

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, November 17, 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

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that an executive session be convened at 5:30 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Mr. Spadaro arrived at 5:53 PM.

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the executive session be adjourned at 6:55 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

The business meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. French, at 7:00 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	David Collins, Mohonasen High School Principal
Charles Macejka, Member	Makensie Bullinger, Assistant High School Principal
Joseph Salamone, Member	Rosemary Soltis, Assistant Middle School Principal
Gary Spadaro, Member	Michele Hunter, Pinewood School Principal
	Heidi Bromley, Administrator for Mathematics K-12
	Joseph Scalise, Director of PE, Athletics & Health Education
	Approximately 28 District Residents
	Approximately 49 Faculty Members
	Approximately 24 Students

Superintendent

Dr. Spring stated that over the past month or so, the district has been very proud of a number of accomplishments which have taken place. She turned the meeting over to Mr. David Collins, High School Principal, who stated that on October 26th the Mohonasen High School Marching

Band and Color Guard came in 1st place in the New York State Field Band Championships held at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse. Mr. Keith Bushey, Band Director, introduced his staff and thanked Dr. Spring, the Board of Education, and district administration for all of their support. The students presented the Governor's Cup trophy to the Board of Education. Mrs. French congratulated the entire band and staff for this accomplishment.

Dr. Spring stated that the Comptroller's Office is currently in our district auditing our Regents scores. She expects that they will be here until Wednesday, at which time the district will be given an exit interview to discuss their findings.

Dr. Spring also spoke briefly about the Governor's proposed mid-year cuts. She stated that Mohonasen is slated to lose approximately \$950,000 in aid, if those cuts come to fruition. Although there is some degree of uncertainty at this point whether cuts of this magnitude will happen, she said Mrs. Swezey has been going through every item in the budget line-by-line. Dr. Spring also stated that it appears it may affect budgets for multiple years to come and said it is a very serious time for education.

Board of Education

Mrs. Eileen French noted that the Boy's Varsity Soccer team had a very successful run, participating at the State level for the first time in school history. She congratulated the team and coaching staff on their success.

She also congratulated the Mohonasen Foundation on the successful dinner and silent auction event which was held recently at Mallozzi's.

Mrs. French reminded everyone of upcoming calendar events and distributed informational materials to the Board.

New Business

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

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, 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 November 5 and 7, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of High School Marching Band Trip to Virginia Beach, Virginia, April 22-26, 2009

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the trip for the high school marching band, concert band, percussion, ensemble, jazz band, and indoor color guard to participate in the Fiesta Val in Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 22-26, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Acceptance of Uncollected Tax Report

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education accept the Uncollected Tax Report as follows:

Rotterdam	\$ 817,776.27
Guilderland	\$ 27,961.12
Colonie	\$ 44,435.19

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

Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with St. Coleman's Home for 2008-2009 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve a contract providing educational services to district resident handicapped student(s) with St. Coleman's Home at a total cost of \$53,763.00 for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Handicapped Contract with St. Coleman's Home for Summer 2008

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve a contract with St. Coleman's Home at a total cost of \$16,551.44 for summer 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

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

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on November 3, 2008.

Financial Reports

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

APPROVED the Cafeteria Financial Statements for the month of October.

APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of October.

APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of October.

APPROVED the Budget Transfer Report for the month of October.

APPROVED the Extracurricular Activities Report for the months of September and October.

APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the months of October and November for Warrant #4P and 5.

Warrant #4P – October 29, 2008

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #122	\$ 894,921.62
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #54	\$ 10,599.82
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #56	\$ 257,094.12
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #50	\$ 1,146,908.18
TOTAL – Warrant #4P		\$ 2,309,523.74

Warrant #5 – November 17, 2008

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #123	\$ 108,084.39
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #6	\$ 73,767.52
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #55	\$ 4,227.07
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #51	\$ 933,651.43
TOTAL – Warrant #5		\$ 1,119,730.41

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Appointments

Kyra McTighe

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Guidance Counselor
Date of Commencement: January 26, 2009
Expiration Date: Close of business May 8, 2009
Certification Status: School Counselor, Initial pending
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, prorated

Brianna DiBiase

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: November 17, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business June 25, 2009
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. (Grades 1-6), Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, prorated

Caitlin M. Rogers

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, January 30, 2009 (*amended from 6/2/08 agenda*)
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. (Grades 1-6), Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, prorated

Joseph A. Mayo

Assignment: Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds
Salary: \$75,000/yr., prorated
Effective: December 3, 2008

Kathryn Hamblet

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Worker
Salary: \$8.75/hr.
Effective: November 5, 2008

Christine Parisi

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Salary: \$8.90/hr.
Effective: November 18, 2008

Evelyn DelBrocco

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Salary: \$9.00/hr.
Effective: November 18, 2008

Evelyn DelBrocco

Assignment: Substitute Health Office Assistant
Salary: \$13.00/hour
Effective: November 18, 2008

Kenneth Nichols

Assignment: Substitute School Bus Driver
Salary: \$13.00/hr.
Effective: November 18, 2008

Richard Villa II

Assignment: P/T School Bus Driver
Salary: Step 1
Effective: November 18, 2008

Emery Dergosits

Assignment: Swim Club – Assistant Coach
Salary: \$10.50/hour
Effective Date: October 21, 2008 *(amended from the 11/3/08 agenda)*

Matt Lewis

Assignment: Water Safety Instructor Aide
Salary: \$9.00/hr.
Effective: November 1, 2008

Mike Dugan

Assignment: Water Safety Instructor Aide
Salary: \$9.00/hr.
Effective: November 1, 2008

Joseph Fain

Assignment: 19-A Trainer
Salary: \$20.00/hr.
Effective: October 22, 2008

After School Test Scoring – Grade 5 Social Studies – 4 hours - \$31.66/hour

Name	Date
Krista Stannard, Kristin Tiano, Ryan Buzzo, Maria Gilroy, Lori Ranze, Katria Hitrick	November 24, 2008

**After School Test Prep – NYS ELA Exams Review Classes
 Seven 1.5 hour sessions - \$31.66/hour**

Instructors	Dates
Michelle Tracy-Evans, Dolores Weaver, Becky Kirschman, Cheryl Donovan, Michelle Gabree-Huba, Kim Coehlo, Rachel Geracitano, Danielle Spickerman, Kristofer Rose, Linda Harrison, Jodi Scalise	November 12, 2008 – January 14, 2009

After School Test Prep – Living Environment Regents
Ten 1.5 hour sessions - \$31.66/hour

Instructors	Dates
Jennifer Gribben	November 19, 2008 – January 26, 2009

PLAN Exam Proctoring/November 1, 2008 - \$37.96/hour

Proctor	# of Hours	Amount
Rebecca Pauley	7	\$265.75
Mary Lockwood	7	\$265.75

Winter Coaches – 2008-09

Position	Coach	Step
Ice Hockey Assistant	Andrew Cuthbertson	Step 2 (.5)
Girls' Modified Basketball	Steve Decker	Step 1
JV Cheerleading	Jabar Cancer (Effective date: 12/15/08)	Step 2

B. Resignations

Brianna DiBiase

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant
Effective Date: Close of Business, November 14, 2008

Bryan McDonald

Assignment: Ice Hockey Assistant (.5)
Effective Date: October 21, 2008

Karen Messersmith

Assignment: Modified Girls' Basketball Coach
Effective Date: November 6, 2008

Jody Sinclair

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)
Effective Date: November 7, 2008

C. Leaves of Absence

Cheryl Rasmussen

Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Effective Dates: September 12, 2008 – January 30, 2009 (*amended from 7/21/08 agenda*)
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

D. Removal from Service

Robyn Seccombe

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective Date: Close of business, November 14, 2008

Sharon Sicilia
Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Assignment Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: Close of business, November 14, 2008

E. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearances

Sharon Aniolek
Sarah Ashe
Jolynn Backes
Sara Bailey
Heather Barber
Gail Brooker
Adrienne Campbell
Jessica Cosmo
Elaina Davis
Meghan DelGiacco
Beth Dingwall
Sharon Flynn
Colin Harte
Jessie Haynes
Ann Indilicato
Damian Johnson
Schuyler Kokernak
John Levendosky
Kristin Marshall
William Ohrin
Tracy Randle
Danielle Scott
Michael Sloman
Laura Smith
Amy Thomas
McKenzi Warnock

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Alexander Becher
Jason Fries
Stephen Greene
Matthew Holden
Paul Paquin
Elizabeth Rocco
Kelly Sayward, Jr.
Peter Sparano
Shannon VanStrander

Mrs. French congratulated Mr. Joseph Mayo on his appointment as Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that an executive session be convened at 7:23 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:44 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:45 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Mrs. Denise Swezey, District Clerk