

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, April 6, 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. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that an executive session be convened at 5:00PM for the purpose of discussing 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 5:58 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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 7:04 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
	Michele Hunter, Pinewood School Principal
	Deborah Kavanaugh, Pinewood Assistant Principal
	Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal
	Arlene DeSiena, Bradt Asst. Principal
	Heidi Bromley, Administrator for Mathematics K-12
	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
	8 Faculty Members
	Approximately 50 Students
	Approximately 37 District Residents

Superintendent

Dr. Spring congratulated students and staff on the wonderful production of “West Side Story” which took place over the weekend.

Donation to “Hannah’s Hope Fund”

Mr. David Collins introduced Caitlyn Collins, a high school student who was instrumental in initiating a “Penny War” to raise money for Hannah’s Hope Fund. Caitlyn presented a check in the amount of \$4,160 to Hannah’s mother, Mrs. Sames. Mrs. Sames explained that Hannah suffers from Giant Axonal Neuropathy, a devastating illness with virtually no treatment options. She thanked the students and the Mohonasen community for their generosity.

Odyssey of the Mind Recognition

Dr. Spring explained that this evening the Board would be recognizing the students and coaches who participated in this year’s regional Odyssey of the Mind competition. Dr. Spring introduced Ms. Lori Ranze, Coordinator of Odyssey of the Mind. Ms. Ranze thanked coaches, parents and students for the great season they had. The students were awarded their certificates and congratulated by the Board of Education and administrators.

Full Day Kindergarten

Dr. Spring stated that on the evening’s agenda is a resolution asking the Board to approve a full-day kindergarten program. She explained that this was originally recommended in 1989 and although the Board at that time had approved it, due to lack of space and financial constraints it was never implemented. Dr. Spring said that this decision has been thought through very carefully and the timing seemed perfect for implementing full day kindergarten this fall.

Board of Education

Mrs. French read upcoming calendar events.

Mr. Spadaro commented that the “Kids Night Out” held at Pinewood was a great evening and said that the Pinewood administrators and 5th grade teachers would be “working” at McDonald’s on April 7th to raise money for end of the year events.

Student Representatives

Doug Carlton stated that he saw “West Side Story” over the weekend and that the students did a great job. Sara Dalton said that SADD was again hosting the “Battle of the Belts” and that several Mohonasen students had submitted entries in a Capital Region Art Show. They also said that at the May meeting they would be introducing students who were interested in serving as student representatives to the Board of Education.

Public Privilege of the Floor

No comments.

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. Spadaro, 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 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31 and April 1, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Science Honor Society Field Trip to Boston, Massachusetts on April 9, 2009

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve a Science Honor Society field trip to Boston, Massachusetts on Thursday, April 9, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval to Implement Full-Day Kindergarten

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the implementation of a full-day kindergarten program beginning in September 2009, if there is adequate funding. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Mohonasen High School Choir, Select Choir and Drama Club Field Trip to New York City on Saturday, June 20, 2009

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Mohonasen High School Choir, Select Choir, and Drama Club to participate in a field trip to New York City on Saturday, June 20, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval for Girls' Track and Field Team to Participate in a Competition in Syracuse, New York on Saturday, April 11, 2009

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Girls' Track and Field Team to participate in the 6th Annual Cicero-North Syracuse Coed Relays to be held at Cicero-North Syracuse High School on Saturday, April 11, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of the Establishment of the Harold J. Vogl Memorial Scholarship

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approves the establishment of the Harold J. Vogl Memorial Scholarship. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Agreement with Hal Lerner for Driver Education Classroom Training - 2009 Summer Program

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Mr. Hal Lerner to provide Driver Education classroom training for the Mohonasen High School 2009 Summer Program at a flat fee of \$960 for a total of 24 hours of instruction from July 1, 2009 to August 14, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the Guilderland Central School District in the total amount of \$15,702.17 for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven 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 and 2) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on March 23, 2009.

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Retirements

Rita Colleton

Assignment: Senior Stenographer/District Registrar

Effective Date: Close of business, July 10, 2009

Mary Anne Jakovic

Assignment: 205-Day Typist

Effective Date: Close of business, June 30, 2009

B. Tenure Appointments

Stephanie Arnold

Tenure Area: Special Education

Effective Date: September 1, 2009

Brian Galati

Tenure Area: Science

Effective Date: September 1, 2009

Nicole Zablotny

Tenure Area: Science

Effective Date: September 1, 2009

C. Appointments

William Van Wie

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute

Assignment: Social Studies

Date of Commencement: April 6, 2009

Expiration Date: Close of business June 25, 2009

Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12, Initial

Salary: Step 1

Elizabeth Jones

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute

Assignment: French

Date of Commencement: April 20, 2009

Expiration Date: Close of business May 29, 2009

Certification Status: French, Transitional B Certification pending

Salary: Step 1

Amy Varano

Appointment: Probationary/Part Time (.5) Kindergarten
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: January 31, 2011 (1 semester Jarema credit) *amended from the 3/23/09 agenda*
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Initial; Early Childhood Ed. B-Gr. 2, Supplementary
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Darlene Anapolis

Assignment: Substitute Health Office Assistant
Effective Date: March 31, 2009
Salary: \$13.00/hour

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Assignment: Substitute School Nurse
Effective Date: March 31, 2009
Salary: \$16.95/hour

John Hamor

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: April 7, 2009
Salary: \$8.90/hour

Caroline Boyajian

Appointment: Home Tutor
Salary: \$25/hour
Effective: April 2, 2009

Pinewood HW/AIS & Test Prep Instructors - 2008 - 09 (\$31.66/hour)

Name	Assignment	Dates/Times
Briana DiBiase	HW/AIS	1 hour/week - 3/18/09 - 6/16/09
Carrie Townsend	Substitute	As needed (effective 3/18/09)

Jacqueline Barber

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$8.75/hr.
Effective: April 7, 2009

Lynn Guarneri

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$8.75/hr.
Effective: April 7, 2009

Mary Anne Jakovic

Assignment: Substitute Typist
Salary: \$11.85/hr.
Effective: July 2, 2009

John Hamor

Assignment: Substitute School Security Monitor
Effective Date: April 7, 2009
Salary: \$11.65/hour

Mary Charon
Assignment: Substitute Typist
Salary: \$11.85/hr.
Effective: April 7, 2009

D. Resignations

Jason Hoke
Assignment: Special Education Teacher
Effective Date: Close of business, May 1, 2009

E. Leaves of Absence

Angie Santabarbara
Assignment: School Counselor
Effective Dates: March 9 2009 – May 25, 2009 (*amended from the 2/9/09 agenda*)
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Cory Gregg
Assignment: Social Studies Teacher
Effective Dates: June 23, 2008 – May 17, 2009
Reason: Military Leave of Absence

Pamela DeMarco
Assignment: Teaching Assistant
Effective Dates: April 3, 2009 – June 30, 2009
Reason: Family Medical Leave

E. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearance
Lyons, Mary

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance
Lauren Barbera
Erica Brockmyer
Jillian Burns
Carl Calicchia
Matthew Clark
Erin Davies
Jason Fries
Patrick Gill
Matthew Holden
Matthew Hulihan
Adly Nakhla
Paul Paquin
Amanda Rappold
Marianne Sauter
Kelly Sayward, Jr.

Mrs. Eileen French congratulated Rita Colleton and Mary Anne Jakovic on their upcoming retirements. She also congratulated Stephanie Arnold, Brian Galati and Nicole Zablony on being recommended for tenure.

Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Tom Andriola of Ryan Place commented that he thought it was very important to have a full-day kindergarten program.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that an executive session be convened at 7:50 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, 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 8:31 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk