



# Mohonasen Central School District

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*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, May 10, 2010, Farnsworth Technology Center*

## **Budget Hearing & Meet the Candidates Night**

A Budget Hearing and “Meet the Candidates” forum was held at 6:00 PM prior to the Board meeting.

## **Call to Order**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 7:22 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, and Gary Spadaro*

**Board Members Absent:** *Joseph Salamone*

**Administrators Present:** *Dr. Kathleen Spring, Denise Swezey, Patrick McGrath, David Collins, Keith Rafaniello, Chris Ruberti, Tim Hulihan, Karla Empie, Gerry Garing, Lisa Cutting, Scott Hays, Debra Male, Michele Hunter and Arlene DeSiena*

**Others in Attendance:** *5 students and 5 district residents*

## **Communications - Superintendent**

Dr. Spring reminded everyone of the Budget Vote on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Student Representatives**

Caitlyn Collins reported that things are really busy in the high school. She said there are two academic highlights coming up: the Criminal Justice Mock Trial and the Engineering Design and Development’s project presentation. She said students are looking forward to the prom and ball. She also said that there will be a mock crash and an assembly to make students aware of sound decision making. Five students were introduced who are interested in being representatives to the Board of Education for the 2010-2011 school year. Those eZlections will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Communications - Board of Education**

Mrs. del Prado reported that the Audit Committee met last week and went over reports from the Internal Auditor. She said that Mr. Gahan will be reporting back to the Board in late summer or early fall.

## **Public Privilege of the Floor**

No comments.

## **Old Business**

*Approval of First Reading of Board Policies*

### **Request for Approval of First Reading of Board Policies**

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the following policies:

- 1330 Appointments and Designations by the Board of Education
- 1338 Duties of the School Physician/Nurse Practitioner
- 2350 Health Insurance Coverage for School Board Members
- 3160 Charter Schools
- 4211 Organizational Chart
- 5240 School Tax Assessment and Collection/Property Tax Exemptions

- 5530 Petty Cash Funds and Cash in School Buildings
- 5660 School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast)
- 5710 Transportation Program
- 6440 Negotiations
- 7132 Admission of Non-Resident Students
- 7140 School Census
- 7242 Military Recruiters' Access to Secondary School Students and Information on Students
- 7560 Notification on Sex Offenders
- 8470 Home Instruction (Home Schooling)

Mr. Andriola asked for clarification on Policy #7560 Notification of Sex Offenders. Dr. Spring said that she would clarify the language. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

**New Business - Instructional**  
*Special Education Recommendations*

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

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, 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 April 12, 13, 14, 20, 22, and 26, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Approval for French & Spanish Honor Society Field Trip to Lake George*

**Request for Approval for French and Spanish Honor Societies to Participate in a Field Trip to Lake George on Friday, May 28, 2010**

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the request for French and Spanish Honor Societies to participate in a field trip to Lake George on Friday, May 28, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

**New Business - Business/Personnel**  
*Approval to Enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement for Internal Audit Function for 2010-2011*

**Request for Approval to Enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement for Internal Audit Function for the 2010-2011 School Year**

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education execute and adopt the Inter-Municipal Agreement with Questar III BOCES to fulfill the Internal Audit Function for the 2010-2011 school year. The cost will be \$11,600/year. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Approval of Applications for Credit of Real Property Taxes for the Year 2007 and 2008*

**Request Approval of Applications for Credit of Real Property Taxes for the Year 2007 and 2008, Pursuant to Sect. 550(2)(D), Real Property Tax Law**

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the Application for Refund and Credit of Real Property Taxes for the years 2007 and 2008 for the following property tax owners in the stated amounts:

Property Owner/ Location/SBL	*Taxable Assessed Value	Corrected Taxable Assessed Value	Taxes Paid	Corrected Tax Amount	Refund Due	Lien Year
Brzoza, Joyce 48.15-7-4	\$128,000	\$3,800	1,873.93	55.63	\$1,818.30	2007

*Approval of Applications for Credit of Real Property Taxes for the Year 2007 and 2008 (Cont'd)*

Property Owner/ Location/SBL	*Taxable Assessed Value	Corrected Taxable Assessed Value	Taxes Paid	Corrected Tax Amount	Refund Due	Lien Year
Burt, John M. 48.20-4-2	\$138,350 \$142,510	\$20,200 \$20,200	2,025.46 2,137.82	295.73 303.02	1,729.73 1,834.80	2007 2008
Castaldi, David 48.15-7-5	\$90,000	\$7,900	1,317.61	115.66	1,201.95	2007
Donovan, Kevin & Beth 48.20-4-25.2	\$105,350	\$34,100	1,542.33	499.22	1,043.11	2007
Lawyer, Paul & Kimberly 48.20-1-4	\$144,000 \$130,510	\$95,000 \$57,510	2,108.17 1,957.81	1,390.81 862.72	717.36 1,095.09	2007 2008
Pedersen, Harry & Diane 48.20-3-2	\$58,000 \$65,800	\$20,400 \$20,400	849.13 987.08	298.67 306.02	550.46 681.06	2007 2008
Spina, Sesto & Carmela 48.20-4-26	\$92,000 \$99,800	\$24,000 \$31,800	1,346.89 1,497.12	351.36 477.04	995.53 1,020.08	2007 2008
Warner, Rita M. & Sung, Linda 48.20-4-3	\$176,000 \$176,000	\$73,100 \$73,100	2,576.66 2,640.21	1,070.19 1,096.59	1,506.47 1,543.62	2007 2008
					\$9,562.91 \$6,174.65 \$15,737.56	2007 2008
*Taxable Assessed Value = Value less application of any STAR exemption.						

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

*Approval to Appoint Permanent Chairman, Assistant Clerks and Voting Machine Inspectors*

**Request for Approval to Appoint Permanent Chairman, Assistant Clerks and Voting Machines Inspectors**

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education appoint the following individuals to assist in the implementation of the voting on May 18, 2010:

**Permanent Chairman:** David McNamara, 109 Polsin Drive  
**Custodian of Machines:** Ralph Salerno, 22 Memory Lane

**Assistant Clerks and Inspectors:**

*Approval to Appoint Permanent Chairman, Assistant Clerks and Voting Machine Inspectors (Cont'd)*

Judy Andi	Judy Kazakavich
Sarah Brassard	Martha Longo
Dina Carroll	Jean Manocchi
Janine Carroll	Esther Muscanell
Kristin Carter	Helen Pugliese
Gladys Craven	Bonnie Reddiough

Demetria Enright	Tracey Roberts
Tina George	Deb Bush Suflita
Jean Grupe	Marilyn Wagschall
Justine Guldenzopf	Sharon Wemple
Cheryl Hitchcock	

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

*Approval to Award  
Field Inspection  
Services Contract –  
EXCEL Capital Project –  
Phase II, Pinewood  
Sewer Project*

**Request for Approval to Award Field Inspection Services Contract – EXCEL Capital Project – Phase II, Pinewood Sewer Project**

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola , seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education award a contract for the following proposal pertaining to Field Inspection Services as needed for the EXCEL Capital Project – Phase II, Pinewood Sewer Project to:

J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, PE, LS, LA, P.C.  
22 High Street  
Rensselaer, NY 12144  
Cost of Services: Not to Exceed \$12,000.00

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

**Request for Approval of Amended 2010-2011 School Year Calendar**

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve the amended 2010-2011 school year calendar (attached). The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

**Consensus Agenda**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes, 2) Bids/Change Orders and 3) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Approved Minutes*

**Minutes**

APPROVED the minutes of the meeting held on April 26, 2010.

*Approved Bids:*

**Bids/Change Orders**

APPROVED the 2010-11 Cooperative Paper Bid Award to the low bidders meeting specifications:

WB Mason Company, Inc	Hudson Valley Paper Company
29 Mill Street	981 Broadway
Albany, NY 12204	Albany, NY 12207
Total Amount: \$46,849.37	Total Amount: \$767.35

*Approved Personnel  
Recommendations*

Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

***Appointments***

Kristina Cohen	
<u>Appointment:</u>	Long-Term Substitute
<u>Assignment:</u>	Science (.5)

Date of Commencement: April 19, 2010  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2010 *(amended from the 4/26/10 agenda)*  
Certification Status: Biology 7-12, Initial  
Salary: Step 3

Peter Scofield  
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: Science (.5)  
Date of Commencement: April 19, 2010  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2010 *(amended from the 4/26/10 agenda)*  
Certification Status: Biology 7-12, Initial  
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

Kayleigh Bluman  
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: Elementary Education  
Date of Commencement: May 3, 2010  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2010  
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. Gr.1-6, Initial; Early Childhood Ed. B-Gr. 2, Initial  
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Kevin Pedersen  
Appointment: Part-Time  
Assignment: Music (.7) *(amended from the 7/23/07 agenda)*  
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2007  
Expiration Date: June 30, 2008  
Certification Status: Music, Provisional  
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

**Review Session for NYS ELA Exams – 1.5 hr. sessions - \$31.66/hour**

Dates	Name
April 14, 2010	Dolores Weaver

**Review Session for NYS Math Exams – 1.5 hr. sessions - \$31.66/hour**

Dates	Name
April 27, 2010	Mary Ann Nickloy

Brittney Settembre  
Assignment: Substitute Detention Aide, Pinewood Intermediate School  
Effective Date: May 11, 2010  
Salary: \$9.68/hour

***Appointments Cont'd***

Janet Linkowski  
Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective: May 10, 2010  
Salary: \$9.00/hour

**Resignations**

Laura Weinman

Assignment: Long-Term Substitute P/T Teacher AssistantEffective Date: Close of Business May 7, 2010**Leaves of Absence**

Jennifer Hurst

Assignment: Elementary TeacherEffective Date: June 15, 2010 – December 21, 2010Reason: Family Medical Leave (1<sup>st</sup> 12 weeks)**Removal from Service**

Amber McDermott-Dickson

Assignment: Substitute Food Service HelperEffective Date: April 26, 2010**Privilege of the Floor**

No comments.

**Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that an executive session be convened at 7:34 PM for the purpose of administrative contract discussion. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mrs. French, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:50 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

**Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:51 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

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Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk