



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, February 8, 2010, Farnsworth Technology Center*

Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 6:00 PM

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Thomas Andriola, Dominic Cafarelli, Nancy del Prado, Eileen French, and Charles Macejka

Board Members Absent: Joseph Salamone and Gary Spadaro

Administrators Present: Kathleen Spring, Denise Swezey, Patrick McGrath

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that an executive session be convened at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussion on land/contract. The motion was passed unanimously five members present and voting.

Mr. Salamone arrived at 6:05 PM and Mr. Spadaro arrived at 6:10 PM.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the executive session be adjourned at 6:59 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 7:05 PM. Mr. Cafarelli requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Thomas Andriola, Dominic Cafarelli, Nancy del Prado, Eileen French, Charles Macejka, Joseph Salamone and Gary Spadaro

Administrators Present: Dr. Kathleen Spring, Denise Swezey, Patrick McGrath, Karla Empie, David Collins, Debra Male, Scott Hays, Michele Hunter, Deborah Kavanaugh, Diane McIver, Arlene DeSiena, Gerald Garing, Lisa Cutting, Heidi Bromley, Chris Ruberti, Keith Rafaniello, Joseph Scalise, Makensie Bullinger & Timothy Hulihan

Others in Attendance: Justin Burns and Caitlyn Collins (Student Representatives); 6 faculty members; 1 district resident; 1 media representative

Communications - Superintendent

Full-Day Kindergarten Update

Full-Day Kindergarten Update – Mrs. Arlene DeSiena and Mrs. Diane McIver presented an update on full-day Kindergarten at Bradt School. They reported that it has been a very smooth transition to the full-day program and explained the academic and social benefits related to having additional time with the students in the classroom.

Draper Alternative Education Program

Draper Alternative Education Program – Mrs. Karla Empie and Mrs. Debra Male gave a brief history on how the Alternative Education program at Draper Middle School evolved into the current program. Mr. William Van Wie, Alternative Education teacher, and Mr. Joshua Sawicki, a teaching assistant in the classroom, as well as four students in the program were broadcast live from their classroom at the middle school into the LGI during the meeting. Mr. Van Wie gave an overview of the program and reported on the academic and behavioral supports offered to the students.

- Update on the Budget* Dr. Spring gave an update on the status of the budget planning process. She explained that the Budget Review Committee, which normally meets this time of year, has been put on hold until information regarding the budget is more stable. She explained that the cuts will be devastating for Mohonasen because there is very little padding in its budget. She also mentioned that there is a rumor that there may be additional cuts to state aid.
- Meetings with Legislators* Dr. Spring stated that it is important to do as much lobbying as possible and said that she, Denise, and Patrick were scheduled to meet with Assemblyman Bob Reilly on Wednesday. She said that Mohonasen Board members may be working in conjunction with Schalmont Board members to meet with legislators. Dr. Spring also reported that she, along with Superintendents from Schalmont and Scotia, will be meeting with legislators on March 2nd.
- BOE Folder on Internet* Dr. Spring distributed information to Board members on how to access a Board folder that has been set up on the internet for their use.
- Mrs. Nancy del Prado reported that she had received the position statement from NYSSBA along with information on "Be the Change for Kids."
- Communications - Student Representatives** Caitlyn Collins and Justin Burns reported on activities such as "Change for Change" which was a fundraiser for Haiti; the DWI exhibit in the art lobby; the Pinewood and Middle School spelling bees; the National Honor Society induction; and the upcoming Talent Show.
- Communications - Board of Education** Mr. Cafarelli stated that he thought the administrative team had done a great job with the full-day kindergarten program at Bradt and the alternative education program at Draper.
- Public Privilege of the Floor** No comments.
- New Business - Instructional** **Request for Approval and Arrangement of Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements**
Special Education Recommendations MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, 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 January 11, 13, 15, 19, 20 and 21, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.
- New Business - Business/Personnel** **Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with North Colonie Central School District**
Health and Welfare Contract with North Colonie CSD MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the North Colonie Central School District in the total amount of \$3,262.77 for the 2009-10 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.
- Health and Welfare Contract with South Colonie CSD* **Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with South Colonie Central School District**
MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the South Colonie Central

School District in the total amount of \$4,580.96 for the 2009-10 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Agreement with the American Red Cross

Request for Approval of Agreement with the American Red Cross

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the Agreement between the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District and the American Red Cross concerning the use of Mohonasen Central School District facilities in the event of a disaster. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Agreement with Schalmont CSD for Emergency Sheltering of Students & Staff

Approval of Agreement with Schalmont Central School District for Emergency Sheltering of Students and Staff

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the Agreement between the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District and the Schalmont Central School District concerning the use of Mohonasen Central School District facilities for the sheltering of Schalmont students and staff in the event of an internal or external emergency. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Establishment of Returned Check Fee

Approval of Establishment of Returned Check Fee

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve a fee of \$20 for each occurrence of returned checks from the bank. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Agreement for Actuarial Services – Prescription Drug Plan

Request for Approval of Agreement for Actuarial Services – Prescription Drug Plan

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education authorize an agreement to conduct an actuarial study of the District's self-funded prescription medicine plan for a service fee of \$2,950 with the following consulting firm: Harbridge Consulting Group, LLC, One Lincoln Center, Syracuse, NY 13202. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Acceptance of Donation from Boxtops for Education

Request for Acceptance of Donation from Boxtops for Education

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education accept a donation from Boxtops for Education for a public address system valued at \$2,199.99 to be used at Pinewood School. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Acceptance of Donation from Student Senate

Request for Acceptance of Donation from Student Senate

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education accept a donation from Student Senate for a public address system valued at \$2,199.99 to be used at Mohonasen High School. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Scotia-Glenville CSD

Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Scotia-Glenville Central School District

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the Scotia-Glenville Central School District in the total amount of \$11,970.36 for the 2009-10 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Macejka, 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.

Approved Minutes

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of the meetings held on January 25, 2010 and February 4, 2010.

Approved Personnel Recommendations

Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

Appointments

Roberta Sheldon

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Mathematics
Date of Commencement: April 26, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business June 11, 2010
Certification Status: Mathematics 7-12, Permanent
Salary: Step 8 plus graduate credits

Danielle Parra

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Music
Date of Commencement: January 15, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business March 19, 2010 *(amended from 11/16/09 agenda)*
Certification Status: Music, Initial
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

Joseph Pugliese

Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: March 29, 2010
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Nicole DeSorbo-Chapleau

Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: January 27, 2010 *(amended from 1/25/10 agenda)*
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Sarah Brassard

Assignment: Home Tutor
Effective Date: February 2, 2010
Salary: \$25/hour

Joseph Pugliese

Appointment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective: March 29, 2010
Salary: \$9.25/hour

Pinewood Afterschool HW/AIS - 2009 - 2010 (\$31.66/hour)

Name	Assignment	Dates
Ryan Buzzo	Math/AIS	1 hour per week - 2/01/10 - 6/18/10

Appointments Cont'd. Michael Roberts
Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Effective: February 1, 2010
Salary: Step 2

Spring Coaches - 2010

Position	Coach	Step
Varsity Baseball	Demetrios Huggins	Step 7 + longevity \$533
Varsity Baseball Assistant	Robert Tedesco	Step 3
JV Baseball	Andy Cuthbertson	Step 5
Freshman Baseball	Rich Yanatos	Step 2
Modified Baseball	Matt Sitors	Step 3
Varsity Softball	Steve Brassard	Step 7 + longevity \$533
Varsity Softball Assistant	Jeff Mattice	Step 3
JV Softball	Stephanie Bruhn	Step 2
Modified Softball	Ray Dearaway	Step 2
Boys' Varsity Tennis	Michael Hinman	Step 1
Girls' Track & Field	Nicole Zablony	Step 4
Boys' Track & Field	Rob Higgins	Step 7
Track Assistant	Tara Shellard	Step 3
Track Assistant	John Burmeister	Step 2
Track Assistant	Paul Stelmaszyk	Step 7
Strength & Conditioning (.5)	Ben Pierson	Step 7 + longevity \$267
Speed & Agility (.5)	Ray Kearney	Step 3

Resignations Michael Roberts
Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business January 29, 2010

Steven Trevlakis
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant
Effective Date: Close of business February 11, 2010

Leaves of Absence Rebecca Bartlett
Assignment: Social Studies
Effective Dates: March 29, 2010 – June 24, 2011
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Removal from Service Amanda Noyes
Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant, Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective Date: February 9, 2010

Fingerprint Clearances Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance
 Vanessa Assis
 Gary Costanzo
 Stephanie Deeb
 Lisa Henderson
 Lauren Montgomery-Rinehart

Mr. Cafarelli congratulated Ms. Deborah Kavanaugh on her tenure recommendation.

Privilege of the Floor No comments.

Executive Session MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that an executive session be convened at 8:12 PM for the purpose of portfolio review. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. French, that the executive session be adjourned at 10:53 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:54 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk