

## **MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, September 22, 2008, Mohonasen High School*

The Board meeting was preceded by a Board Workshop at 5:30pm in the Farnsworth Technology Center.

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:38 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	Lin Severance, Ph.D., Director for Student & Personnel Services
Charles Macejka, Member	David Collins, Mohonasen High School Principal
Joseph Salamone, Member	Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal
Gary Spadaro, Member	Heidi Bromley, Administrator for Mathematics K-12
	Chris Ruberti, Administrator for Counseling K-12
	1 District Resident

### **Superintendent**

Dr. Spring stated that the presentation originally scheduled for this evening was going to be postponed due to the Board Workshop running later than expected. She explained that the presentation will be rescheduled for the next Board meeting along with End-of-the-Year Reports and Program Level Goals.

### **Board of Education**

Mrs. French stated that the Open Houses the Board has attended so far have been going smoothly and read a list of upcoming calendar events. She mentioned that three Board members will be attending the NYSSBA Convention in October and asked Board members to get their input on the proposed amendments/resolutions back to her by October 10<sup>th</sup> so that Mr. Salamone, who is the voting delegate, has the information prior to the convention. Mrs. French also stated that on October 6<sup>th</sup> the Board will meet with the architects at 5:30PM prior to the Board meeting scheduled for that evening.

### **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 August 20, 2008 and September 10, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

### **Request Approval for Mohonasen Marching Band to Participate in two New York State Field Band Competitions**

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Mohonasen Marching Band to participate in the following New York State Field Band Competitions:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>
Saturday, September 27, 2008	Field Band Competition	Camilus, New York	105
Sunday, October 26, 2008	Field Band Competition	Syracuse, New York	105

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

### **Request Approval of Adoption of High School Trade Books**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the following trade books for use in the high school curriculum: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne, *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho and *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* by Dave Eggers. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

### **Request Approval of Budget Re-Appropriation – Summer Enrichment Program**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education amend the 2008-2009 budget as follows:

Increase A510	Estimated Revenue	\$11,667.00
Increase A1320.1	Summer School Tuition – Enrichment Program	\$11,667.00
Increase A960	Appropriations	\$11,667.00
Increase A2320.150-00-0001	Salaries-Teaching Summer	\$11,667.00

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

### **Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with Wildwood School for the 2008-2009 School Year**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Wildwood School for the period of September 2008 to June 2009 at a rate of \$41,590.00 per student at a total cost of \$166,360.00. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting with Mrs. French abstaining from the vote.

### **Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with Center for Disability Services/Langan School for 2008-2009**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Center for Disability Services/Langan School for the 2008-2009 school year at a rate of \$38,743.00 per student for a total of \$154,972.00, as per the student(s) IEP. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

### **Request Approval of Application for Corrected Tax Roll for Year 2008**

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the following property tax owners in the stated amounts:

**Albany County****National Grid**

Electric and Gas Distribution Facility

Taxes Billed: \$11,998.12

**Corrected Tax: \$11,875.78****Schenectady County****National Grid**

Electric and Gas Distribution Facility

Taxes Billed: \$183,582.33

**Corrected Tax: \$175,074.89**

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

**Declaration of Lead Agency Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education acting as Lead Agency adopt the following resolution:

The Mohonasen Central School District Board of Education (BOE) finds that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment. In reaching this finding, the BOE has reviewed Part I and Part II of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF). The EAF reveals potential impacts in only two areas - Physical Changes to the Project Site and Affects to Surface and Groundwater Quality and Quantity. These potential impacts are characterized as "small to moderate" and any impact will be avoided or mitigated.

The physical changes to the project site relate to the fact that construction will continue for at least a year. The impact is projected to be small to moderate and it will be fully mitigated by the use of state-of-the-art construction techniques. There are no aspects of the construction that present difficult or unusual problems.

Potential impacts to surface water relate to surface water runoff and the storage of petroleum or chemical products. Storm water runoff will be controlled through a storm water pollution prevention plan in full compliance with the Phase II requirements. Storage of products will be in full compliance with DEC's petroleum/chemical bulk storage rules which provide safety features to prevent and contain spills.

The BOE has reviewed the criteria for determination significance in 6 NYCRR 617.7(c) and concludes that none of the impact or potential impacts from the project reach any of these thresholds.

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

**Consensus Agenda**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes, 2) Financial Reports and 3) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting with Mrs. del Prado abstaining from the vote.

**Minutes**

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on September 8, 2008.

**Financial Reports**

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

APPROVED the Budget Transfer Report for the month of August.

APPROVED the Extracurricular Activities Report for the months of July and August.

APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the months of August and September for Warrant #2P and 3.

Warrant #2P – August 29, 2008

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #116	\$ 277,290.88
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #3	\$ 115.16
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #50	\$ 33,059.82
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #52	\$ 106,631.47
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #46	\$ 644,235.04`
TOTAL – Warrant #2P		\$1,061,332.37

Warrant #3 – September 22, 2008

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #117	\$ 719,351.18
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #2	\$ 27,824.31
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #51	\$ 13,070.06
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #53	\$ 531,385.19
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #47	\$1,207,489.20
TOTAL – Warrant #3	Warrant Schedule #47	\$2,499,119.94

**Personnel Recommendations**

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

**A. Appointments**

Melissa A. Antonini

Appointment: Part-Time  
Assignment: Elementary Education (.5) *(amended from the 8/18/08 agenda)*  
Date of Commencement: September 23, 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

Daryl Drew

Assignment: Piano Accompanist 2008-2009 – High School, Draper & Pinewood  
Salary: \$4680  
Effective Date: September 1, 2008

Amanda Noyes

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective: September 23, 2008  
Salary: \$8.90/hour

Amanda Noyes

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective: September 23, 2008  
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Nicholas Ronca

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective: September 19, 2008  
Salary: \$8.90/hour

Sarah Darconte

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

Roger Bivens

Assignment: Bus Aide  
Salary: Step 1  
Effective Date: September 4, 2008

Christopher Fiorino

Assignment: Bus Aide  
Salary: Step 1  
Effective Date: September 4, 2008

Helen A. Lauzon

Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper  
Salary: Step 1  
Effective: September 10, 2008

Lindsay Stumpf

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
Salary: \$8.75/hr.  
Effective: September 15, 2008

Timothy Gentile

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver  
Salary: Step 1  
Effective: September 15, 2008

Jacqueline Barber

Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper  
Salary: Step 1  
Effective: September 16, 2008

Lynn Cartier

Assignment: Water Safety Instructor  
Salary: \$12.25/hr.  
Effective: September 20, 2008

Lindsay Stumpf

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
Salary: \$8.75/hr.  
Effective: September 15, 2008

Maria Ryan  
Assignment: P/T Bus Driver  
Salary: Step 1  
Effective: September 19, 2008

Reeza-Shaneeza Shahabuddeen  
Assignment: Bus Aide  
Salary: Step 1  
Effective: September 23, 2008

**Summer Work 2008**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Days/Date</b>
Summer Work	Marc Vachon	4 days @ summer curriculum rate

**Summer & Fall Field Band Appointments** *(Stipend per MTA Contract)*

Keith Bushey	Director
Lori Marshall	Color Guard/Marching & Maneuvering
Valerie del Prado	Color Guard/Marching & Maneuvering
Kevin Pedersen	Percussion/Marching & Maneuvering
Jason Varga	Drill Design/Marching & Maneuvering
Justin Godlewski	Marching & Maneuvering
Genoveffa Vitale	Percussion
Nora Sabatini	Color Guard

**Proctoring/Grading of Regents Exams – August 13 & 14, 2008** (\$105.07 per Regents)

Danielle Spickerman – 1 Regents exam (\$105.07)

**Volunteer Coaches – 2008-09**

Jeffrey Orsini, Jr. Varsity/JV Wrestling

**Fall 2008 Adult Ed Instructors**

***The current pay rate for instructors is \$16.00 per hour for regular classes and \$21.00 per hour for computer related classes.***

Thomas Lovell <b>LIFE INSURANCE</b>	Ann Elliott <b>RUBBER STAMPING</b>	Richard/Joanne Darling <b>DEFENSIVE DRIVING</b>
Kathleen Cianfarani <b>DIVA BEADS &amp; JEWELS</b>	Suzanne Amsler <b>REIKI/HUNA</b>	
Theresa Cosco <b>PSYCHIC AWARENESS</b>	Dave Battaglia <b>BASKETBALL</b>	

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Pam Davis <b>QUILTING</b>	Fred Hickey <b>55 ALIVE/AARP</b>
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Cheryl Zinnershine  
COED VOLLEYBALL

Gail Kriss  
COED VOLLEYBALL

***An agreement has been made to pay these instructors 60% of the total for this course and we receive 40%. A claim form will be submitted after the classes are completed.***

Carol Phillips  
PEN AND INK

Janet Murphy  
TAPPERCIZE

John Ferrari  
ITALIAN

Lynn Circe  
ONE STROKE PAINT/CROCHET

Erin Carter  
BABY SIGN LANGUAGE

Jean Sefcovic  
YOGA

Rafael Rojas  
BALLROOM/SWING

***An agreement has been made to pay these instructors 75% of the total for this course and we receive 25%. A claim form will be submitted after the classes are completed.***

Davia Boyle  
COUNTRY LINE DANCE

Susan Kaupelis  
COUNTRY LINE DANCE

Jianye Jiang,, Tai Chi Association  
TAI CHI

Lisa Evans  
AEROBICS-STABILITY BALL

***An agreement has been made with the following to pay Mohonasen Adult Ed \$15.00 per hour of gym use:***

Angie Santabarbara  
AEROBIC KICKBOXING

## **B. Resignations**

Lin Severance

Assignment:

Director of Student and Personnel Services and Grant Development

Effective:

Close of business, October 13, 2008

Amanda Noyes

Assignment:

P/T Teaching Assistant

Effective:

July 1, 2008

Patti Fetter

Assignment:

P/T Food Service Helper

Effective Date:

Close of business September 9, 2008

Helen R. Lauzon

Assignment:

Substitute Food Service Helper

Effective Date:

Close of business September 9, 2008

Jacqueline Barber

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
Effective Date: Close of business September 15, 2008

Christine La Bar-Van Buren

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective: September 19, 2008

### **C. Leaves of Absence**

Sabita Longe

Assignment: Food Service Helper  
Effective Dates: September 22, 2008 – October 31, 2008  
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

### **D. Removal from Service**

Kathleen Pasquini

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

Laura Zuk

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

Kathleen Pasquini

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

### **E. Fingerprint Clearances**

#### Emergency Conditional Clearances

Patricia DeLong  
Amanda Frankovich  
Alan Mason

#### Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Heather Bagshaw  
Karin Baldauf  
Linda Bopp  
Davis Connelly  
Kayleigh Davis  
James Desira  
Jennifer Farnsworth  
Melissa Garrigan  
Jordan Glover  
Stephen Greene  
Katharine Kelly

Jessica LaForce  
Erin Murphy  
Paul Paquin  
Deborah Round  
Erica Sleasman  
Peter Sparano  
Marvin Veeder  
Mary Ellen Walsh  
Eadwine Webb

Mrs. French expressed “bittersweet” congratulations to Dr. Lin Severance on being appointed to her new position in the Guilderland School District.

**Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that an executive session be convened at 7:46 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:21 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 9:22 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk