

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, November 3, 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 Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that an executive session be convened at 5:50 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:03 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

The business meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:10 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
	Rosemary Soltis, Assistant 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
	Joseph Scalise, Director of PE, Athletics & Health Education
	Jamie Dilbone, Energy Educator
	Doug Carlton, Student Representative
	Sara Dalton, Student Representative
	2 Student Representatives
	1 Media Representative

Superintendent**Energy Pacesetter Award**

Dr. Spring stated that in the 3½ years that she has been Superintendent, the district has been involved in a number of new initiatives to contain costs, the most successful being the Energy Education Program. She explained that much of the success is due to the person who was selected to run the program in the district, Mr. Jamie Dilbone.

Mr. Dilbone said that with the cooperation of faculty, staff, students and administrators, the district was recognized with EPA Energy Star labeling in three of its four school buildings. He explained that Mr. Charles Fasnacht of Energy Education, Inc. contacted him recently regarding the district receiving the Energy Pacesetter Award. Mr. Fasnacht presented the award to the Board of Education, which is a national-level award given to a select number in each region recognizing outstanding achievement in energy savings.

Board of Education

Mrs. Eileen French passed out informational materials. She pointed out that the Mohonasen Marching Band and Colorguard tied for first place in the state and congratulated the students and staff for this achievement. Mrs. French also recognized the Boys' Varsity Soccer team, which won the Class A Championship on Saturday, and is headed on to the state tournament. Mrs. French noted that six Mohonasen high school seniors earned AP Scholar Awards for their achievement on AP exams. She also reminded Board members that CAPSBA is sponsoring workshops on Saturday, November 8th at the NYSSBA Headquarters in Latham. Mrs. French read several upcoming calendar events.

Mr. Macejka commented on all the positive press that Mohonasen has received lately in light of the accomplishments of the school band, the soccer team, the EPA award and an article on Mrs. McIver commending her weight loss and healthy example.

Student Representatives

Mr. Doug Carlton and Ms. Sara Dalton reported on various events which occurred over the past month including the Homecoming events, a pep rally, a powder-puff football game, and a student leadership conference at Union College.

Old Business

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- 3260 Community Use of School Facilities
- 5650 Energy/Water Conservation and Recycling of Solid Waste
- 6160 Health Examinations
- 7221 Screening of New School Entrants
- 7230 Entitlement to Attend – Age and Residency
- 7332 Credential Options for Students with Disabilities
- 7530 Sports and the Athletic Program
- 7611 Immunization of Students
- 7621 Students with Life Threatening Allergies
- 7632 Complaints and Grievances by Students
- 7730 Appointment and Training of Committee on Special Education (CSE) Subcommittee on Special Education Members
- 7740 Student Individualized Education Program (IEP): Development and Provision
- 7750 Identification and Register of Children with Disabilities
- 8211 Prevention Instruction

- 8260 Instruction for English Language Learners or Students with Limited English Proficiency
 8320 Objection to Instructional Materials

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

New Business

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, 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 October 1, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 28, 29 and 30, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Boys' Varsity Basketball Team to Travel to Fordham Prep School in the Bronx on Saturday, November 29, 2008

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team to travel to the Bronx, New York on Saturday, November 29, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval for Tax Refund

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve a total tax refund for the 2004, 2005, and 2006 tax years to Rotterdam Ventures in the total amount of \$295,059 plus interest of \$17,703.00. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request Approval of Applications for Refund and Credit of Real Property Taxes for the Year 2008, Pursuant to Sect. 550, Real Property Tax Law

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve the Applications Credit of Real Property Taxes from the following property tax owners in the stated amounts:

Owner/S/B/L	Amt. of Taxes Billed/Paid	Corrected Tax/Reason	Amount of Refund
M. & M. Norris, Applicants 59.11-4-26	\$1,837.80	\$1,347.11 (Clerical)	\$490.69
A. & M. Cestra, Applicants 48.20-7-13.2	\$2,092.82	\$1,602.13 (Clerical)	\$490.69
Shirley Kieft, Applicant	\$1,837.80	\$1,347.11 (Clerical)	\$490.69

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

Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with Schenectady County ARC, Inc.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Schenectady County ARC, Inc., at a total cost of \$43,040.00 for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Resolution to Issue Bonds Not to Exceed \$410,826 for School Bus Purchases

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District approve the following Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$410,826 to finance the purchase of school buses.

BOND RESOLUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 3, 2008; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$410,826 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SERIAL BONDS OF THE ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALBANY AND SCHENECTADY COUNTIES, NEW YORK, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (being an elective Board of Education) of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District (the "District") desires to provide for the financing of the cost of the acquisition of school buses and the costs incidental thereto at an estimated cost of \$410,826 and has and hereby determines that such payments are in the public interest of the District;

WHEREAS, all proceedings prescribed by the Education Law and the Local Finance Law required to be taken by the District including the approval by the voters of a proposition on May 20, 2008 to authorize the expenditure and borrowing of moneys herein authorized have been taken and completed in substantial compliance with applicable law;

WHEREAS, such Board of Education of the District has determined that any obligations authorized or issued pursuant to the financing described in this resolution shall mature in not more than five (5) years as prescribed in the Local Finance Law to permit this resolution to become effective upon its adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District as follows:

SECTION 1. There are hereby authorized to be issued serial bonds of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount of \$410,826 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, in order to finance the specific objects or purposes hereinafter described.

SECTION 2. The specific objects or purposes to be financed by the issuance of such serial bonds will be the purchase of two (2) 66 passenger school buses and four (4) 21 passenger buses at a total cost of \$410,826 (the "Project").

SECTION 3. The Board of Education of the District has ascertained and hereby states that (i) the estimated maximum cost of the Project is not more than \$410,826; (ii) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Project; (iii) the Board of Education of the District plans to finance the cost of the Project from funds raised by the issuance of obligations authorized herein, the proceeds of which are hereby appropriated therefor.

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined that the specific objects or purposes of the Project listed in Section 2 are objects or purposes of the class described in subdivision 29 of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of such objects or purposes is five (5) years. Such serial bonds authorized for the Project shall have a maximum maturity of five (5) years computed from the earlier of (a) the date of such serial bonds issued for the Project or (b) the date of the first bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds for the Project.

SECTION 5. Subject to the terms and conditions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this bond resolution and the renewal of such bond anticipation notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, and the renewal of such bond anticipation notes, and the power to issue, sell and deliver such serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, including renewal notes, is hereby delegated to the President or Vice President of the Board of Education, as chief fiscal officer of the District. The President or Vice President of the Board of Education of the District is hereby authorized to execute by manual or facsimile signature on behalf of the District all serial bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and all bond anticipation notes, including renewal notes, issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, and the Clerk or the Deputy Clerk of the District is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the District (or to have imprinted a facsimile thereof) to or on all such serial bonds and all such bond anticipation notes and to attest such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes. Each interest coupon, if any, representing interest payable on such serial bonds shall be authenticated by the facsimile signature of the President or Vice President of the Board of Education.

SECTION 6. When this resolution takes effect, the Clerk or the Deputy Clerk of the District shall cause the same to be published, together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law in the official newspaper of the District, a newspaper having a general circulation in the District.

SECTION 7. The validity of such serial bonds and of such bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds may be contested only if:

- 1.) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money;
- 2.) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not complied with, and an action, suit, or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or
- 3.) if such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

SECTION 8. The faith and credit of the District are hereby and shall be irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all obligations authorized and issued pursuant to this resolution as the same shall become due. An annual appropriation shall be made in amounts sufficient to pay installments of principal together with interest on the obligations hereby authorized as the same become due and payable, such amounts to be included in the levy of the taxes on all taxable parcels of land in the District.

SECTION 9. Prior to the issuance of all obligations authorized by this resolution, the Board of Education of the District shall comply with all relevant provisions prescribed in Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and all applicable Federal laws and regulations in connection with environmental quality review relating to the purposes described in Section 2 hereof (the "Project") (collectively, the "environmental compliance proceedings"). In the event that any of the environmental compliance proceedings are not completed, or require amendment or modification subsequent to the date of adoption of this bond resolution, the Board of Education of the District covenants that it will re-adopt, amend, or modify this bond resolution prior to the issuance of obligations authorized to be issued herein upon the advice of bond counsel. It is hereby determined by the Board of Education of the District that the Project

will not have significant impact or effect on the environment.

SECTION 10. The District covenants for the benefit of the holders of the obligations authorized herein that it will not make any use of the proceeds of such obligations, any funds reasonably expected to be used to pay the principal of or interest on such obligations or any other funds of the District, and will not make any use of the facilities financed with the proceeds of such obligations which would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to Federal income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") (except for the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations by Section 55 of the Code and except for the environmental tax imposed on corporations by Section 59A of the Code) or subject the District to any penalties under Section 148 of the Code, and that it will not take any action or omit to take any action with respect to such obligations, the proceeds thereof or any facilities financed thereby if such action or omission would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to Federal income taxation under the Code (except for the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations by Section 55 of the Code and except for the environmental tax imposed on corporations by Section 59A of the Code) or subject the District to any penalties under Section 148 of the Code. The foregoing covenants shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the defeasance of the bonds or any other provision hereof until the date which is 60 days after the final maturity date or earlier prior redemption date thereof. The proceeds of the bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of bonds may be applied to reimburse expenditures or commitments made for such purposes on or after a date which is not more than one year prior to the adoption date of this bond resolution of the District. The District expects to expend general funds or other available monies for the purposes described in Section 2 hereof which shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of such obligations.

SECTION 11. The District hereby covenants for the benefit of the holders of the obligations authorized by the resolution that the District will comply with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1945, as amended, (the "Rule") and, in particular, paragraphs (b)(5)(i)(A), (b)(5)(i)(B) and (b)(5)(i)(C) of the Rule by providing to a nationally recognized municipal securities information repository, as required by the Rule: (1) at least annually, current financial information; and (2) notice of any material event, unless an exemption from such paragraph 5 applies pursuant to the Rule.

SECTION 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

Request for Approval of Resolution to Authorize Superintendent to Enter into Non-Binding Negotiations for the Purchase of Land

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mohonasen Central School District Board of Education (the "Board") is proposing to undertake a capital improvement project (the "Project") involving:

- The acquisition of property for a new bus garage;
- The construction of a new bus garage;
- The construction of new playing fields at the High School; and
- Minor improvements to the High School, Middle School and Elementary Schools to address program needs.

WHEREAS, the Mohonasen Central School District (“CSD”) Board of Education has reviewed a project narrative; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to consider acquiring 1036 Serafini Drive (the “Property”) for inclusion in the Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and/or her designee(s), is authorized, on behalf of the Board, to negotiate an option agreement for the purchase of 1036 Serafini Drive, Rotterdam, New York.

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 and 2) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on October 20, 2008.

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Appointments

Peter Scofield

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Science
Date of Commencement: November 10, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business June 25, 2009
Certification Status: Biology 7-12, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, prorated

Roberta Sheldon

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Mathematics
Date of Commencement: November 5, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, December 22, 2008
Certification Status: Mathematics 7-12, Permanent
Salary: Step 7 plus graduate credits

Mary Pels

Assignment: Permanent Mail Clerk
Salary: Step 13
Effective Date: October 21, 2008

Emery Dergosits

Assignment: Swim Club – Assistant Coach
Salary: \$10.50/hour
Effective Date: October 22, 2008

Laurie Drake

Assignment: Substitute School Monitor
Salary: \$11.65/hour
Effective Date: October 17, 2008 (*amended from the 10/20/08 agenda*)

Faith Adamec

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Salary: Step 1
Effective: October 28, 2008

Bernard Branch

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Salary: Step 3
Effective: October 28, 2008

Jason Gangell

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Salary: Step 1
Effective: October 28, 2008

Roberta Persing

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Salary: Step 1
Effective: October 28, 2008

Edith Chase

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: November 4, 2008
Salary: \$8.90/hour

Edith Chase

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective: November 4, 2008
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Sally Brown

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: November 4, 2008
Salary: \$8.90/hour

Sally Brown

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective: November 4, 2008
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Melanie Jakway

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: November 4, 2008
Salary: \$8.90/hour

Melanie Jakway

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective: November 4, 2008
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Dustin James

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: November 4, 2008
Salary: \$8.90/hour

Dustin James

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective: November 4, 2008
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Jennifer Collins

Assignment: Substitute School Nurse
Effective: November 4, 2008
Salary: \$16.95/hour

PSAT Exam Proctoring/October 18, 2008 - \$32.84/hr.

Proctor	# of Hours	Amount
Amy Huszar	7	\$229.88
Duane Wood	7	\$229.88
Rebecca Pauley	7	\$229.88
Mary Lockwood	7	\$229.88
Martha Mallon	5	\$164.20
Jessica Lampkin	4	\$131.36

**After School Test Prep – Global Studies Regents Review Classes
 Nine 1.5 hour sessions - \$31.66/hour**

Instructor	Dates
Autumn Wallace	November 12, 2008 – January 20, 2009

**After School Test Prep – US History & Government Regents Review Classes
 Ten 1.5 hour sessions - \$31.66/hour**

Instructor	Dates
Tom Schweizer	November 17, 2008 – January 22, 2009

Winter Coaches – 2008-09

Position	Coach	Step
Freshman Cheerleading Coach	Mallory Smith 506 Shaker Run, Albany, NY 12205	Step 2

Winter Volunteer Coaches

Andrew Cuthbertson – Ice Hockey

Tom Hayden – Ice Hockey

B. Resignations

Jenna M. Rainville

Assignment: Freshman Cheerleading Coach
Effective Date: October 31, 2008

Ashleigh Santabarbara

Assignment: JV Cheerleading Coach
Effective Date: October 31, 2008

Jason Gangell

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Effective Date: Close of business October 27, 2008

Matthew Connell

Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Effective Date: Close of business, November 25, 2008

C. Removal from Service

Robert Schraver

Assignment: Substitute Auto Mechanic
Effective Date: Close of business March 2, 2008

Victoria Lasher

Assignment: Substitute Auto Mechanic
Effective Date: Close of business March 2, 2008

Gretchen Bonk

Assignment: Substitute Auto Mechanic
Effective Date: Close of business March 2, 2008

Jody Sinclair

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective: Close of business, October 17, 2008

D. Fingerprint Clearances**Emergency Conditional Clearances**

Alexander Becher
Kelly Sayward, Jr.
Shannon VanStrander

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Jennifer Becker
Michael Commisso
Patricia DeLong

Jason Fries
Stephen Greene
Matthew Holden
Craig McDonald
Paul Paquin
Elizabeth Rocco
Peter Sparano

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that an executive session be convened at 7:32 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, 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. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:31 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk