

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, August 18, 2008, 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 Mrs. Adamec, that an executive session be convened at 5:05 for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the executive session be adjourned at 6:10 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

The business meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 6:17 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	Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal
Charles Macejka, Member	Michele Hunter, Pinewood School Principal
Joseph Salamone, Member	Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal
Gary Spadaro, Member	Arlene DeSiena, Bradt Asst. Principal
	2 New Faculty Members

Superintendent

Dr. Spring commented that everything is in full swing for the start of school.

Board of Education

Mrs. French reminded everyone of upcoming calendar events, including the two upcoming staff days on September 2nd and 3rd, the first day of school for students on September 4th, and Pinewood's 50th Birthday Celebration on Friday, September 5th.

New Business**Request for Approval of Middle School Choir and Orchestra and High School Orchestra Field Trip to Music in the Park Music Competition in Agawam, Massachusetts on Saturday, May 16, 2009**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the request for the middle school choir and orchestra and high school orchestra to participate in a field trip to the Music in the Park Music Competition in Agawam, Massachusetts on Saturday, May 16, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Middle School Orchestra Field Trip to Boston, Massachusetts on April 1, 2009

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Middle School Orchestra to participate in a field trip on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 to Boston, Massachusetts to attend a performance by the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval of High School Orchestra Field Trip to New York City on March 13, 2009

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the request for the High School Orchestra to participate in a field trip on Friday, March 13, 2009 to New York City to attend a performance by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval of Tri-M Music Honor Society Field Trip to New York City on Saturday, November 1, 2008

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Tri-M Music Honor Society to participate in a field trip on Saturday, November 1, 2008 to New York City to attend a performance by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Acceptance of Grant/Donation from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for Anti-Bullying Training for Teachers and Students

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education accept the gift of a grant from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in an amount equivalent to \$2,000 worth of anti-bullying training for teachers and students. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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 July 22, 23 and August 6, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with Wildwood Summer Extension Program

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the contract with Wildwood Summer Extension Program for the period of July 7, 2008 to August 15, 2008 at a rate of \$6,893.00 not to exceed \$34,465.00. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting with Mrs. French abstaining from the vote.

Request Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Susan B. Stec, Physical Therapist, for the 2008-2009 School Year

Motion made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Susan B. Stec to provide physical therapy services to district resident students at a cost of \$53.00 per hour, not to exceed \$29,000.00 for the 2008-09 school year, starting on September 4, 2008 through June 25, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval to Enter into a Contract with Mary Lou Lee, Occupational Therapist, for the 2008-2009 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Mary Lou Lee, 91 Jordan Boulevard, Delmar, NY 12054, to provide occupational therapy services to district resident students at a cost of \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed \$61,250.00, for the period September 4, 2008 through June 25, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval of Resolution to Authorize a Contract for Medicaid Reimbursement Services – 2008-2009 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education authorizes a contract for Medicaid Reimbursement Services with SpecEd Solutions, 827 Ford Road, Melrose, NY 12121 to provide Medicaid reimbursement claim services to the district for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of a monthly fee of \$300.00 and a yearly rate of \$3,600.00. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Authorization to Enter into a Contract with Options With Learning (OWL) for the 2008-2009 School Year

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education enters into a contract with Options With Learning (OWL) to provide auditory training therapy services to one district resident at a cost of \$50.00/half-hour for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Service Connections, Inc. – School Year 2008-2009

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with Service Connections, Inc. to provide special education and related services to district resident students at a rate of \$58 per half hour for individual sessions, \$43.00 per half hour for group sessions and \$175.00 per supplemental evaluation for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval to Enter into a Contract with The Learning Brain for Acquired Brain Injury Services

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education authorize the signing of a contract with the following specialist to provide the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) services:

Elisa Graziadei, Neuroeducator
Acquired Brain Injury Specialist
55 Garnsey Road
Rexford, NY 12148

Payment rate is \$130.00 per hour for two hours a month for a total of \$260.00 for 10 months, not to exceed \$2,600.00. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Reinstatement of Employee to Typist Position

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approves the reinstatement of Lisa Karandy to the title of Typist in accordance with applicable Civil Service stipulations and the MSSA contract, effective August 19, 2008. The motion was 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. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution to support our staffing needs:

RESOLVED, that effective September 1, 2008, the 10-month typist position be abolished. The Superintendent shall remove said position from the district table of organization, and be it further

RESOLVED, that effective September 1, 2008, the Board approve the addition of one 12-month typist position for the following location: Special Education Department.

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

Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with Parsons Child and Family Center Day Treatment Program for Summer Services

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Parsons Child and Family Center Day Treatment Program at a total cost of \$5,177.00 per child for the period of July 7, 2008 to August 15, 2008, as per the IEP. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of 2008-2009 School Tax Rates and Tax Warrant

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the following school tax rates and resultant school tax warrants in conjunction with the school tax levy for 2008-2009.

	Tax Rate Per Thousand	Tax Levy/Warrant Amount
Rotterdam	\$15.0012	\$19,435,663.95
Guilderland	\$17.9399	\$ 985,966.10
Colonie	\$21.3191	\$ 796,791.69

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

Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with Parsons Child and Family Center Day Treatment Program for School Year 2008-2009

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Parsons Child and Family Center Day Treatment Program, at a total cost of \$34,516.00 per child for the 2008-2009 school year, as per the IEP. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval to Abolish the Following Position: Supervisor of Aquatics

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the abolishment of the following position: Supervisor of Aquatics. 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, 2) Financial Reports 3) Bids/Change Orders and 4) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on July 21, July 28, and August 4, 2008.

Financial Reports

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

APPROVED the Cafeteria Financial Statements for the month of July.

APPROVED the Claims Auditor Report for the month of July.

APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the months of July and August for Warrant #1P and 2.

Warrant #1P – July 31, 2008

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #113	\$225,464.97
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #48	\$ 4,657.05
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #50	\$ 68,333.38
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #44	\$316,301.92
TOTAL – Warrant #1P		\$614,757.32

Warrant #2 – August 18, 2008

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #114	\$221,075.26
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #49	\$ 10,869.06
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #51	\$445,394.50
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #45	\$307,039.11
TOTAL – Warrant # 2		\$984,377.93

Bids/Change Order

APPROVED the sale of two surplus vehicles to the highest bidder on each as listed below:

	1950 Tractor	1986 Trackless Tractor
Harold Johnson 926 Caverns Road Howes Cave, NY	\$752.50	
M.R. Parillo 131-149 N. Blvd. Hagaman, NY 12086		\$1,027.17

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

Paul Nooney
Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Science
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2011
Certification Status: Earth Science 7-12, Permanent; Mathematics 7-12, Provisional
General Science 5-6 & 7-12 Ext., Permanent
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

Melissa A. Antonini
Appointment: Part-Time
Assignment: Elementary Education (.3)
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: June 30, 2009
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Initial pending; Reading, Provisional
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Danielle Spickerman
Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: English
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2011
Certification Status: English Language Arts 7-12, Initial
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits

Marc Vachon
Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Physical Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2010
Certification Status: Physical Education, Permanent
Salary: Step 5 plus graduate credits + \$1500 stipend for Adult Ed. Swim Programs + \$4800 stipend for Summer Swim Programs

Linda Crusan
Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Mathematics
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2010
Certification Status: Mathematics 7-12
Salary: Step 8 plus graduate credits

Stephen Decker
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Physical Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, November 17, 2008
Certification Status: Physical Education, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Roberta Sheldon

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Mathematics
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, October 10, 2008
Certification Status: Mathematics 7-12, Permanent
Salary: Step 7 plus graduate credits

Jannien Davila

Appointment: Part-Time
Assignment: Speech Pathologist (.6)
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: June 30, 2009
Certification Status: Speech and Hearing Handicapped, Permanent
Salary: Step 6 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Emery Dergosits

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Salary: Step 1
Effective: September 1, 2008

Deanna Cipoletti

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Salary: Step 4
Effective: September 1, 2008

Brianna DiBiase

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Salary: Step 2
Effective: September 1, 2008

Lisa Karandy

Assignment: Reinstatement to 12-Month Typist
Salary: Step 8
Effective Date: August 19, 2008

Roberta Belber

Assignment: Substitute Typist
Salary: \$11.85/hr.
Effective: August 19, 2008

Kathy Whittemore

Assignment: Food Service Helper – Cafeteria Aide
Salary: Step 2
Effective: September 1, 2008

Mary Beth Gunn

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide – 6 hours

Salary: Step 2

Effective: September 1, 2008

Sandra Demarest

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide

Salary: \$9.72/hour

Effective Date: September 1, 2008

Dean of Students/High School – 2008-2009

Gregg Massaroni \$2250

Extracurricular Advisors/Mohonasen HS – 2008-2009

Extracurricular Club/Organization	Advisor/Co-Advisor
National Honor Society	Robert Higgins

Summer Enrichment (\$35 per hour)

Class	Teacher	# of Hours
Advanced String Camp 2008	Kimberly Kondenar	30
Actor’s Workshop	Nicole Gabriel	12
	Kristopher Rose	12
	Lauren DeFilippo	12

Prep time for instruction of two-hour after school workshop - \$31.66/hour

February 5, 2008 – 1 Hour
Melissa Goard Bongo
Kerri Collins

Fall/Winter Coaches - 2008

Position	Coach	Step
Boys’ JV Volleyball	Matthew Lopez	Step 2
Boys’ Modified Soccer	Stephanie Zych	Step 1
Girls’ JV Basketball	Scott Alvarez	Step 5

Fall Volunteer Coaches

Deanna Cipoletti – Girls’ Soccer
 Jesse Holliday – Girls’ Tennis
 Jackie Nanci – Girls’ Volleyball-
 Paul Stelmaszyk – Cross Country

Change in Employment Status:

Cheryl Hitchcock

Previous Assignment: 10-Month Typist

Current Assignment: 12-Month Typist

Effective Date: September 1, 2008

Salary: Step 7

Change in Employment Status: (Continued)

Tina Nordstrom

Previous Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide
Current Assignment: Teaching Assistant K-12
Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hrs)
Effective Date: September 1, 2008
Salary/Step: Step 5

Amy Serafini

Previous Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide
Current Assignment: Teaching Assistant K-12
Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hrs)
Effective Date: September 1, 2008
Salary/Step: Step 2

Marjorie Abdella

Previous Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide
Current Assignment: Teaching Assistant K-12
Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hrs)
Effective Date: September 1, 2008
Salary/Step: Step 2

Christine Wilkins

Previous Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide
Current Assignment: Teaching Assistant K-12
Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant (3.5 hrs)
Salary/Step: Step 7

A. Resignations

Jessica Westervelt

Assignment: Spanish Teacher - HS
Effective: July 31, 2008

Bonnie Myers

Assignment: P/T Teacher Assistant
Effective: Close of business, August 15, 2008

Bonnie Myers

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Effective Date: Close of business August 15, 2008

B. Removal from Service

Melody Fazio

Assignment: Substitute Monitor
Effective: Close of business, June 30, 2008

Deidre Drezelo

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide
Effective Date: Close of business June 30, 2008

Elida Gross

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide
Effective Date: Close of business June 30, 2008

Christine La Bar-Van Buren

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant
Effective Date: Close of business June 30, 2008

Sandra Demarest

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide
Effective Date: Close of business June 30, 2008

Mary Beth Gunn

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective: Close of business June 30, 2008

C. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Heather Bagshaw

Karin Baldauf

Linda Bopp

Davis Connelly

Kayleigh Davis

James Desira

Melissa Garrigan

Jordan Glover

Katharine Kelly

Jessica LaForce

Erin Murphy

Paul Paquin

Nicole Provost

Erica Sleasman

Marvin Veeder

Mary Ellen Walsh

Eadwine Webb

Mrs. French congratulated Ms. Danielle Spickerman on her appointment as an English teacher at the middle school and Ms. Linda Crusan on her appointment as a mathematics teacher at the high school.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that an executive session be convened at 6:29 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Macejka, 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 8:32 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk