming calendar events. Mr. Salamone stated that he attended the Suburban Council Music Festival and commented that the Mohonasen students had done a nice job. He also reminded Board members that they should be receiving information about a CAPSBA meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 29th.

Student Representatives

Sara Dalton and Doug Carlton reported on a number of upcoming calendar events for students, including a Prom Fashion Show scheduled for Thursday, January 22nd, the Talent Show scheduled for the Friday before February break, and an art show. They also reported that the Girls Varsity Basketball team took first place in their Christmas tournament and the Boys Varsity Basketball team won the Kirvin Cup.

Public Privilege of the Floor

Ms. Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal, clarified that the calendar event "Life Sized Monopoly" had been changed to "Wheel of Fortune".

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 December 17 and 18, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval for the Varsity Ice Hockey Team to Participate in Out-of-Area Competitions in January, 2009

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Varsity Ice Hockey team to travel to Plattsburgh on Friday, January 16, 2009 and to Franklin Academy in Malone, New York on Friday, January 23-24, 2009 to participate in competitions.

Presentation on Building Conditions Relating to RESCUE Regulations

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education table this agenda item until the next meeting. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Resolution to Negotiate Option Agreement

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

WHEREAS, Mohonasen Central School District Board of Education (the "Board") is proposing to undertake a capital improvement project (the "Project") involving:

- The acquisition of property for a new bus garage;
- The construction of a new bus garage;
- The construction of new playing fields at the High School; and
- Minor improvements to the High School, Middle School and Elementary Schools to address program needs.

WHEREAS, the Mohonasen Central School District (“CSD”) Board of Education has reviewed a project narrative; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to consider acquiring 1036 Serafini Drive, or a portion thereof excluding the residence (the “Property”) for inclusion in the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and/or her designee(s), is authorized, on behalf of the Board, to negotiate an option agreement for the purchase of all or any portion of 1036 Serafini Drive, Rotterdam, New York; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing and to Take Related Action

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

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WHEREAS, Mohonasen Central School District Board of Education (the “Board”) is proposing to undertake a capital improvement project (the “Project”) involving:

- The acquisition of property for a new bus garage;
- The construction of a new bus garage; and
- The construction and expansion of playing fields at the High School.

WHEREAS, the Board intends to consider acquiring 1036 Serafini Drive or a portion thereof excluding the residence (the “Property”) for inclusion in the Project; and

WHEREAS the Board has thoroughly reviewed the District’s needs with respect to the Property, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it may be necessary to exercise its statutory power of eminent domain with respect to the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Board is considering it’s the environmental impacts of the project under SEQRA with respect to use of eminent domain; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 201 of the New York State Eminent Domain Procedure Law (the “EDPL”), the Board must hold a public hearing regarding the proposed condemnation in order to inform the public about the proposed Project and to review the public use to be served by the proposed Project, as well as the impact on the environment and residents of the locality where the proposed Project will be constructed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 202(A) of the EDPL, the Board is required to publish written notice of such public hearing at least ten (10) days, but no more than thirty (30) days prior to such public hearings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 202(B) of the EDPL, the Board is required to serve, either by personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested, a notice of the purpose, time, date, and location of a public hearing to each assessment record billing owner of 1036 Serafini Drive or his or her attorney of record at least ten (10) days, but no more than thirty (30) days prior to such public hearings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board shall hold a public hearing regarding the proposed condemnation of 1036 Serafini Drive described herein on February 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School, Farnsworth Technology Center, at 2072 Curry Road, Schenectady, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and/or her designee(s), is authorized, on behalf of the Board, to take all actions necessary or proper to effectuate the public hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board shall serve appropriate notice upon each assessment record billing owner of 1036 Serafini Drive or his or her attorney of record.

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

Consensus Agenda

Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the minutes of meeting held on December 22, 2008 be approved. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Bids/Change Orders

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve Change Order CO-01, Titan Roofing, Inc., General Contractor for Phase I of the EXCEL Project at Draper Middle School:

Original Contract Amount:	\$922,400.00
Contract Change due to Change Order #CO-01	<\$ 50,176.00>
New Total Authorized Contract Amount	\$872,224.00

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve Change Order CO-BB-01, T. Lemme Mechanical Inc., contractor for Phase I of the EXCEL Project at Bradt Elementary School:

Original Contract Amount:	\$266,410.00
Contract Change due to Change Order #CO-BB-01	<\$ 4,989.56>
New Total Authorized Contract Amount	\$261,420.44

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

Personnel Recommendations

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Retirements

Jill Osinski

Assignment: Elementary Teacher/Pinewood
Effective Date: Close of Business, January 30, 2009

B. Appointments

Amanda Malfer

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Science
Date of Commencement: February 2, 2009
Expiration Date: Close of business June 25, 2009
Certification Status: Biology 7 - 12, Initial pending
Salary: Step 1

Bruce Weinfurt

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: January 13, 2009
Expiration Date: Close of business April 3, 2009
Certification Status: Students with Disabilities (Gr. 5-9), Initial
Salary: Step 7

Caitlin M. Rogers

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008

Expiration Date: Close of business, June 25, 2009 (*amended from the 11/17/08 agenda*)
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. (Grades 1-6), Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Jennifer Collins

Assignment: Substitute Health Office Assistant
Effective Date: December 15, 2008
Salary: \$13.00/hour

C. Leaves of Absence

Karen J. Smith
Assignment: Teaching Assistant/Draper Middle School
Effective Dates: January 8, 2009 – June 30, 2009
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Dawn Everetts
Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper
Effective Dates: November 17, 2008 – December 31, 2008
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

D. Resignations

Margaret Hupe-Cole
Assignment: Health Office Assistant
Effective Date: Close of business January 16, 2009

E. Terminations

Jason Gangell
Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business December 19, 2008

F. Fingerprint Clearances**Emergency Conditional Clearances**

Erica Brockmyer
Anna Christie-Carnicella
Leslie Cole
Anna Cusano
Lisa D'Aniello
Julia DuBois
Jill Dubreuil
Tavonna Goodman
Melissa Hughes
Stephanie Hutchins
Michael Kosar
Michael Kramek
Angela Lasher
Amanda Marino
Robert McCraith
Thomas Montalbano
Amanda Rappold

Geralyn Schroeder
John Scott
Christina Snover
Cheryl Van Valkenburgh
John Vandenberg
Richard Yanatos
Heather Zeccolo

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Sharon Aniolek
Nassiba Benghanem
Thomas Benton
Denise Brocci
Shari Burnett
Sharon Flynn
Jason Fries
Scott Gilbert
Patrick Gill
Elisabeth Henry
Matthew Holden
Molly McLoughlin
Kyra McTighe
Paul Paquin
George Person
Julie Rufer
Namra Saeed
Kelly Sayward, Jr.
Brian Smith
Ainsley Thomas
Shannon VanStrander

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

Mrs. French congratulated Mrs. Jill Osinski, an elementary teacher at Pinewood, on her upcoming retirement.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that an executive session be convened at 7:21 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven 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, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

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

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk