

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, April 20, 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 Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that an executive session be convened at 6:00 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 Mrs. Adamec, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:01 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

The business meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:07 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	Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal
Gary Spadaro, Member	Michele Hunter, Pinewood School Principal
	Joseph Scalise, Director of PE, Athletics & Health Education
	Adrienne Leon, Communications Specialist
	56 District Residents/Students

Superintendent

Drawing of Board of Education Candidate Names for Ballot Placement – Dr. Spring stated that the first order of business is the drawing of names for ballot placement for the election of Board members. Five people submitted petitions to run, including two current incumbents, Gary Spadaro and Eileen French, as well as Lisa Mell, Paula Marshman, and Thomas Andriola. Dr. Spring explained that names need to be drawn for placement on the ballot and asked Mrs. French if she would have a student from of the audience draw names from a box. Based on the drawing, the placement will be as follows:

1. Lisa Mell
2. Gary Spadaro
3. Paula Marshman
4. Thomas Andriola
5. Eileen French

Recognition of Winter Athletes – Dr. Spring said that Mohonasen had great success with several winter athletic sports and turned the meeting over to Mr. Joseph Scalise, Director of Athletics. Mr. Scalise reported that overall Mohonasen had had a remarkable winter season. Several wrestlers, bowlers, and swimmers were recognized for their outstanding individual accomplishments. The Girls' Varsity Basketball team was recognized for winning a school record 18 games, being Suburban Council Champions, Sectional Champions and Regional Champions. The Board and administrators congratulated the athletes and presented each with a certificate.

Proposed 2009-2010 Budget

Dr. Spring and Mrs. Swezey presented a summary of the 2009-2010 proposed budget, which the Board was being asked to vote on during the business portion of the meeting. The budget includes a tax levy increase of 0.59%, the lowest tax levy in over 20 years. They reminded everyone that the budget vote is Tuesday, May 19th and that there are three at-large Board of Education seats up for election. Meet the Candidates night is scheduled for May 11th at 6:00PM, prior to the Budget Hearing, which will be held at 6:30PM.

Mrs. French and several Board members congratulated administrators and staff on doing a budget with the lowest tax levy percentage in decades.

Board of Education

Mrs. French reminded everyone of upcoming calendar events.

Public Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Melvin Mintz of Helderberg Avenue spoke on a number of topics relating to cost containment and the budget.

Mr. Craig Radliff of Stacey Crest Drive asked questions regarding the district's utility rates. Mrs. Swezey explained that the rates for both electricity and gas are locked in at the current rate for a set time period.

Mr. Santucci of Helderberg Avenue expressed his frustration and concern with rising taxes.

Mrs. Nancy Schwartz of Crestwood Drive asked questions regarding lobbying for tax reform.

Several other people in attendance asked questions regarding the district's proposed budget.

Mrs. French thanked everyone for their comments and questions.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Macejka, 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 April 2, 3, 6, and 8, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval of Team 8-1 Field Trip to New York City on June 11, 2009

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the request for a Team 8-1 field trip to New York City on June 11, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Vote on BOCES Administrative Budget and Board Vacancies

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education vote on the following resolution to adopt the 2009-2010 Administrative Budget of the BOCES of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties, and vote for vacant BOCES board positions as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget document in the total amount of \$7,042,814 during the school year 2009-10 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES and other sources as required by law.

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

Four people were nominated to serve on the BOCES Board of Education, and each component school district was asked to cast one vote for a maximum of three (3) candidates. The vote proceeded as follows:

Candidate #1 – Mr. Jeffrey Bradt	Yes
Candidate #2 – Mrs. Lynne Lenhardt	Yes
Candidate #3 – Mrs. Barbara Mauro	No
Candidate #4 – Mr. Joseph Salamone	Yes

The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Abolishment and Creation of Support Staff Position

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution to support our staffing needs:

RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2009, the Typist position be abolished. The Superintendent shall remove said position from the district table of organization, and be it further

RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2009, the Board approve the addition of one 12-month IPS I position for the following location: Draper Middle School Guidance Department

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

Request for Approval of Abolishment and Creation of Management Confidential Position

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution to support our staffing needs:

RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2009, the Senior Stenographer to the Assistant Superintendent for Business be abolished. The Superintendent shall remove said position from the district table of organization, and be it further

RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2009, the Board approve the addition of one 12-month Executive Secretary II position for the District Office.

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

Request for Approval of Continuation of Mohonasen-Schalmont Girls' Varsity Swim and Diving Team for the 2009-2010 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the request for continuation of the combined Mohonasen-Schalmont Interscholastic Girls' Varsity Swim & Dive Team for the 2009-2010 school year, in accordance with the provision of the NYSPHSAA and Section II, sharing all applicable fees, insurance and related expenses. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Continuation of Mohonasen-Schalmont Coed Modified Swim and Diving Team for the 2009-2010 School Year

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the request for continuation of the combined Mohonasen-Schalmont Interscholastic Coed Modified Swim & Dive Team for the 2009-2010 school year, in accordance with the provisions of the NYSPHSAA and Section II, sharing all applicable fees, insurance and related expenses. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Continuation of Mohonasen-Schalmont Boys' Varsity Swim and Diving Team for the 2009-2010 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the request for continuation of the combined Mohonasen-Schalmont Interscholastic Boys' Varsity Swim and Diving Team for the 2009-2010 school year, in accordance with the provisions of the NYSPHSAA and Section II, sharing all applicable fees, insurance and related expenses. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval of Resolution to Adopt the Tentative 2009-2010 School Year Budget

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution to adopt the 2009-2010 school year budget:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District, Towns of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, and Colonie and Guilderland, Albany County, New York, be authorized to expend the sum of Forty-Two Million Three-Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Six-Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$42,383,693) for school purposes during the 2009-2010 school year and levy the necessary tax therefore.

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

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Salamone, 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, seven members present and voting.**

*Amended to:
The motion was passed, six members present and voting, with Mrs. del Prado abstaining from the vote.*

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on April 6, 2009.

Financial Reports

APPROVED the Treasurer’s Report for the month of March.
 APPROVED the Cafeteria Financial Statements for the month of March.
 APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of March.
 APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of March.
 APPROVED the Budget Transfer Report for the month of March.
 APPROVED the Collateralization Report for the month of March.
 APPROVED the Cash Flow Analysis/General Fund Report for the month of March.
 APPROVED the Claims Auditor Report for the month of March.
 APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the months of March and April for Warrant #9P and 10.

Warrant # 9P – March 31, 2009

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #137	\$ 53,881.99
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #64	\$ 46,524.69
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #60	\$ 941,597.57
TOTAL – Warrant #9P		\$1,042,004.25

Warrant # 10 – April 20, 2009

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #140	\$ 449,195.89
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #13	\$ 73,272.78
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #65	\$ 3,365.30
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #67	\$ 884.52
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #61	\$1,522,623.50
TOTAL – Warrant #10		\$2,049,341.99

Bids/Change Order

APPROVED the award of following bids to the lowest bidder meeting specifications:

Contract #1 – Asbestos Abatement – High School and Draper

Bid Amount - \$287,800

Excel Insulation
 2282 Hamburg Turnpike
 Wayne, NJ 07470-6291
 Dragi Kocevski, Vice President
 973-835-6100/973-835-6105 (fax)

Contract #2 – Asbestos Abatement – Bradt and Pinewood

Bid Amount - \$262,000

Niram, Inc.
 91 Fulton Street, Unit 4
 Boonton, NJ 07005

Roman Graure, Jr., President
973-299-4455/973-299-7010 (fax)

Contract #3 – General Construction – High School

Bid Amount - \$2,729,000

Bette & Cring Construction Group
22 Century Hill Drive, Suite 201
Latham, NY 12110
Peter Bette, President
518-213-1010/518-213-1050 (fax)

Contract #4 – General Construction – Draper, Bradt, and Pinewood

Bid Amount - \$3,507,883

Eastern Building and Restoration
2 Commerce Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
Michael Martin, President
518-435-2345/518-435-2344 (fax)

Contract #5 – HVAC – Pinewood

Bid Amount - \$923,000

Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
2822 Curry Road
Schenectady, NY 12303
Al Turpin, Vice President
518-355-7251/518-355-8039 (fax)

Contract #6 – HVAC – Draper and Bradt

Bid Amount - \$1,074,998

Campito Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
3 Hemlock Street
PO Box 550
Latham, NY 12110
Joseph Campito, Vice President
518-785-0994/518-785-0769 (fax)

Contract #7 – Temperature Controls – Districtwide

Bid Amount - \$469,111

Johnson Controls
116 Railroad Avenue
Albany, NY 12205
Robert Gatchell, Branch Manager
518-451-2700/518-451-2701 (fax)

Contract #8 – Plumbing – Districtwide

Bid Amount - \$921,000

DiGesare Mechanical, Inc.
3434 Carman Road
Schenectady, NY 12303
Dave DiGesare, President
518-356-2224/518-356-5529 (fax)

Contract #9 – Electrical – Districtwide**Bid Amount - \$2,195,933**

Kasselman Electric Co., Inc.
 PO Box 984
 Albany, NY 12201
 Becky Kasselman, Executive VP
 518-465-4795/518-465-4161 (fax)

Contract #10 – Security System – Districtwide**ON HOLD****Contract #11 – Kitchen Equipment – Pinewood****Bid Amount - \$230,281**

Saratoga Restaurant Equipment Sales
 720 Wilton Gansevoort Road
 Gansevoort, NY 12831
 David Hummel, President
 518-584-6293/518-581-7089 (fax)

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

The Board of Education establishes the following substitute rate effective April 20, 2009:

Position	Recommended Substitute Rate as of 4/20/09
Substitute School Nurse	\$19.10

A. Appointments

Kyra McTighe

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Guidance Counselor
Date of Commencement: January 23, 2009
Expiration Date: Close of business May 22, 2009 (*amended from the 2/9/09 agenda*)
Certification Status: School Guidance Counselor, Initial pending
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, prorated

Kevin Clough

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Social Studies
Date of Commencement: April 27, 2009
Expiration Date: Close of business, June 25, 2009
Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12, Initial (Pending)
Salary: Step 1

Michelle Patka

Appointment: Home Tutor
Effective: April 21, 2009
Salary: \$25/hour

Sean Flansburg

Appointment: Home Tutor
Effective: April 21, 2009
Salary: \$25/hour

Mentors 2008 – 2009 (Stipend per MTA Contract)

Dale Wade-Keszey Draper MS
Expiration Date: Close of business, April 3, 2009 (amended from 7/1/08 agenda)

Scott Hays Draper MS
Effective: April 6, 2009 – June 25, 2009

Extracurricular Advisors/History Club/Draper MS – 2008 - 2009

Dale Wade-Keszey Co-Advisor
Expiration Date: Close of business, April 3, 2009 (amended from 9/8/08 agenda)

Mark DiCocco Advisor (amended from 9/8/08 agenda)
Effective: April 6, 2009
Expiration Date: June 25, 2009

Indoor Winterguard – 2008-2009

Lori Marshall (\$1200)
 Valerie del Prado (\$1200)
 Nora Sabatini (\$1200)

Winter Coaches - 2009-10

Position	Coach	Step
Varsity Ice Hockey	Andrew Cuthbertson	Step 3

Michael A. Litz
Assignment: Substitute Mechanic
Salary: \$13.75/hr.
Effective: April 21, 2009

Michael A. Litz
Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Salary: Step 1
Effective: April 20, 2009

Frederick Miller
Assignment: Substitute School Security Monitor
Effective Date: April 21, 2009
Salary: \$11.65/hour

Joseph R. Neil
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
Effective: April 21, 2009
Salary: \$9/hour

B. Fingerprint Clearances**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
Mary Lyons
Adly Nakhla
Paul Paquin
Amanda Rappold
Marianne Sauter
Kelly Sayward, Jr.

Mrs. French congratulated Mr. Kevin Clough on his appointment as a long-term substitute social studies teacher.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that an executive session be convened at 9:35 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 11:08 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 11:09 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk