

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education Monday, March 23, 2009, Mohonasen High School

The Board meeting was preceded by a Budget Presentation at 6:00 PM.

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:24 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	Karla Empie, Director of Special & Alternative Programs
Charles Macejka, Member	Makensie Bullinger, Assistant High School Principal
Joseph Salamone, Member	Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal
	Michele Hunter, Pinewood School Principal
	Gerald Garing, Administrator for Science K-12
	Joseph Scalise, Director of PE, Athletics & Health Education
	Approximately 11 District Residents
	Approximately 76 Faculty Members
	2 Media Representatives

Absent:

Gary Spadaro, Member

Superintendent

Dr. Spring stated that a letter went home to parents of high school students regarding the sudden and tragic death of high school student, Kyle Gagnon. She extended condolences to the family and expressed her gratitude to high school faculty, administrators and counselors for their work with the students in such an emotional atmosphere.

Full-Day Kindergarten Presentation

Dr. Spring reported that over the past 20 years the district has explored the option of offering full-day kindergarten. She explained that committees and focus groups have always recommended moving to full day program, if possible. Dr. Spring stated that it makes sense to implement it this year due to space being available at Bradt and due to the fact that it also saves some elementary positions from being eliminated. She explained the advantages of having a full-day program and stated that it would be developmentally appropriate for the students. Several area school districts are also implementing full-day kindergarten in the fall.

Board of Education

Mrs. French reminded everyone of upcoming calendar events. She also expressed her deepest sympathy to the family of Kyle Gagnon and thanked high school faculty and staff for working with students in handling their grief.

Mr. Salamone reminded everyone of the Capital Region BOCES Annual Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st.

Mr. Macejka congratulated the Varsity Girls Basketball Team on their phenomenal success this season.

Public (Privilege of the Floor)

Mrs. Susan Nelson spoke on behalf of the MTA and stated that for each hour beyond the contractual day that teachers spent for a one-week period, the MTA made a donation of food to the Regional Food Bank. She stated that 1,954 food items were donated to the Food Bank.

Mrs. French read a statement saying that the Board of Education and district administrators will continue to work to reach a successor agreement that is both fair and reasonable for all.

Mrs. Lisa Mell of Trinity Avenue read an excerpt from "Fiscal Fitness – A Guide to Monitoring Your School District's Budget", a communication put out by the State Education Department. She spoke briefly about the Omnibus Tax Reform Bill and also reiterated her support of consolidating with both the Schalmont and Duanesburg Central School Districts.

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 March 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, and 17, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request Approval for Peers for Peace Field Trip to New York City on May 29, 2009

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the request for a Peers for Peace Field Trip to New York City on Friday, May 29, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Distance Learning Introduction to Sociology Class Field Trip to New York City on Monday, April 27, 2009

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Distance Learning Introduction to Sociology class to participate in a field trip to New York City on Monday, April 27, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

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

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the South Colonie Central School District in the total amount of \$4,202.38 for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Resolution to Authorize Expenditures for School Buses

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution to be put forth as a proposition to the voters on May 19, 2009:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District, Schenectady County, New York, is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses of and for said School District, including incidental improvements and expenses in

connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$650,000, and providing for the levy of a tax therefore to be collected in installments, with obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.

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

Request for Approval of 2009-2010 School Year Calendar

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the attached 2009-2010 school year calendar. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Contract with Bells Auto Driving School, Inc. for Summer Driver Education Program

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the contract with Bells Auto Driving School, Inc. of Clifton Park, New York with a fee of \$298.00 per student commencing June 30, 2009 through approximately August 20, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Independent Trial Ready Appraisal

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the proposal from Appraisal Research, Inc., for Bigsbee Enterprises, Inc. and JRC of Rotterdam, LLC, for a cost of \$4,050. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes, 2) Financial Reports 3) Bids/Change Orders and 4) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meetings held on March 9 and 17, 2009.

Financial Reports

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

APPROVED the Cafeteria Financial Statements for the month of February.

APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of February.

APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of February.

APPROVED the Budget Transfer Report for the month of February.

APPROVED the Extracurricular Activities Report for the month of February.

APPROVED the Collateralization Report for the month of February.

APPROVED the Cash Flow Analysis/General Fund Report for the month of February.

APPROVED the Claims Auditor Report for the month of February..

APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the months of February and March for Warrant #8P and 9.

Warrant # 8P – February 28, 2009

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #134	\$ 48,279.84
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #62	\$ 915.34
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #64	\$ 537.00
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #58	\$ 987,455.59
TOTAL – Warrant #8P		\$ 1,037,187.77

Warrant # 9 – March 23, 2009

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #135	\$613,437.22
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #11	\$46,874.52
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #63	\$63,981.08
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #65	\$1,799.61
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #59	\$1,248,697.32
TOTAL – Warrant #9		\$1,974,789.75

Bids/Change Orders

APPROVED the award of bid for two (2) Chevrolet Suburbans at a per vehicle price of \$36,282.53 to:

Hoselton Chevrolet
909 Fairport Road
East Rochester, NY 14445

Purchase is subject to voter approval on May 19, 2009.

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Tenure Appointments

Maureen Conway

Tenure Area: Mathematics
Effective Date: September 1, 2009

Danielle Hunt

Tenure Area: Mathematics
Effective Date: September 1, 2009

Michael York

Tenure Area: Art
Effective Date: September 1, 2009

B. Appointments

Amy Varano

Appointment: Probationary/Part Time (.5) Kindergarten (*amended from the 9/8/08 agenda*)
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2011
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Initial; Early Childhood Ed. B-Gr. 2, Supplementary
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Kevin Clough

Appointment: Home Tutor
Salary: \$25/hour
Effective: March 16, 2009

Kay Blain
Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$8.75/hr.
Effective: March 18, 2009

Extracurricular Advisors/Draper Middle School - 2008 - 09

Extracurricular Club/Organization	Advisor/Co-Advisor
Teen Town	Maria Pacheco (<i>effective 2/16/09</i>)

Spring 2009 Volunteer Coach
 Matthew Ronca - Modified Baseball

C. Leaves of Absence

Patricia Busa
Assignment: Health Office Assistant
Effective Date: March 2, 2009 - April 24, 2009
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Christine Altomer
Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Effective Date: May 20, 2008 - June 30, 2010 (*amended from the 5/12/08 agenda*)
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1st 12 weeks)/Unpaid Leave of Absence

Cesare Leonetti
Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Effective Date: April 9, 2009 - June 10, 2009
Reason: Family Medical Leave

D. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearance
 Lauren Barbera
 Jillian Burns
 Matthew Hulihan

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance
 Erica Brockmyer
 Carl Calicchia
 Christine Casale
 Matthew Clark
 Christopher Cornwell
 Erin Davies
 Sharon Flynn
 Jason Fries
 Amy Fuller-Sullivan
 Mirlinda Gecaj

Patrick Gill
Matthew Holden
John Hulslander
Alexander Kleinberger
Warren MacMillan
Bruce Maikels
Janelle Meyers
Adly Nakhla
Paul Paquin
Whitney Prondecki
Amanda Rappold
Mary Reaban
Stephanie Russell
Marianne Sauter
Kelly Sayward, Jr.
Charles Truby

Mrs. French congratulated Maureen Conway, Danielle Hunt and Michael York on their tenure recommendation.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that an executive session be convened at 8:51 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:59 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk