

MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Present:

Kathleen Spring, Superintendent
Patrick McGrath, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction
Denise Swezey, Asst. Supt. for Business
Julie Adamec, Member
Nancy del Prado, Member
Eileen French, President
Charles Macejka, Member
Joseph Salamone, Member

Absent:

Dominic Cafarelli, Member
Gary Spadaro, Member

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that an executive session be convened at 5:45 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Mr. Spadaro arrived at 5:50 PM.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:06 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

The Board 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
Nancy del Prado, Member	Denise A. Swezey, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Eileen French, President	Patrick McGrath, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruc.
Charles Macejka, Member	David Collins, Mohonasen High School Principal
Joseph Salamone, Member	Makensie Bullinger, Assistant High School Principal
Gary Spadaro, Member	Tim Hulihan, Assistant High School Principal

Absent:

Dominic Cafarelli, Member	Debra Male, Draper Middle School Principal
	Michele Hunter, Pinewood School Principal
	Deborah Kavanaugh, Pinewood Assistant Principal
	Diane McIver, Bradt School Principal
	Arlene DeSiena, Bradt Asst. Principal
	Gerald Garing, Administrator for Science K-12
	Chris Ruberti, Administrator for Counseling K-12
	Lisa Cutting, Administrator for English 6-12
	Joseph Scalise, Director of PE, Athletics & Health Education
	Doug Carlton, Student Representative
	Sara Dalton, Student Representative
	35 District Residents
	21 Students
	1 Media Representative

Superintendent

Dr. Spring welcomed the Boys' Varsity Soccer Team who were being recognized at this meeting for their successful season.

Mr. Joseph Scalise, Director of Athletics, stated that the Boys' Varsity Soccer team won the first sectional title in 38 years and then moved on to win the regional tournament for the first time in school history. He congratulated the team on their incredible season and introduced Coach Gregg who thanked everyone for the opportunity to coach at Mohonasen. Each player was presented with a certificate and congratulated by Board members and administrators.

Board of Education

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

Student Representatives

Miss Sara Dalton and Mr. Douglas Carlton each reported briefly on several events held recently in the high school, including Mohon Masque's production of "It's a Wonderful Life", the high school academic letter ceremony, and the semi-formal which was recently held at Mallozzi's.

Public Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Tom Andriola of Ryan Place commented that he felt it was very important to move forward with the Capital Project, specifically full day kindergarten, and felt that even in hard times the district needs to be forward thinking.

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 10, 17, 19, 20, and 21, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request Approval for Boys' Varsity Swim Team to Participate in Eastern States - Long Island Swim Invitational in January 2009

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Boys' Varsity Swim Team to participate in the Eastern States - Long Island Invitational at the Nassau Aquatic Center, East Meadow, Long Island in January 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request Approval for Earth Science Students to Participate in a Field Trip to the Museum of Natural History in New York City in April 2009

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the request for Earth Science students to participate in a field trip on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 to the Museum of Natural History in New York City. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request for Approval of Team 7/8 Field Trip to the Vanderbilt Mansion in Hyde Park and the Olana State Historic Site in Columbia County on December 12, 2008

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve a Team 7/8 field trip to the Vanderbilt Mansion in Hyde Park and the Olana State Historic Site in

Columbia County on December 12, 2008. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request Approval for Indoor Track and Field Team to Participate in the Yale Indoor Track Invitational on January 16-17, 2009

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Indoor Track and Field team to participate in the Yale Invitational on Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17, 2009 in New Haven, Connecticut. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request Approval for the Indoor Track and Field Team to Participate in the Cornell Indoor Track Invitational on Saturday, January 10, 2009

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Indoor Track and Field team to participate in the Cornell Indoor Track Invitational on Saturday, January 10, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, six 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. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Adamec, that the Board of Education approve the Applications for 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
A. Wooley, Applicant 58.8-2-3	\$1,537.77	\$1,267.75	\$270.02
R. Bender, Applicant 59.15-3-16	\$1,770.14	\$717.06	\$1,053.08
J. & S. Collins, Applicants 59.7-6-34	\$2,325.19	\$1,762.79	\$562.40

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

Request for Approval to Award Bus Purchase Bond - National Bank of Coxsackie

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the award of the bid to purchase a Statutory Installment Bond in the amount of \$410,826 maturing in 2013 to the National Bank of Coxsackie at an annual rate of 2.84%. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

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

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on November 17, 2008.

Personnel Recommendations

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

A. Appointments

Daniel P. Lucca

Appointment: Part-Time (.5)
Assignment: Academic Administrator for Social Studies
Date of Commencement: September 2, 2008
Expiration Date: June 30, 2009
Certification Status: SAS, Permanent; Social Studies 7-12, Permanent
Salary: \$83,400 (pro-rated)

Bernadette Butkas

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, June 25, 2009 (*amended from the 7/1/08 agenda*)
Certification Status: Students w/Disabilities Grade 1-6, Initial; Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Initial
Salary: Step 1

Stephen Decker

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education Teacher
Date of Commencement: November 18, 2008
Expiration Date: Close of business, February 27, 2009
Certification Status: Physical Education, Initial
Salary: Step 1

Kristen Fenn

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Salary: Step 1
Effective: December 3, 2008

Kristen Bellizzi

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Salary: Step 1
Effective: December 8, 2008

Amanda Jo Marshall

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)
Salary: Step 1
Effective: November 24, 2008

Gregory Donadio

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Salary: \$9.72/hr.
Effective: November 24, 2008

Timothy Gentile

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Salary: Step 3 (*rate increase only*)
Effective: December 9, 2008

Christine Parisi

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

Jill Purcell

Assignment: Typist
Salary: Step 4
Effective: December 3, 2008

Winter Coaches - 2008-09

Position	Coach	Step
Strength & Conditioning	Doug Hallberg	Step 7 (.5) + Longevity \$799 - amended from 10/20/08 agenda

B. Leaves of Absence

Amanda Rider

Assignment: Special Education Teacher
Effective Dates: September 1, 2008 - June 25, 2009 (*amended from the 7/21/08 agenda*)
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Gary Hebert

Assignment: P/T Motor Vehicle Operator
Effective Dates: November 13, 2008 - January 3, 2009
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

C. Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearances

Nassiba Benghanem
 Thomas Benton
 Patrick Gill
 Elisabeth Henry
 Katherine Lahey
 Molly McLoughlin
 George Person
 Namra Saeed
 Stacy Serson-White
 Lisa Shine

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Sharon Aniolek
 Sarah Ashe
 Jolynn Backes
 Sara Bailey
 Heather Barber
 Alexander Becher
 Gail Brooker
 Adrienne Campbell

Jessica Cosmo
Meghan DelGiacco
Beth Dingwall
Sharon Flynn
Jason Fries
Stephen Greene
Colin Harte
Jessie Haynes
Matthew Holden
Ann Indilicato
Damian Johnson
Schuyler Kokernak
John Levendosky
Kristin Marshall
William Ohrin
Paul Paquin
Tracy Randle
Elizabeth Rocco
Kelly Sayward, Jr.
Danielle Scott
Michael Sloman
Laura Smith
Peter Sparano
Amy Thomas
Shannon VanStrander
McKenzi Warnock

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that an executive session be convened at 7:35 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Adamec, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:14 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:15 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk