



# Mohonasen Central School District

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*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, June 7, 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, Charles Macejka and Gary Spadaro*

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

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

## **Executive Session**

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

Mr. Salamone arrived at 6:05 PM. Mr. Mark Sabatini joined executive session at 6:45 PM.

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:08 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 7:13 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, Christopher Ruberti, David Collins, Timothy Hulihan, Debra Male, Scott Hays, Michele Hunter, Deborah Kavanaugh, Diane McIver, Arlene DeSiena, Gerry Garing, Heidi Bromley, Keith Rafaniello and Joseph Scalise*

**Others in Attendance:** *Caitlyn Collins and Justin Burns, Student Representatives; 3 faculty members, 4 students, 2 district residents; 1 media representatives*

## **Communications - Superintendent**

Dr. Spring stated that two textbooks would be presented this evening, Social Studies 5 and Algebra 2.

Heidi Bromley showed a brief presentation on Amsco's Algebra 2 and Trigonometry textbook, copyright 2009. She explained that the current textbook has a 2001 copyright which predates the change in state standards and the new Regents exams. Several other textbooks were considered, however this particular textbook was chosen for its readability and online capabilities.

Michele Hunter, Debra Kavanaugh, Susan Nelson, Ashlee Yonos and Krista Zajesky presented the Grade 5 Social Studies Textbook, The United States: Making a New Nation. Ms. Hunter and Ms. Kavanaugh said that faculty researched updated Social Studies programs and the programs were piloted through sample lessons in the classrooms. Overall the Harcourt program was rated the strongest. Ms. Yonos, Mrs.

Zajesky and Mrs. Nelson all spoke briefly on the strengths and advantages of the Harcourt textbook including its ability to be accessed online.

**Student  
Representatives**

Caitlyn Collins and Justin Burns introduced next year's student representatives, Michael Mrozinski and Lauren Martin. They reported on the Junior Prom, Senior Ball, Senior Citizens' Prom and the academic and athletic awards ceremonies. Caitlyn and Justin presented a plaque with the names of all of the students who have served as student representatives to the Board of Education.

Mr. Cafarelli thanked them on behalf of the Board of Education for the great job they have done this year.

**Communications -  
Board of Education**

No comments.

**Public Privilege of the  
Floor**

No comments.

**Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that an executive session be convened at 7:40 PM for the purpose of contract discussion. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:35 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Return to Public  
Session**

The Board meeting resumed at 8:36 PM.

**Old Business**

**Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies**

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption 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)

The motion was passed unanimously, seven 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 Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. French, 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 May 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 25, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Grades 6 & 8 Health  
Textbook Adoption*

**Request Approval of Adoption of Grades 6 & 8 Health Textbook Adoption**

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the McGraw-Hill (Glencoe) text, Teen Health Course 1 & 3 (2009). The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Social Studies 6  
Textbook Adoption*

**Request Approval of Social Studies 6 Textbook Adoption**

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the Pearson Publishing – Scott Foresman Grade 6 Social Studies text, The World (2008). The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Grade 12 AP Statistics  
Textbook Adoption*

**Request Approval of Grade 12 AP Statistics Textbook Adoption**

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the Addison-Wesley text, Stats: Modeling the World, Third Edition (2010). The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**New Business -  
Business/Personnel**

*Approval of Service  
Agreement with  
DeGroot Management  
Services, Inc.*

**Request for Approval of Service Agreement with DeGroot Management Services, Inc. for Unemployment Service**

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with DeGroot Management Services, Inc. for a one-year contract effective July 1, 2010. The cost of the service will be \$2,400 for the year with a one-time set-up fee of \$200. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Health and  
Welfare Contract with  
Rensselaer City School  
District*

**Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Rensselaer City School District**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with Rensselaer City School District in the total amount of \$371.91 for the 2009-10 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Health and  
Welfare Contract with  
the City School District  
of Albany (Revision)*

**Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with the City School District of Albany (Revision)**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve a revised health and welfare contract with the City School District of Albany in the revised total amount of \$5,287.36 for the 2009-10 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Contract with Cobb Memorial School for Summer 2010*

**Request for Approval of Contract with Cobb Memorial School for Summer 2010**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Cobb Memorial School to provide educational services for one district handicapped student at a total cost of \$4,477.80 for the Summer 2010 session. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Mohonasen Central School District Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement*

**Request for Approval of Mohonasen Central School District Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement**

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Mohonasen Central School District Teachers' Association, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013, and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Telephone Service Contract with One Communications*

**Request for Approval of Telephone Service Contract**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education authorize a three (3) year contract for phone service with One Communications for an estimated annual cost of \$10,865. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Telephone Service & Support Plan Agreement with Northeast Information Systems*

**Request for Approval of Telephone Service and Support Plan Agreement with Northeast Information Systems**

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education authorize an agreement with Northeast Information Systems for servicing the phone system at an annual fee of \$22,884.40. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting with Mrs. del Prado abstaining from the vote.

**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) Bids/Change Orders and 4) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approved Minutes*

**Minutes**

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on May 24, 2010.

*Approved Bids:*

**Bids/Change Orders**

APPROVED the following change orders for Kasselmann Electric Co., Inc.

Original Contract Amount:	\$2,195,933.00
Previously Authorized Change Orders	79,025.08
Change Order: #09-07 Mohonasen High School	6,563.09
Change Order: #09-08 Pinewood Elementary School	1,524.49
Change Order: #09-09 Mohonasen High School	993.53
New Total Authorized Contract Amount	\$2,284,039.19

*Approved Personnel Recommendations*

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

**Retirements**

Keith Bushey  
Assignment: Music  
Effective Date: July 1, 2010

Nicholas Coupas  
Assignment: Social Studies  
Effective Date: Close of business, June 30, 2010

Colleen J. Meyer  
Assignment: Special Education  
Effective Date: Close of business, June 30, 2010

**Appointments**

Marvin Veeder  
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: English  
Date of Commencement: May 25, 2010  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2010  
Certification Status: English Language Arts 7-12, Initial  
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits

Erin Engstrom  
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: Occupational Therapist (.5)  
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2010  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2011  
Certification Status: Licensed Occupational Therapist  
Salary: Step 4 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Nicole DeSorbo-Chapleau  
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
Date of Commencement: February 22, 2010  
Expiration Date: Close of June 24, 2010 *(amended from 1/25/10 agenda)*  
Salary: Step 1

**2010 Bradt AIS Summer School –  
 Sessions 1 & 2 (7/6-7/22 & 7/26-8/12) – 3 hrs/day)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Step</b>
Amber Kennedy	Jump Start, 1 Session	5
Lynette Griesemer	Jump Start, 1 Session	4
Brenda DiNicola	Teacher Aide, 2 Sessions	3
Amy Varano	Exiting EDK, 1 Session	3
Kayleigh Bluman	Exiting EDK, 1 Session	1
Laura Eggleston	Entering Grade 1, 1 Session	4
Sara Fenton	Entering Grade 1, 1 Session	1
Amanda Rider	Entering Grade 2, 2 Sessions	2

**Appointments Cont'd    Bradt Summer Kindergarten Screening - 2 Days (Summer Curriculum Rate)**

Name	Assignment
Mary Carrigan-Peek	Speech Pathologist - 2 Days
Lynette Griesemer	Kindergarten Teacher - 1 Day
Amber Kennedy	Kindergarten Teacher - 1 Day

**Summer School 2010 - Mohonasen HS Faculty (July 13 - August 19, 2010)**

Name	Assignment	Step
Andrew Eaton	Algebra/Int. Algebra, 2 sessions	1
Keating, Lisa	Living Environment, 1 session @ .5	2

**Review Sessions for Foreign Language Proficiency Exams- 1.5 hr. sessions - \$31.66/hour**

Dates	Name
June 10, 15 & 17, 2010	Tricia Saullo, Maria Pacheco, Maureen Geagan

**Intramurals 2009-2010**

Doug Hallberg                      Kate Murnane  
 Ray Kearney                        Kevin Daviero  
 Nicole Schaap

**Extramurals - 2009-2010**

Nicole Schaap - Volleyball  
 Nicole Schaap - Track & Field  
 Melissa Gregg - Track & Field

**Fall Coaches - 2010**

Position	Coach	Step
Varsity Football Head	Dennis Corbitt	Step 7
Varsity Football Assistant	Jim Huggins	Step 7 + \$533
Varsity Football Assistant	Michael Sontz	Step 7
JV Football Head	Keith Pollizatta	Step 7
JV Football Assistant	Ryan Johnson	Step 4
JV Football Assistant	Tom Diacetic	Step 4
Modified Football Head	Doug Erickson	Step 7 + \$1533
Modified Football Assistant	Steve Brassard	Step 7 + \$1067
Modified Football Assistant	Kevin Clough	Step 2
Cross Country	Rob Higgins	Step 7 + \$267
Cross Country	Nicole Zabloutny	Step 4
Boys Varsity Soccer	Corey Gregg	Step 6
Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant	Mark Woodrow	Step 5
Boys JV Soccer	Jason Cintula	Step 4
Boys Modified Soccer	Stephanie Bruhn	Step 3
Girls Varsity Soccer	Karolyn DeVito	Step 7
Girls Varsity Soccer Assistant	Lori Moore	Step 6
Girls JV Soccer	Erin Ploetz	Step 1
Girls Modified Soccer	Holly Dergosits	Step 2
Boys Varsity Volleyball	Cameron Erickson	Step 5
Boys JV Volleyball	Matt Lopez	Step 4

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

<b>Position</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Step</b>
Girls' Varsity Volleyball	Danielle Hunt	Step 2
Girs' JV Volleyball	Megan Risko	Step 1
Girls' Freshman Volleyball	TBA	
Boys' Varsity Golf	Kevin Cummings	Step 4
Boys' JV Golf	Andy Cuthbertson	Step 3
Girls' Varsity Tennis	Dick Usher	Step 7
Girls' JV Tennis	Maria Pacheco	Step 6
Girls' Varsity Swimming	Scott Seligman	Step 4
Girls' Varsity Swimming Assistant	Marc Vachon	Step 7
Varsity Cheerleading	Irlene Mayo	Step 7
JV Cheerleading	Jabar Cancer	Step 4
Freshman Cheerleading	Megan Hopkins	Step 2
Strength & Conditioning	Ben Pierson (.5)	Step 7 + \$267
Strength & Conditioning	Fred Saccocio (.5)	Step 7
Strength & Conditioning - Football	Jim Huggins	\$343.
Strength & Conditioning - Football	Dennis Corbitt	\$343.
Strength & Conditioning - Football	Michael Sontz	\$343.
Strength & Conditioning - Football	Keith Pollizatta	\$343.
Strength & Conditioning - Football	Ryan Johnson	\$343.
Strength & Conditioning - Football	Tom Diacetus	\$343.

Shirley Slingerland

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide  
Effective: June 1, 2010  
Salary: Step 10

Matthew Gatto

Assignment: Substitute Mechanic  
Effective: June 8, 2010  
Salary: \$14.00 /hr.

**Resignations**

Gregory Massaroni

Assignment: Summer School 2010 (Algebra/Int. Algebra)  
Effective Date: June 2, 2010

Shirley Slingerland

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver  
Effective Date: Close of business May 28, 2010

Diane Brunt

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide  
Effective Date: June 3, 2010

**Privilege of the Floor**

No comments.

**Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that an executive session be convened at 8:39 PM for the purpose of Superintendent evaluation.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. French, that the executive session be adjourned at 10:20 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 10:21 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk