



# Mohonasen Central School District

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*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, September 14, 2009, Mohonasen High School*

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli at 6:05 PM.

## **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Thomas Andriola, Dominic Cafarelli, Eileen French, Charles Macejka, Joseph Salamone, Gary Spadaro

**Administrators Present:** Dr. Kathleen Spring and Denise Swezey

**Others in Attendance:** Chris Langlois, Ron Bagoly, Baani Singh, Jeff West

## **Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. French, that an executive session be convened at 6:05PM for the purpose of attorney/client communications. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

## **Return to Public Session**

The instructional meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 7:11 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, Eileen French, Charles Macejka, Joseph Salamone, Gary Spadaro

**Board Members Absent:** Nancy del Prado

**Administrators Present:** Dr. Kathleen Spring, Patrick McGrath, Denise Swezey, Karla Empie, David Collins, Makensie Bullinger, Timothy Hulihan, Debra Male, Michele Hunter, Deborah Kavanaugh, Diane McIver, Arlene DeSiena, Lisa Cutting, Heidi Bromley, Christopher Ruberti, Joseph Scalise

**Student Representatives:** Caitlyn Collins and Justin Burns

**Others in Attendance:** Ron Bagoly and Baani Singh of CS Arch, approximately 80 faculty members and 1 district resident

## **Communications – Superintendent**

Dr. Spring stated that the district is looking at a long-range plan and one of the things they are looking at is high performance design. She turned the meeting over to Ron Bagoly and Baani Singh of CS Arch.

### *Presentation on Sustainable Design*

Ms. Baani Singh, an architect with CS Arch, gave a brief presentation on sustainable design specifically in regard to school buildings. She spoke about the differences of LEED for schools and NY-CHPS. Both avenues offer valuable features for school design. She stated that the next step would be to present to different steering committees the options available for each school.

### *Update on Opening of School*

Dr. Spring asked each of the principals to give an update on the opening of school.

Mr. Collins asked the student representatives, Caitlyn Collins and Justin Burns to report for the high school. They gave an update on the freshmen orientation and their adjustment to the high school; changes to schedules due to the gym floor not being ready; how the fall sports teams and marching band were doing; and that they were looking forward to homecoming weekend festivities. Mr. Collins added that the physical education teachers had been very gracious by holding most of their

classes outside and that the high school gym floor should be ready by the end of this week.

Mrs. Male stated the middle school had a great opening. She said that the cafeteria had been loaded with boxes and equipment and thanks to Mr. Mayo and his staff they were able to clear it out and have it ready to use by the first day. She said that by the end of this week the library would be back up and running and that students and visitors have commented positively on how good the building is starting to look.

Mrs. Hunter said that Pinewood got off to an amazing start and that the classrooms look magnificent. She also commented on how much work the custodians did getting the school building ready for opening day. She reported the new cafeteria is more efficient now that it accommodates two lines and the new kitchen is beautiful.

Mrs. McIver echoed a lot of the same comments regarding how the building transformed over Labor Day weekend to the opening of school. She stated that this year for the first time kindergarteners are coming for a full day and everything seems to be going very smoothly. She said that the biggest issue in the building has been the sporadic access to water in some parts of the building which has caused some inconvenience to the faculty and students.

Mrs. Swezey added that overall the construction project is on schedule and stated that a lot happened around the buildings over the Labor Day weekend. She thanked the custodial staff, cleaners, the IT department and Mr. Mayo for working almost non-stop over the Labor Day weekend.

**Communications -  
Board of Education**

Mr. Cafarelli, on behalf of the Board of Education, congratulated building principals, faculty and staff for doing a great job in preparing the buildings for the opening day of school. He stated that it was incredible how much work had been done in the past few weeks. He also reminded everyone of the next CAPSBA meeting which is on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. He also welcomed Caitlyn Collins and Justin Burns as the new student representatives to the Board of Education.

**Public Privilege of the  
Floor**

Mrs. Susan Nelson, President of the MTA, read a statement regarding their membership working without a contract.

Mrs. Suzanne Potts of Kings Road read a statement on how a zoning change for a number of properties in the Town of Colonie would adversely affect the district's tax rolls.

**New Business -  
Instructional**

*Special Education  
Recommendations*

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

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Macejka, 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 August 4, 6, 19 and 31, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Cross Country Team to  
Manhattan College*

**Request Approval for the Cross Country Team to Participate in the Manhattan College HS Cross County Invitational on Saturday, October 10, 2009**

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of

Education approve the request for the Cross Country team to participate in the Manhattan College HS Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, October 10, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Marching Band to Participate in Field Band Competitions*

**Request for Approval of Mohonasen Marching Band to Participate in Field Band Competitions in October 2009**

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Mohonasen Marching Band to participate in the following field trips:

- Saturday, October 3, 2009 to West Genesee High School in Syracuse, NY
- Sunday, October 11, 2009 to Arlington High School in Spring Valley, NY
- Saturday, October 24, 2009 to Norwich NY

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

**New Business - Business/Personnel**

*Contract with Wildwood School for 2009-10*

**Request for Approval of Contract with Wildwood School for the 2009-2010 School Year**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the contract with Wildwood School for the period of September 2009 through June 2010 at a rate of \$42,817.00 per student at a total cost of \$256,902.00. The motion was passed with five members voting in favor and Mrs. French abstaining from the vote.

*Contract with Kathy Moulder for 2009-20*

**Request for Approval to Enter into a Contract with Kathy Moulder, Speech Therapist for the 2009-10 School Year**

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Kathy Moulder to provide speech therapy services to District resident students at a cost of \$50.00 per hour, not to exceed \$37,800.00, for the period commencing September 9, 2009 and continuing through June 25, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Contract with Gloria Kelly, RN for 2009-10*

**Request for Approval to Enter into a Contract with Gloria Kelly, Registered Nurse for the 2009-2010 School Year**

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Gloria Kelly to provide nursing services to District resident students at a cost of \$25.00 per hour, not to exceed \$40,000.00, for the period commencing September 9, 2009 and continuing through June 25, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Contract with Center for Disability Services/Langan School for 2009-10*

**Request for Approval of Contract with Center for Disability Services/Langan School for 2009-2010 School Year**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve a contract with the Center for Disability Services/Langan School at a rate of \$38,743.00 per student for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, six 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) Bids/Change Orders and 3) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

**Approved Minutes****Minutes**

APPROVED minutes of meetings held on August 24 and August 31, 2009.

**Approved Bids:****Grocery, Frozen Foods  
& Meats Bid****Bids/Change Orders**

Approved the award of the grocery, frozen food and meats bid to the following low bidders meeting specifications for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010:

Quandt's Distributors	\$ 9,650.08
Sysco Foods, Inc.	\$42,700.19
Ginsberg's	\$23,974.84
US Foodservice	\$16,980.42

**Total** **\$93,305.53**

**Pizza Bid**

Approved the Pizza bid award to the following vendor as low bidder for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010:

D'Aurizio's Pizzeria	\$11.50 per 18"x26" sheet pan
	\$5.50 per 16" round pizza
	\$3.95 per 18x26" shell – prebaked, uncut
	\$3.95 per 18"x26" shell – raw

**Approved Personnel  
Recommendations**

Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

**Retirements**

Cynthia Mendez

Assignment: Director of Technology

Effective: Close of business `September 30, 2009

**Appointments**

Lisa Cutting

Assignment: (.7) Academic Administrator for English 6-12/Coordinator ELA K-5

Effective: September 1, 2009

Lisa Daviero

Appointment: Probationary

Tenure Area: Reading

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2009

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

Certification Status: PreK,K,Grades 1-6, Permanent; Reading, Permanent

Salary: Step 12 plus graduate credits

Caitlin Rogers

Appointment: Probationary (*amended from the 7/1/09 agenda*)

Tenure Area: Elementary Education

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2009

Expiration Date: August 31, 2011 (*2 semesters Jarema credit*)

Certification Status: Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6), Initial

Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

**Appointments Cont'd**

Kristin Bellizzi  
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: Elementary Education  
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2009 *(amended from the 7/1/09 agenda)*  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2010  
Certification Status: Early Childhd Ed (Birth-Gr 2), Initial; Childhd Ed. 1-6, Initial  
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Kristine Karins  
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: Elementary Education  
Date of Commencement: November 19, 2009 *(amended from the 7/20/09 agenda)*  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2010 *(amended from 7/1/09 agenda)*  
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6), Initial  
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Nicholas Ronca  
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: Elementary Education  
Date of Commencement: September 9, 2009 *(amended from the 8/24/09 agenda)*  
Expiration Date: Close of business December 23, 2009  
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial  
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Ashlee Yonos  
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Tenure Area: Elementary Education  
Date of Commencement: January 11, 2010  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 4, 2010  
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6), Initial  
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Joshua Sawicki  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
Effective: September 1, 2009  
Salary: Step 4

Karen Scanlon-Fish  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
Effective: September 1, 2009  
Salary: Step 1

Barbara Palazeke  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)/Long-Term Substitute  
Effective: September 1, 2009 – Close of business November 13, 2009  
Salary: Step 3

John Hamor  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
Effective: September 8, 2009 – December 23, 2009  
Salary: Step 2

**Appointments Cont'd**

Jennifer Ford

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)Effective: September 10, 2009Salary: Step 1

Kristina Evans

Assignment: Substitute Food Service HelperEffective: September 9, 2009 (*amended from the 8/24/09 agenda*)Salary: \$9.00 /hour

Sandra Troiano

Assignment: Account Clerk/TypistEffective: September 21, 2009Salary: Step 4

Catherine Sager

Assignment: P/T Bus AideEffective: September 8, 2009Salary: Step 1

Kimberly Luke

Assignment: P/T Bus DriverEffective: September 9, 2009Salary: Step 3

Dana Hallam

Assignment: LifeguardEffective: September 14, 2009Salary: \$7.25 /hr.

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Assignment: WSI AideEffective: September 14, 2009Salary: \$9.00 /hr.

Alex Battaglia

Assignment: LifeguardEffective: September 14, 2009Salary: \$7.25 /hr.

Alex Battaglia

Assignment: Water Safety InstructorEffective: September 14, 2009Salary: \$13.50 /hr.

Victoria Lasher

Assignment: 19A Certified ExaminerEffective: August 19, 2009Salary: \$20.00 /hr.

**Appointments Cont'd**

Darryl Drew  
Assignment: Piano Accompanist 2009-2010 – High School, Draper & Pinewood  
Effective: September 1, 2009  
Salary: \$4680

Athena Gallop  
Assignment: Temporary Cleaner  
Effective: July 6, 2009 – September 30, 2009 *(amended from the 7/1/09 agenda)*  
Salary: \$10.01/hr.

Melody Fazio  
Assignment: Temporary Cleaner  
Effective: July 6, 2009 – September 30, 2009 *(amended from the 7/1/09 agenda)*  
Salary: \$10.01/hr.

Laura Stickle  
Assignment: Temporary Cleaner  
Effective: July 6, 2009 – September 30, 2009 *(amended from the 7/1/09 agenda)*  
Salary: \$10.01/hr.

Christine Mitchell  
Assignment: Temporary Cleaner  
Effective: July 6, 2009 – September 30, 2009 *(amended from the 7/1/09 agenda)*  
Salary: \$10.01/hr.

Scott Bank  
Assignment: Temporary Cleaner  
Effective: July 6, 2009 – September 30, 2009 *(amended from the 7/1/09 agenda)*  
Salary: \$10.01/hr.

**Dean of Students – 2009-2010 (\$2250 Stipend)**

Thomas DiAcetis          Draper MS

**Extracurricular Advisors/Pinewood – 2009-2010**

<b>Extracurricular Club/Organization</b>	<b>Advisor/Co-Advisor</b>
Orchestra – Fresh Fiddlers	John Burmeister
Odyssey of the Mind	Lori Ranze
Student Council	Katria Hitrick/Rebecca Pollick

**Extracurricular Advisors/Draper Middle School – 2009-2010**

<b>Extracurricular Club/Organization</b>	<b>Advisor/Co-Advisor</b>
Yearbook	Karen Squires/Mary Manno <i>(amended from the 7/20/09 agenda)</i>
Teen Town	William Van Wie/Erin Degnan <i>(amended from the 8/24/09 agenda)</i>
Select/Stage/Marching Bands	Jason Varga

**Appointments Cont'd Extracurricular Advisors/High School – 2009-2010**

Extracurricular Club/Organization	Advisor/Co-Advisor
Science Club	Jennifer Gribben/Michael Hinman <i>(amended from the 7/1/09 agenda)</i>

**Program Facilitators – 2009-2010** *(Stipend as per MTA Contract)*

Lisa McKenna Team 8-1 (.5)

**Fall 2009 Field Band Appointments** *(Stipend as per MTA Contract)*

Jason Varga	Drill Design/Marching & Maneuvering
Kevin Pedersen	Percussion/Marching & Maneuvering
Lori Marshall	Color Guard/Marching & Maneuvering
Jennifer Vitale	Percussion
Valerie del Prado	Color Guard
Justin Godlewski	Marching & Maneuvering
Nora Sabatini	Color Guard

**Coaching Appointments 2009-2010**

Position	Coach	Step
Freshman Cheerleading (.5)	Irlene Mayo	6
Freshman Cheerleading (.5)	Jabar Cancer	3
Strength & Conditioning (.5)	Ben Pierson	7 + \$533 <i>(amended from 7/20/09 agenda)</i>
Strength & Conditioning (.5) <i>(amended from 7/20/09 agenda)</i>	Fred Saccocio	7
Athletic Trainer	Chuck DeVito	\$17,185

**The following have a Change in Employment Status:**

Collette Phillips

Previous Assignment:

P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Current Assignment:

P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)/Long-Term Substitute

Effective Dates:

September 1, 2009 – Close of business November 13, 2009

Salary:

Step 7

Mary Beth Gunn

Previous Assignment:

P/T Teacher Aide (3 hours)/P/T Teaching Assistant (2.5 hours)

Current Assignment:

P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Effective:

September 1, 2009

Salary:

Step 3

Kimberly Corbitt

Previous Assignment:

P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)

Current Assignment:

P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Effective:

September 1, 2009

Salary:

Step 6

**Appointments Cont'd**    **Adult Education Instructors – Fall 2009**

***The current pay rate for instructors is \$16.00 per hour for regular classes and \$21.00 per hour for computer related classes.***

Thomas Lovell <b>LIFE INSURANCE</b>	Ann Elliott <b>RUBBER STAMPING</b>	Richard/Joanne Darling <b>DEFENSIVE DRIVING</b>
Kathleen Cianfarani <b>DIVA BEADS &amp; JEWELS</b>	Suzanne Amsler <b>REIKI/HUNA</b>	Joni Bonilla <b>DOG TRAINING</b>
Theresa Cosco <b>PSYCHIC AWARENESS</b>	Dave Battaglia <b>BASKETBALL</b>	Carol Phillips <b>PEN AND INK</b>
Pam Davis <b>QUILTING</b>	Fred Hickey <b>55 ALIVE/AARP</b>	Lorene Gallo <b>COMPUTER CLASSES</b>
Cheryl Zinnershine <b>COED VOLLEYBALL</b>	Gail Kriss <b>COED VOLLEYBALL</b>	

*An agreement has been made to pay these instructors 60% of the total for this course and we receive 40%. A claim form will be submitted after the classes are completed.*

John Ferrari <b>ITALIAN</b>	Lynn Circe <b>PAINT/CROCHET</b>	Jenny Marcotte <b>CREATIVE VOICE</b>
Jean Sefcovic <b>YOGA</b>	Rafael Rojas <b>BALLROOM/SWING</b>	Erin Carter <b>BABY SIGN LANGUAGE</b>

*An agreement has been made to pay these instructors 75% of the total for this course and we receive 25%. A claim form will be submitted after the classes are completed.*

Davia Boyle <b>COUNTRY LINE DANCE</b>	Susan Kaupelis <b>COUNTRY LINE DANCE</b>	
Jianye Jiang,, Tai Chi Association <b>TAI CHI</b>	Lisa Evans <b>AEROBICS-STABILITY BALL</b>	

**Appointments Cont'd**    *An agreement has been made with the following to pay Mohonasen Adult Ed \$15.00 per hour of gym use:*

Melissa Grattan Make It Fit, LLC <b>BOOT CAMP CHALLENGE</b>		
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**Resignations**

Lauri Phillips  
Assignment:    Reading Teacher/Dean of Students/National Jr. Honor Society Advisor  
Effective:        Close of business September 1, 2009

Nicole DiVeglia  
Assignment:    P/T Teaching Assistant/Long-Term Substitute  
Effective:        August 24, 2009

Kristin Bellizzi  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant  
Effective: August 31, 2009

Nicole DiVeglia  
Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective: August 24, 2009

Sarah Darconte  
Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
Effective: August 31, 2009

Christine Parisi  
Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
Effective: August 31, 2009

Sarah Amedore  
Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper  
Effective : August 31, 2009

Gregory Van Gelder  
Assignment: P/T Bus Driver  
Effective: August 31, 2009

Bernard Branch  
Assignment: P/T Bus Driver  
Effective: Close of business September 11, 2009

Amanda Brousseau  
Assignment: Extracurricular Advisor/Pinewood 2009 – 2010 – Student Council  
Effective: September 1, 2009

***Resignations Cont'd***

Kristen Lynch  
Assignment: Extracurricular Advisor/Pinewood 2009 – 2010 – Student Council  
Effective: September 1, 2009

***Leaves of Absence***

Kerriane Pace  
Assignment: Elementary Teacher  
Effective Dates: September 14, 2009 – April 1, 2010  
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1<sup>st</sup> 12 weeks)

Jennifer Palleschi  
Assignment: Elementary Teacher  
Effective Dates: October 19, 2009 – December 23, 2009  
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Pamela DeMarco  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant  
Effective Dates: September 1, 2009 – January 1, 2010

Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

***Fingerprint  
Clearances***

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance  
Suzanne Gwiazdowski  
Kristen Nuzback  
Jesse Santonastaso  
Timothy Snell

**Privilege of the Floor** No comments.

**Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. French, that an executive session be convened at 7:53 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:16 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

**Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:17 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

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Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk