

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, May 11, 2009, Mohonasen High School*

The Board meeting was preceded by the Budget Hearing at 6:00 PM followed by "Meet the Candidates Night."

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:37 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	David Collins, Mohonasen High School Principal
Joseph Salamone, Member	Makensie Bullinger, Assistant High School Principal
Gary Spadaro, Member	Timothy Hulihan, Assistant High School Principal
	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
	Gerald Garing, Administrator for Science K-12
	Chris Ruberti, Administrator for Counseling K-12
	Lisa Cutting, Administrator for ELA 6-12
	2 Student Representatives
	7 Students
	1 Faculty Member
	2 District Residents

Superintendent

Mrs. Swezey, Assistant Superintendent for Business, gave the Board of Education an update on the status of the EXCEL Project.

Mr. Patrick McGrath, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, showed a PowerPoint presentation on the results of the NYS English Language Arts exams for students in Grades 3-8. He showed graphs of how Mohonasen students compared to other schools in Schenectady County, as well as how Mohonasen' results compared to other similar area schools. Mr. McGrath stated that while Mohonasen has shown improvement over the past four years, there is still room for improvement to be made. Mrs. Lisa Cutting, Mrs. Michele Hunter, and Mrs. Debra Male each spoke about specific initiatives and strategies that have been implemented to raise student achievement.

Mrs. del Prado asked administration to do a presentation sometime in the future to follow up on how high school students are doing in English Language Arts and, more specifically, on the English 11 Regents Exam.

Board of Education

Mrs. French reminded everyone of upcoming calendar events.

Mr. Salamone commented on the Relay for Life held on May 1st and 2nd. He said that over \$34,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society. The Board congratulated Mrs. Makensie Bullinger on the nice job she had done coordinating the event.

Mr. Macejka stated that the Senior Citizens' Ball held on Friday, May 8th was a very nice event.

Student Representatives

Doug Carlton and Sara Dalton spoke about several events held at the high school recently, including the mock DWI crash, the Senior Citizens' Ball, and the Relay for Life. They introduced 7 students who are candidates for student representatives to the Board of Education for the 2009-2010 school year. Elections will take place on May 19th.

New Business

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

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, 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 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29, and May 1, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Team 7/8 8th Grade Field Trip to Camp Chingachgook on June 8- 10, 2009

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the request for a Team 7/8 8th Grade Field Trip to Camp Chingachgook in Lake George, New York on June 8-10, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval for Mohonasen High School History Club to Participate in a Field Trip to Salem, Massachusetts in October 2009

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve a Mohonasen History Club Field Trip to Salem, Massachusetts on October 6-7, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval for 9th Grade Students to Participate in a Field Trip to Medieval Times/Museum of Natural History on Friday, April 22, 2010

MOTION made Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the request for 9th grade students to participate in a field trip on Friday, April 22, 2010 to Medieval Times in Lyndhurst, New Jersey and the Museum of Natural History in New York City. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval for Field Trip to Galapagos Islands scheduled for April 1-10, 2010

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve a field trip to the Galapagos Islands open to high school students, Mohonasen staff and district

families scheduled for April 1-10, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval of Mohonasen History Club Field Trip to Greece during April Break 2010

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve a Mohonasen High School History Club field trip to Greece during April Break 2010. The motion was passed unanimously seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Salary Schedules for Management/Confidential Employees

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the salary increase for Management/Confidential employees for the 2009-10 school year as follows: 3% on Step 1, 4.5% inclusive of increment on Steps 2-15, and 3.5% off step for Managerial/Confidential support staff employees, effective July 1, 2009. Appropriate salary schedules shall be adjusted accordingly if a future settlement with the MSSA exceeds the approved percentage increases now applicable to Management/Confidential employees, with said adjustments be both retroactive and prospective. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Continuation of Mohonasen-Schalmont Varsity Ice Hockey Team for the 2009-2010 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the request for continuation of the combined Mohonasen-Schalmont interscholastic Varsity Ice Hockey 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 Medical Examination of District Employee

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education, in accordance with the provisions of Education Law §913, and for the purposes set forth therein, direct the Superintendent to inform the employee discussed in Executive Session that they are to submit to a physical examination by a medical doctor selected by the district to determine the capacity of the employee to perform the duties and responsibilities of the employee's position. Such medical examination shall take place on or before June 25, 2009. This Resolution shall take effect immediately. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval of Bid Rejection – Contract #10 Security System – Districtwide

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education hereby rejects all bids opened on April 9, 2009 related to Contract #10 Security System – Districtwide. 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.

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on April 20, 2009.

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Appointments

Bruce Weinfurt

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: May 4, 2009
Expiration Date: Close of business June 25, 2009
Certification Status: Students with Disabilities (Gr. 5-9), Initial
Salary: Step 7

Kathleen Jackson

Assignment: Substitute Health Office Assistant
Effective Date: May 12, 2009
Salary: \$13.00/hour

Kathleen Jackson

Assignment: Substitute School Nurse
Effective Date: May 12, 2009
Salary: \$19.10/hour

William Dergosits

Assignment: Swim Club – Head Coach
Salary: \$16.00/hr.
Effective: April, 21, 2009

Robert Piccirillo

Assignment: Swim Club – Assistant Coach
Salary: \$12.00/hr.
Effective: April, 21, 2009

Emery Dergosits

Assignment: Swim Club – Assistant Coach
Salary: \$12.00/hr.
Effective: April, 21, 2009

Amanda Taylor

Appointment: Home Tutor
Salary: \$25/hour
Effective: April 27, 2009

Holly Dergosits

Appointment: Home Tutor
Salary: \$25/hour
Effective: April 27, 2009

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

Name	Assignment	Dates/Times
Emery Dergosits	HW/AIS	1 hour/week - 3/3/09 - 6/16/09

After School Test Prep - Six 1.5 hour sessions - \$31.66/hour

Instructor	Assignment	Dates
Colleen Organ	Global Studies Regents Review	May 6, 2009 - June 10, 2009
Tom Schweizer	US History Regents Review	May 6, 2009 - June 10, 2009

Lori J. Smith

Assignment: IPS I
Salary: Step 3
Effective: July 1, 2009

Patricia Delaney

Assignment: Full-time Bus Driver
Salary: Step 9
Effective: July 1, 2009

Pamela Hickok

Assignment: Substitute Bus Aide
Salary: \$9.00/hr.
Effective: May 12, 2009

Bryttni Walter

Assignment: Substitute Lifeguard
Salary: \$7.25/hr.
Effective: May 15, 2009

Paul Rostick

Assignment: Bus Driver
Salary: Step 1
Effective: May 12, 2009

B. Resignations

Rosemary M. Soltis

Assignment: Secondary Assistant Principal
Effective: Close of business, June 30, 2009

Wendy Endres

Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper
Effective: Close of business, May 13, 2009

C. Leaves of Absence

Patricia Busa

Assignment: Health Office Assistant
Effective Dates: March 2, 2009 – May 29, 2009 (*amended from the 3/23/09 agenda*)
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1st 12 weeks)

Cindy Mendez

Assignment: Director of Technology
Effective Dates: January 30, 2009 – June 30, 2009 (*amended from the 1/26/09 agenda*)
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1st 12 weeks)

Malgorzata Kelly

Assignment: French Teacher
Effective Dates: May 27, 2009 – June 25, 2009
Reason: Family Medical Leave

D. Removal from Service:

Joyce Dubuc

Assignment: Substitute School Security Monitor
Effective: Close of business, April 17, 2009

E. 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
Mary Lyons
Adly Nakhla
Paul Paquin
Amanda Rappold
Marianne Sauter
Kelly Sayward, Jr.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that an executive session be convened at 8:24 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the executive session be adjourned at 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 10:40 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk