



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, March 22, 2010, Mohonasen High School*

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, Charles Macejka, Joseph Salamone, and Gary Spadaro*

Administrators Present: *Kathleen Spring, Denise Swezey, Patrick McGrath*

Others in Attendance: *Kristine Lanchantin*

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that an executive session be convened at 6:02 PM for the purpose of discussion of budget/personnel and land/contract. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, 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 business meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 7:04 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, Michele Hunter, Diane McIver, Arlene DeSiena, Lisa Cutting, Christopher Ruberti, Keith Rafaniello, and Joseph Scalise*

Others in Attendance: *Dr. Irene Rosenthal, 4 Faculty members, 7 Students, 13 District Residents, 1 Media Representative*

Communications - Superintendent

Recognition of Winter Athletes

Recognition of Winter Athletes – Mr. Scalise reported that many of the winter athletic teams did very well, with some teams advancing on to compete at the state level. Nine athletes were recognized for their exceptional accomplishments, including Mike Dugan for being the first athlete in Mohonasen sports history who ever won a state championship. The Board of Education, administrators and coaches congratulated each athlete and presented them with a certificate. Mr. Mottola was also recognized for being awarded the Section II “Coach of the Year.”

Literacy K-8 Presentation

Literacy K-8 Presentation – Dr. Spring stated that the district has been working very hard to make some systemic changes, particularly focusing on literacy. Mrs. Lisa Cutting, Academic Administrator for English, showed a video clip of various literacy activities in classrooms at Bradt, Pinewood and Draper Middle School. Ms. Diane McIver, Ms. Michele Hunter, Ms. Debra Male, and Ms. Arlene DeSiena each gave an overview of the balanced literacy program in their buildings and spoke about benefits being seen relating to student achievement. Dr. Irene Rosenthal, Literacy Consultant from The College of St. Rose, also spoke briefly on her partnership with the district.

Budget Update

Budget Update – Dr. Spring stated that this presentation would be a recap of what has been presented over the past two weeks. She said that things are changing on a daily basis, especially with the Governor’s proposal of a property tax cap. Dr. Spring reported that the property tax cap on top of all the proposed cuts would have a devastating effect on next year’s budget. Mrs. Swezey reiterated that the budget is a work in progress and briefly talked about expenditures, revenues, a contingency budget, and the tax cap proposal. She also relayed information about the bus proposition which will be voted on in May and a possible Capital Project referendum in October. Mrs. Swezey also reported that the Schenectady County Board of Elections is introducing new voting machines which will be used for the first time at the school budget vote in May.

Communications -
Board of Education

Mr. Salamone reminded everyone that Mohon Masque’s production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” would run Thursday through Sunday, March 25th -28th.

Public Privilege of the
Floor

Mr. Craig Radliff of Stacey Crest Drive commented favorably on the Literacy presentation and expressed that he felt it was important for students to be taught cursive writing skills.

New Business -
Instructional
Special Education
Recommendations**Request for Approval and Arrangement of Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements**

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 the Committee on Pre-School Special Education for meetings held on February 23, 25, 26; March 3 and 4, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Girls’ Track & Field
Team to Participate in
Penn Relays***Request Approval for Girls’ Outdoor Track & Field Team to Participate in Penn Relays Track and Field Invitational**

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Girls’ Track and Field team to participate in the Penn Relays on April 21-22, 2010 at the University of Pennsylvania. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Girls’ Track & Field
Team to Attend Cicero-
North Syracuse Track &
Field Invitational***Request Approval of Girls’ Track and Field Team to Attend the Cicero-North Syracuse Track and Field Invitational in April 2010**

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Girls’ Track and Field Team to participate in the Cicero-North Syracuse Track and Field Invitational on Saturday, April 10, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Team 8-3 Field Trip to
Boston, Massachusetts***Request Approval for Team 8-3 Field Trip to Boston, Massachusetts on May 20, 2010**

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the request for a Team 8-3 field trip to Boston, Massachusetts on May 20, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**New Business -
Business/Personnel**

*Participate in
Purchasing Consortium
and Process*

*Cooperative Bid -
Photocopy Paper*

Request for Approval to Participate in Purchasing Consortium and Process Cooperative Bid - Photocopy Paper

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve Mohonasen's participation in the cooperative bid for photocopy paper that is coordinated by the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School District and that the Board of Education formally adopt the following Cooperative Bidding Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District is desirous of participating with other public school districts in the joint bidding of such commodities and services, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Article 5-G;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby authorize Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District participation with other public school districts in Schenectady County during the 2010-11 school year to bid jointly for the purchase of photocopy paper; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Cooperative Bid Procedures the Board of Education agrees to award bid item purchases according to the recommendation of the coordinating school district if such award is in the best interest of Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District.

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

*Resolution to Authorize
Expenditures for School
Buses*

Request for Approval of Resolution to Authorize Expenditures for School Buses

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution to be put forth as a proposition to the voters on May 18, 2010:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District, Towns of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, and Colonie and Guilderland, Albany County, New York, is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses of and for said School District, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000.00) and providing for the levy of a tax therefore to be collected in installments, with obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000.00).

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

*Approve Benetech, Inc.
as Third Party
Administrator for Tax
Sheltered Annuities*

Request for Approval of Benetech, Inc. as Third Party Administrator for Tax Sheltered Annuities

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Business to enter into an agreement with Benetech, Inc. as Third Party Administrator for Tax Sheltered Annuities for the 2010-2011 school year at a cost of \$30 per participant/per year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

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

Approved Minutes

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on March 8, 2010.

Approved Financial Reports

Financial Reports

APPROVED the Treasurer’s Report for the month of February.
 APPROVED the Cafeteria Financial Statements for the month of February.
 APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of February.
 APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of February.
 APPROVED the Budget Transfer Report for the month of February
 APPROVED the Extracurricular Activities Report for the month of January.
 APPROVED the Claims Auditor Report for the month of February.
 APPROVED the Collateralization Report for the month of February.
 APPROVED the Cash Flow Analysis/General Fund Report for the month of February.
 APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the months of February and March for Warrant #8P and 9.

Warrant # 8P – February 28, 2010

General Fund	Warrant Schedule # 171	\$136,106.36
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule # 18	\$20,990.26
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule # 17	\$418,165.11
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule # 18	\$1,011,685.86
TOTAL – Warrant #8P		\$1,586,947.59

Warrant # 9 – March 22, 2010

General Fund	Warrant Schedule # 172	\$612,976.84
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule # 11	\$49,338.06
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule # 19	\$4,702.07
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule # 18	\$7,472.95
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule # 19	\$2,580,445.03
TOTAL – Warrant #9		\$3,254,934.95

Approved Personnel Recommendations

Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

Tenure Appointments

Meghan Farry
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Effective Date: September 1, 2010

Appointments

Ralph Carotenuto
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: September 24, 2009
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2010 (*amended from 9/28/09 agenda*)
Certification Status: Students With Disabilities (Grades 7-12), Initial
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

Appointments Cont'd

Nicholas Ronca
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: January 19, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business April 16, 2010 *(amended from 2/22/10 agenda)*
Certification Status: Literacy (Birth – Gr. 6), Initial; Childhood Ed (Gr. 1-6), Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Roberta Sheldon
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Mathematics
Date of Commencement: April 12, 2010 *(amended from the 2/8/10 agenda)*
Expiration Date: Close of business June 11, 2010
Certification Status: Mathematics 7-12, Permanent
Salary: Step 8 plus graduate credits

Kristina Gabriele
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute *(amended from 3/8/10 agenda)*
Assignment: P/T Teacher Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: March 1, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2010
Salary: Step 1

Laura Weinman
Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: March 23, 2010
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Kelley Barnes
Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: March 10, 2010
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Kathryn Meyers
Appointment: Substitute Health Office Assistant
Effective: March 23, 2010
Salary: \$13.00/hour

Amanda Marshall
Assignment: Home Tutor
Effective Date: March 23, 2010
Salary: \$25/hour

Spring Coaches - 2010

Position	Coach	Step
Strength & Conditioning (.5) <i>(amended from 2/8/10 agenda)</i>	Ray Kearney	Step 3

Appointments Cont'd **Fall Coaches – 2010**

Position	Coach	Step
Varsity Head Football Coach	Dennis Corbitt	Step 7

Volunteer Coaches – Spring 2010

Meghan Farry Girls' Softball

Resignations

Megan Quivey
Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant/Substitute Teacher Aide/
 Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: March 22, 2010

Leaves of Absence

Kathryn Pierson
Assignment: Special Education Teacher
Effective Dates: November 30, 2009 – June 24, 2010 *(amended from 10/19/09 agenda)*
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Kimberly Trestick
Assignment: Elementary Education
Effective Dates: March 11, 2010 – April 16, 2010 *(amended from 2/22/10 agenda)*
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Removal from Service

Joshua Looman
Assignment: Substitute Cleaner
Effective Date: March 15, 2010

Kathleen Ault
Assignment: Substitute Nurse/Substitute Health Office Assistant
Effective Date: March 22, 2010

Kathleen Jackson
Assignment: Substitute Nurse/Substitute Health Office Assistant
Effective Date: March 22, 2010

Susan Stern
Assignment: Substitute Nurse
Effective Date: March 22, 2010

Michele Wever
Assignment: Substitute Nurse
Effective Date: March 22, 2010

Mr. Cafarelli congratulated Ms. Meghan Farry on being recommended for tenure.

Privilege of the Floor No comments.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that an executive session be convened at 8:30 PM for the purpose of portfolio review. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the executive session be adjourned at 10:12 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:12 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk