

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, June 1, 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
Gary Spadaro, Member

Absent:

Joseph Salamone, Member

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that an executive session be convened at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the executive session be adjourned at 6:56 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

The business meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:03 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
Gary Spadaro, Member	Makensie Bullinger, Assistant High School Principal
	Timothy Hulihan, Assistant High School Principal
	Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal
	Michele Hunter, Pinewood School 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
	Joseph Scalise, Director of PE, Athletics & Health Education
	Doug Carlton, Student Representative
	Sara Dalton, Student Representative
	1 Faculty Member
	2 Students
	1 District Resident

Superintendent

Dr. Spring reported that the budget passed by a margin of 1016 to 536 and the bus proposition also passed by a vote of 1016 to 515. She also announced that the three open Board seats were filled by the re-election of Mr. Gary Spadaro and Mrs. Eileen French and by the election of newcomer Thomas Andriola.

Presentation of Recycling Award

Dr. Spring introduced Mr. Jody Paige of T.A. Predel who would be presenting a recycling award to Draper Middle School, Pinewood School and Bradt School.

Mr. Jody Paige gave some background information and statistics on the significance of recycling. He stated that in 2008 Bradt recycled 5900 lbs. of paper, Draper Middle School recycled 6090 lbs. of paper and Pinewood School recycled 9640 lbs. of paper. He reported that this effort alone saved 186.5 trees and saved 76,790 gallons of water. In addition, the district was paid for recycling the paper. Mr. Paige presented a Recycling Achievement Award to the school district for their efforts.

Textbook Presentations

Mrs. Latefa Lang presented an overview of the textbook, Keyboarding & Word Processing, Lessons 1-60, 17th Edition by South-Western Cengage Learning. She stated that this book is an update from the current textbook being used and aligns with the Schenectady County Community College curriculum to allow for UHS credit.

Ms. Heidi Bromley presented an overview of the text, Geometry (2008) by Holt McDougal. She explained that this book is accompanied by an on-line program which is available to teachers and students. She previewed a demonstration of the on-line version of this textbook.

Grades 3-8 Math Scores

Dr. Spring reported that the New York State Grades 3-8 math scores were released this morning and although there hasn't been time to do an extensive analysis, Mr. Patrick McGrath would do a preliminary review of the results.

Mr. McGrath stated that overall Grades 3-8 math scores are up. He showed a PowerPoint presentation comparing the scores of Mohonasen with other school districts in the area, as well as how the scores compared over the past four years in the district. He stated that overall, scores are up but that there are still areas that need improvement.

Board of Education

Mrs. Eileen French reminded everyone of upcoming calendar events and passed out materials on the NYSSBA Convention being held in October.

Student Representatives

Doug Carlton and Sara Dalton spoke about several events held recently at the high school. They stated that there are many end-of-the-year activities being held this month and that they were looking forward to the Senior Ball being held at Franklin Plaza. They introduced the two new student representatives for the 2009-10 school year, Justin Burns and Caitlyn Collins. They also announced that they were having a plaque made to recognize all the former students representatives to the Board of Education.

Mrs. French remarked on what a great job they have done over this past year and wished them well with their future plans.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, 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 May 15, 18, 19, and 20, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Schenectady City School District

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the Schenectady City School District in the total amount \$15,621.76 for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Lease Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Schenectady

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve a contract with the Boys and Girls Club of Schenectady for the use of four buses at a reimbursement amount of \$15,000 for the period of June 29, 2009 through August 14, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

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

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on May 18, 2009 and the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2009.

Bids/Change Order

APPROVED the 2009-2010 Misc. Auto/Bus Parts Co-Op Bid to the following company:

Schenectady Unit Parts, Inc.
67 Freemans Bridge Road
Scotia, NY 12302
Projected Usage - \$812.96

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Retirements

Judith Ogarek

Assignment:

P/T Bus Driver

Effective Date:

Close of business, June 25, 2009

B. Appointments

Angie Francis

Assignment:

Substitute Teacher Aide

Effective Date:

June 1, 2009 – close of business June 25, 2009

Salary:

\$9.00/Hour

Margaret Gregoire

Appointment: P/T Health Office Assistant (5 hours)
Effective Date: June 8, 2009
Salary: Step 3

Judith Ogarek

Appointment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: June 29, 2009
Salary: \$13.00/hr.

Summer School 2009 – Mohonasen HS Faculty & Staff (July 8 – August 14, 2009)

Name	Assignment	Step
Lisa Backman	Media Specialist (Job Share), 7/27/09 – 8/7/09	1
Richard Burega	English 11, 2 Sessions	6
Richard Burega	English 12, 1 Session	\$500
Melyssa Burega	English 9, 1 Session English 10, 1 Session	5
Robert Higgins	Geometry, 2 sessions	5
Mindy Holland	Media Specialist (Job Share), 8/10/09 – 8/14/09	2
Jim Huggins	Health, 2 Sessions	1
Danielle Hunt	Algebra 1 AIS, 2 Sessions	3
Amanda Malfer	Living Environment I, 1 Session Living Environment II, 1 Session	1
Malachi Martin	US History 11, 2 Sessions	1
Malachi Martin	PIG/ECON, 1 Session	\$500
Mary-Frances Manno	Media Specialist (Job Share), 7/8/09 – 7/24/09	5
Colleen Organ	Global 9 AIS, 2 sessions	2
Erica Restifo	Special Education, 2 Sessions	1
Amanda Taylor	Algebra II AIS, 2 Sessions	1
Kristen Vachon	English 9 AIS, 1 Session English 10 AIS, 1 Session	1
Ann VonStetina	Global 10 AIS, 2 Sessions	5
Autumn Wallace	Global 9, 1 Session Global 10, 1 Session	4

Summer School 2009 Substitutes – Mohonasen HS – Faculty

Doug Jones Tara Shellard
 Maureen Conway Priscilla Perry
 Kevin Clough Nancy Joseph

Proctoring of Mohonasen HS Summer Regents

Name	Assignment	Rate
Fred Engert	Head Proctor – 1 exam	\$105.07/Regents
Ben Pierson	Head Proctor – 4 exams	\$105.07/Regents
Ben Pierson	RCT Review – 1 week, 8/5/09 – 8/11/09	\$31.66/hour

**2009 Pinewood AIS Summer Program
(7/6/09 - 8/6/09, Monday - Thursday, 3 hrs/day)**

Name	Step
Marianne Masick	2
Kristin Tiano	3
Cortney Colvin	2
Carrie Townsend	3
Jeanette Wager	1
Kristen Lynch	2
Katria Hitrick	1
Caitlin Rogers	2
Rebecca Pollick	2
Ryan Buzzo	5
Emery Dergosits	1
Amanda Brousseau	6

2009 Pinewood AIS Summer Program Substitutes

Kristen Bellizzi
Maria LaBate
Kasey Hazard

2009 Bradt AIS Summer School - Sessions 1 & 2 (7/6- 7/24 & 7/27 - 8/14 - 3 hrs/day)

Name	Assignment	Step
Amber Kennedy	Jump Start, 1 Session	4
Lynette Griesemer	Jump Start, 1 Session	3
Brenda DiNicola	Teacher Aide, 2 Sessions	2
Amy Varano	Exiting EDK, 2 Sessions	2
Laura Eggleston	Entering Grade 1, 1 Session	3
TBA	Entering Grade 1, 1 Session	
Melissa Bongo	Entering Grade 2, 1 Session	5
Jen Hurst	Entering Grade 2, 1 Session	2

Summer Positions - Mohonasen HS - July 8, 2009 - August 11, 2009

Name	Assignment	Step
Martha Lashin	Distance Learning Aide, 2 Sessions 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. & 10:00 - 12 noon	1

Summer Work - Guidance Counselors (10 days each)

Counselor	Building	Intended Dates
Amy Huszar	High School	July 1, 2, 6, 7; Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2 *
Rebecca Pauley	High School	July 1, 2, 6, 7; Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2 *
Duane Wood	High School	July 1, 2, 6, 7; Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2 *
Mary Lockwood	High School	July 1, 2, 6, 7; Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2 *
Donald Dieckmann	Middle School	July 1, 2, 6, 7; Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2 *
Deb Wood	Middle School	July 1, 2, 6, 7; Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2 *
Angie Santabarbara	Middle School	July 1, 2, 6, 7; Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2 *

* three additional days to be determined

Bradt Summer Kindergarten Screening - Two Days (Summer Curriculum Rate)

Name	Assignment
Mary Carrigan-Peek	Speech Pathologist - 2 Days
Lynette Griesemer	Kindergarten Teacher - 1 Day
Amber Kennedy	Kindergarten Teacher - 1 Day

Spring Extramurals 2009

Melissa Gregg - Track & Field

Nicole Schaap - Track & Field

Nicole Schaap - Volleyball

Intramurals 2008-09

Doug Hallberg

Raymond Kearney

Nicole Schaap

B. Resignations

Mark Kent

Assignment: MonitorEffective: Close of business, May 29, 2009

Patricia Delaney

Assignment: P/T Bus DriverEffective: Close of business, June 30, 2009

Robin Carlton

Assignment: P/T Teacher AssistantEffective: Close of business, June 25, 2009**C. Leaves of Absence**

Cory Gregg

Assignment: Social Studies TeacherEffective Dates: June 23, 2008 - June 20, 2009 (*amended from the 4/6/09 agenda*)Reason: Military Leave of Absence

Robert Anderson

Assignment: MonitorEffective Date: September 1, 2008 - May 29, 2009 (*amended from the 6/16/08 agenda*)Reason: Family Medical Leave (1st 12 weeks)

Cesare Leonetti

Assignment: P/T Bus AideEffective Date: April 9, 2009 - May 15, 2009 (*amended from the 3/23/09 agenda*)Reason: Family Medical Leave

D. Removal from Service

David Bopp

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective: Close of business May 18, 2009

F. Terminations

Alan Livingston

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective: Close of business June 1, 2009

E. Fingerprint Clearances**Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance**

Jeremy Bigness
Erica Brockmyer
Carl Calicchia
Erin Davies
Jason Fries
Patrick Gill
Matthew Holden
Mary Lyons
Adly Nakhla
Paul Paquin
Amanda Rappold
Marianne Sauter
Kelly Sayward, Jr.

Conditional Clearances

Rosemary Bishop
Gayle Hinsdill

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that an executive session be convened at 7:52 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:00 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:03 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.