

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education Monday, September 8, 2008, Mohonasen High School

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:05 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 & Instruction
Eileen French, President	Lin Severance, Ph.D., Director for Student & Personnel Services
Charles Macejka, Member	Karla Empie, Director of Special & Alternative Programs
Joseph Salamone, Member	David Collins, Mohonasen High School Principal
Gary Spadaro, Member	Makensie Bullinger, Assistant High School Principal
	Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal
	Rosemary Soltis, Assistant Middle School Principal
	Michele Hunter, Pinewood School Principal
	Deborah Kavanaugh, Pinewood Assistant Principal
	Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal
	Arlene DeSiena, Bradt Assistant Principal
	Heidi Bromley, Administrator for Mathematics 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 District Residents

Superintendent

Dr. Kathleen Spring stated that the first item on the agenda this evening would be a brief presentation on the adoption of novels for use in high school English courses.

Mrs. Lisa Cutting spoke briefly on the novels: The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne, The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho, and A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius by Dave Eggers. Mrs. Cutting explained that these novels would complement the 10th and 11th grade curriculum and provide more relevant and modern text for students. She said the selected novels meet the NYS standards and provide great reading and writing opportunities for students.

Dr. Spring congratulated Ms. Michele Hunter and Ms. Deborah Kavanaugh on the great job they did with the 50th birthday celebration of Pinewood School. Ms. Hunter and Ms. Kavanaugh each spoke briefly on preparations over the past year in preparing for the celebration and their excitement at discovering the time capsule which had been placed in the cornerstone at Pinewood 50 years ago. Mr. Patrick McGrath showed a video of the Pinewood celebration.

Board of Education

Mrs. French expressed her regret at not being able to attend the celebration at Pinewood and thanked Mr. McGrath for making the video available on the district website. Mrs. French stated that

last Wednesday was the official opening day for staff and congratulated Dr. Spring and Mr. McGrath for the wonderful job they both did with their "Welcome Back" presentation.

Mrs. French reminded everyone of upcoming calendar events and shared a calendar spreadsheet with Board members regarding their availability to cover the numerous open houses being held in the district. Mrs. French read a letter sent to the Board by a 4th grade student at Pinewood. Mrs. French also commented on a letter she was sent by the State Comptroller's Office regarding the district's Corrective Action Plan in regard to the audit which was conducted in the spring of 2007.

Student Representatives

Mr. David Collins introduced Mr. Doug Carlton and Ms. Sara Dalton who will serve as this year's student representatives on the Board of Education. Doug stated that the first few days of school went smoothly and that it was great being back. Sara stated that the first football game was held on Friday and commented on the huge turnout. She said that they will be meeting with members of the Student Senate and relaying their ideas back to the Board.

Public Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Tom Andriola of Ryan Place expressed his strong support for the district to consider adding a pre-K and full-day kindergarten program. He also stated that he was interested in participating in the focus group that will be looking at these options.

Mrs. del Prado thanked him for coming and stated that 21 years ago Mohonasen adopted a full-day Kindergarten program but that due to building constraints, the district was never able to act on it.

New Business

Request Approval for Mohonasen Marching Band to Participate in a New York State Band Competition at Jordon Elbridge High School in Jordan, New York on Saturday, September 6, 2008

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Mohonasen Marching Band to participate in a New York State Band Competition at Jordan Elbridge High School in Jordan, New York on Saturday, September 6, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval for Mohonasen Marching Band to Participate in the NYSFBC Competition at Ramapo High School in Spring Valley, New York on Saturday, September 14, 2008

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Mohonasen Marching Band to participate in the NYSFBC competition on Saturday, September 14, 2008 at East Ramapo High School in Spring Valley, New York. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with Cobb Memorial School in Altamont, New York

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Cobb Memorial School for educational services at a total cost of \$64,406.00 for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval for Tax Refund and Assessment Reduction

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve a total tax refund for the 2006 tax year to Walmart Real Estate Trust in the total amount of \$5,708.14 with assessment reductions for 2008 through and including 2010 to \$7,750,000.00. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval to Enter into a Renewal Agreement with Four Winds Saratoga for Tutorial Services

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education authorize the renewal of a tutorial services agreement with Four Winds Saratoga at a rate of twenty-eight (\$28) dollars an hour for instruction for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval to Authorize Employment of Retiree as (.5) Interim Administrator of Social Studies

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education authorize the ability to appoint a retiree, Daniel Lucca, as a .5 FTE Interim Administrator for Social Studies pending the approval of the State Education Department. The motion was passed unanimously, seven 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 with five members voting yes and Mrs. del Prado and Mr. Salamone voting no.

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on August 18, 2008.

Bids/Change Orders

APPROVED the award of following bid to the lowest bidder meeting specifications for a 2008 Isuzu Diesel Commercial Truck with box and lift to H.L. Gage Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$44,999.00

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Appointments

Denise Swezey, Assistant Superintendent for Business – Merit Award, as per contract - \$1,500

Amy Varano

<u>Appointment:</u>	Part-Time
<u>Assignment:</u>	Elementary Education (.5)
<u>Date of Commencement:</u>	September 1, 2008
<u>Expiration Date:</u>	June 30, 2009
<u>Certification Status:</u>	Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Initial
<u>Salary:</u>	Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Tina Hayden

<u>Appointment:</u>	Probationary
<u>Tenure Area:</u>	Foreign Language
<u>Date of Commencement:</u>	September 26, 2008
<u>Expiration Date:</u>	September 25, 2010
<u>Certification Status:</u>	Spanish 7-12, Initial
<u>Salary:</u>	Step 5 plus graduate credits

Janice Zebrowski

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Spanish Teacher
Date of Commencement: September 4, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, September 26, 2008
Certification Status: Spanish 7-12, Permanent; French 7-12, Permanent
Salary: Step 7

Kevin Pedersen

Appointment: Part-Time
Assignment: Music (.4)
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: June 30, 2009
Certification Status: Music, Provisional
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits, pro-rated (*amended from the 6/16/08 agenda*)

Lisa Cutting

Assignment: Literacy Coordinator for Bradt/Pinewood 2008-09
Salary: \$3,000 Stipend

Jason Hoke

Assignment: Behavior Specialist/After Hours & Summer
Salary: \$13,000 Stipend
Effective: July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Michelle Schips

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

William Van Wie

Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Salary: Step 3
Effective Date: September 1, 2008

Sandra Demarest

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Salary: \$9.00/hour (*amended from the 8/18/08 agenda*)
Effective Date: September 1, 2008

Helen A. Lauzon

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$8.75/hr.
Effective: September 3, 2008

Jacqueline Barber

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$8.75/hr.
Effective: September 3, 2008

Denine Lockwood

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$8.75/hr.
Effective: September 3, 2008

Laurie Sefcovic

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$8.75/hr.
Effective: September 8, 2008

Caroline Washington

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Salary: \$8.75/hr.
Effective: September 8, 2008

Charles Burometto

Assignment: P/T Monitor (*amended from 7/1/08 agenda*)
Effective: September 1, 2008
Salary: Step 1

Christine La Bar-Van Buren

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: September 1, 2008
Salary: \$8.90/hour

Anita Scaccia

Assignment: Substitute Monitor
Effective Date: September 1, 2008
Salary: \$11.65/hour

Marc Vachon

Assignment: Girls' Varsity Swimming Assistant Coach
Salary: Step 5
Effective: September 2, 2008

Michael Dugan

Assignment: Lifeguard
Salary: \$7.25/hr.
Effective: September 9, 2008

Matthew Lewis

Assignment: Lifeguard
Salary: \$7.25/hr.
Effective: September 9, 2008

Brianna Bradley

Assignment: Lifeguard
Salary: \$7.25/hr.
Effective: September 9, 2008

Nathan Resila

Assignment: Lifeguard
Salary: \$7.25/hr.
Effective: September 9, 2008

Change in Employment Status:

Cheryl Hitchcock

Previous Assignment: 10-Month Typist
Current Assignment: 12-Month Typist
Effective Date: August 19, 2008 (*amended from the 8/18/08 agenda*)
Salary: Step 7

Dean of Students/High School – 2008-09

Meredith Eberz \$2250, pro-rated (effective October 14, 2008)

Proctoring/Grading of Regents Exams – August 13 & 14, 2008

(\$105.07 per Regents)

Stephanie Arnold – 2 Regents exams (\$210.14)

Fred Engert – 1 Regents exam (\$105.07)

Robert Higgins – 1 Regents exam (\$105.07)

Ben Pierson – 4 Regents exams (\$420.28)

Rebecca Kirschman – 1 Regents exam (\$105.07)

Kevin Cummings – 1 Regents exam (\$105.07)

Summer Work 2008

Project	Teachers	Days/Date
New Teacher Orientation	Melissa Antonini, Dawn Aulita, Bernadette Butkus, Matthew Connell, Linda Crusan, Stephen Decker, Katria Hitrick, Kristen Lynch, Amy Molina, Margaret Morelli, Paul Nooney, Cara Olsen, Rebecca Pollick, Danielle Spickerman, Krista Stannard, Kristen Vachon, Marc Vachon, Amy Varano, Dolores Weaver, Jacqueline Viernes, William Winters, Stephanie Zych	2 days August 19 & 20, 2008
New Teacher Orientation (Mentors)	Rebecca Bartlett, Maria Gilroy, Linda Harrison, Kathy Ives-Kline, Priscilla Perry, Marc Sullivan, Carrie Townsend, Jean Vause, Dale Wade-Keszey, Laurie Welch	2 days August 19 & 20, 2008
New Teacher Orientation	Kelly Fahrenkopf	1 day August 20, 2008
Special Education – Summer Typist	Cheryl Hitchcock	10 days @ 6.5 hours/day
Assistive Technology	Kathy Ives-Kline	2 days @ summer curriculum rate
Summer Psychologist Evaluations & Reports	Betty Young	3 days @ \$258.47 per day

Program Facilitators/Bradt – 2008-09 – Stipend as per MTA Contract

Christine Baumann	Extended Day Kindergarten (Parent Liaison)
Amber Kennedy	Kindergarten
Michele Hackett/Laura Eggleston	Grade 1 (Co-Facilitators)
Rita Cicchinelli	Grade 2

Program Facilitators/Pinewood – 2008-09 – Stipend as per MTA Contract

Lori Ranze	Grade 3
TBA	Grade 4
Jill Osinski	Grade 5

Program Facilitators/Draper MS – 2008-09 – Stipend as per MTA Contract

Patrick Keegan/Maria Pacheco	Foreign Language (French & Spanish 7-12)
Sara Bach	Team 8-1
Kathleen Boyd	Team 8-2
Renee Gandrow	Team 7-1
Therese Black	Team 7-2
Matthew Rider	Team 7-8
TBA	Team 6-1
TBA	Team 6-2
TBA	Team 6-3
Jason Varga	Special Areas

Extracurricular Advisors/Mohonasen HS – 2008 -09

Extracurricular Club/Organization	Advisor/Co-Advisor
Spanish Honor Society	Heather Clikeman/Nancy Ladd-Butz
Student Senate	Priscilla Perry/Dennae Hughes
National Business Honor Society	Latefa Lang/Margaret Morelli

Extracurricular Advisors/Draper Middle School – 2008 -09

Extracurricular Club/Organization	Advisor/Co-Advisor
Dean of Students	Scott Hays/Donald Dieckmann
Student Council	Linda Harrison
Yearbook	Karen Squires/Mary Manno
Newspaper	Scott Hays
Science Club	Carolyn Lundy
Astronomy Club	Jeremy Lundy
National Junior Honor Society	TBA
Teen Town	TBA
Peers for Peace	Maria Pacheco/Tricia Saullo
History Club	Mark DiCocco/Dale Wade-Keszey
Band (Select/Stage/Marching)	Jason Varga
Select Choir	Nicole Gabriel
Orchestra	Kimberly Kondenar
8 th Grade Advisor	Laura Galleli

Extracurricular Advisors/Pinewood School – 2008 -09

Extracurricular Club/Organization	Advisor/Co-Advisor
Pinewood Student Council	Amanda Brousseau/Kasey Hazzard

Extracurricular Club/Organization	Advisor/Co-Advisor
Art Club – Pinewood	Claudia Turner
Choir – Pinewood Grade 4	Sherri Strichman
Choir – Pinewood Grade 5	Sherri Strichman
Chamber Choir – Elementary	Sherri Strichman
Orchestra – Elementary	John Burmeister
Orchestra – Fresh Fiddlers	John Burmeister
Band – Elementary	Kim Hitchcock

Volunteer Coaches - 2008

Kevin Grzekowiak – Football
 Ryan Johnson – Football
 Kevin Clough – Football
 Kenneth Wei – Boys' Volleyball
 John Dawson - Golf

B. Resignations

Jennifer Clifford
Assignment: Girls' Varsity Swimming Assistant Coach
Effective: September 2, 2008

C. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearances

Jennifer Farnsworth
 Stephen Greene
 Deborah Round
 Peter Sparano

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
 Erica Sleasman
 Marvin Veeder
 Mary Ellen Walsh
 Eadwine Webb

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that an executive session be convened at 7:44 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 9:10 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 9:11 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk