



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, October 19, 2009, Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

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

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 and Denise Swezey

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that an executive session be convened at 6:06 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the executive session be adjourned at 6:58 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 7:05 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, David Collins, Patrick McGrath

Others in Attendance: Alec Sobin, Independent Auditor; 1 faculty member, 2 district residents

Communications – Superintendent

Dr. Spring said that Mr. Alec Sobin, the district's Independent Auditor, would be reporting on the District's Audit Report for 2008-2009.

Independent Audit Report

Mr. Sobin stated that he had met with the Audit Committee and went over the Audit Report in detail. He stated that it was an excellent audit, that things went very smoothly, and commended the district on doing an excellent job from top to bottom.

Mrs. French, an Audit Committee member, commented on the phenomenal job that Mrs. Swezey, Dr. Spring, and the business office have done.

Governor's Proposal for Mid-Year Budget Cuts

Dr. Spring stated that they had received information on the Governor's proposal for mid-year budget cuts and the district was currently slated to lose \$878,000. She said that while the district is reviewing the current budget, they have decided not to impose a spending freeze at this time.

Update on H1N1 at Mohonasen

Dr. Spring also updated the Board on the H1N1 virus at Mohonasen. She said that absenteeism numbers at the middle school and high school were down from what they had been. However, Bradt and Pinewood are now seeing a spike in numbers. She said about half of the students out are reporting that they have an influenza-like illness (ILI).

- Budget Development Timeline* Dr. Spring also distributed a draft of the Budget Development Timeline to Board members. She said that the process would be similar to last year, however the format would be somewhat changed a bit to encourage more comments and conversation.
- MTA Packet* Dr. Spring also said that she believes the Board received a packet of information from the MTA. She said she also just received that information and plans to review it and will respond to the Board.
- Communications - Board of Education** Mr. Cafarelli stated that over the weekend five Board members attended the New York State School Boards Convention in New York City and asked for comments. Mr. Salamone, Mrs. del Prado, Mrs. French, Mr. Andriola, and Mr. Spadaro each spoke in length about the sessions they attended and on the various vendors they visited at the convention.
- Public Privilege of the Floor** No comments.
- 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 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 September 21, 24, 25 and October 6, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously seven members present and voting.
- Anatomy and Physiology/AP Biology Classes to NJ & NYC* **Request Approval for Anatomy and Physiology/AP Biology Classes to Participate in a Field Trip to the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, New Jersey and to South Street Seaport in New York City in March 2010**
MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the request for Anatomy and Physiology/AP Biology classes to participate in a field trip to the Liberty Science Center Cardiac Classroom in Jersey City, New Jersey and to "Bodies - The Exhibition" at South Street Seaport in New York City on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously seven members present and voting.
- Boys' Varsity Swim Team to Long Island Swim Invitational* **Request for Approval of Boys' Varsity Swim Team to Participate in the Eastern States - Long Island Swim Invitational in East Meadow, Long Island in January 2010**
MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Boys' Varsity Swim Team to participate in the Eastern States - Long Island Swim Invitational at the Nassau Aquatic Center, East Meadow, Long Island in January 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.
- Civil War Class to Gettysburg, PA* **Request Approval for Mohonasen High School Civil War Class to Participate in a Field Trip to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 6-8, 2009**
MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve the Mohonasen High School Civil War class participation in a field trip to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on November 6-8, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

New Business - Business/Personnel
Acceptance of District Financial Audit

Request for Acceptance of District Financial Audit - Year Ended June 30, 2009
 MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education accept the District Financial Audit for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Applications for Corrected Tax Roll for 2009

Request Approval of Applications for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2009, Pursuant to Section 554, Real Property Tax Law
 MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the Application for Corrected Tax Roll pursuant to clerical error Sec. 550(2)(c)(f) RPTL for the following parcels in the stated amounts.

OWNER S/B/L	AMT. OF TAXES BILLED/PAID	CORRECTED TAX/REASON	AMOUNT OF REFUND
K. & K. Carroll 58.7-1-16.1	\$ 2,001.37	\$ -0- (Clerical)	-0-
K. & K. Carroll 58.7-1-16.2	\$ 2,001.37	\$ -0- (Clerical)	-0-
Craig Douglas 48.19-7-22	\$ 3,813.89	\$ 1,581.32 (Clerical)	-0-
Kathleen Gardner 70.12-1-42	\$ 2,496.41	\$ 1,911.68 (Clerical)	-0-

That the Board of Education approve the Application for Corrected Tax Roll pursuant to clerical error Sec. 550(3)(f) RPTL for the following parcels in the stated amounts:

OWNER S/B/L	AMT. OF TAXES BILLED/PAID	CORRECTED TAX/REASON	AMOUNT OF REFUND
Guilderland Ave. Properties 58.12-1-3.21	\$ 1,941.63	\$58.25 (Clerical)	-0-

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

Agreement with Service Connections, Inc.

Request Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Service Connections, Inc. for the 2009-2010 School Year

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with Service Connections, Inc. to provide special education and related services to district resident students for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Renewal Agreement with Schenectady County ARC

Request for Approval to Enter into a Renewal Agreement with Schenectady County ARC for School-To-Work Transition Services

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Schenectady County ARC, Inc. at a total cost of \$43,040.00 for the 2009-2010 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes, 2) Financial Reports 3) Bids/Change Orders and 4) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on October 5, 2009.

Approved Financial Reports

Financial Reports

APPROVED the Treasurer’s Report for the month of September.
 APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of September.
 APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of September.
 APPROVED the Budget Transfer Report for the month of September.
 APPROVED the Extracurricular Activities Report for the month of September.
 APPROVED the Collateralization Report for the month of September
 APPROVED the Cash Flow Analysis/General Fund Report for the month of September.
 APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the month of October for Warrant # 4.

Warrant # 4 – October 19, 2009

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #157	\$388,716.38
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #4	\$78,169.31
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #8	\$16,809.87
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #7	\$280,268.61
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #7	\$2,133,848.86
TOTAL – Warrant #4		\$2,897,813.03

*Approved Bids:
 Approved District
 Bowling Bid*

Bids/Change Orders

APPROVED the award of the District bowling bid to Towne Bowling Academy, Inc., 1601 Altamont Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303, the lowest bidder meeting specifications for the 2009-2010 season.
 Bid: \$1.50 per game for all bowling matches and all practice games

*Approved Personnel
 Recommendations
 Appointments*

Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

Marc Vachon

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Physical Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: August 31, 2011 *(amended from the 8/18/08 agenda)*
Certification Status: Physical Education, Permanent

Kristine Karins

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: November 2, 2009 *(amended from the 9/14/09 agenda)*
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2010
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6), Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Kevin Pedersen

Appointment: Part-Time
Assignment: Music (.7) *(amended from the 6/16/08 agenda)*
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2008
Expiration Date: June 30, 2009
Certification Status: Music, Provisional
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Appointments Cont'd

Ashlee Yonos

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective: October 28, 2009 – Close of business January 8, 2010
Salary: Step 1

Sandra Demarest

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (.4) (6 hours) *(amended from 8/24/09 agenda)*
Effective: November 2, 2009 – Close of business June 24, 2010 *(amended from 8/24/09)*
Salary: Step 7

Ruth A. Martino

Assignment: Account Clerk/Typist
Effective: October 13, 2009
Salary: Step 3

Karen Baumgartner

Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper
Effective: October 5, 2009
Salary: Step 1

Wendy Skoda

Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper
Effective: October 5, 2009
Salary: Step 1

Michael VanWormer

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective: October 20, 2009
Salary: Step 2

Gregory Baumgartner

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective: October 19, 2009
Salary: \$13.50 /hour

Denise Lagasse

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective: October 19, 2009
Salary: \$9.00 /hour

Scott Bank

Assignment: Temporary Cleaner
Effective: July 6, 2009 – November 2, 2009 *(amended from the 9/14/09 agenda)*
Salary: \$10.01/hr.

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

Name	Assignment	Dates
Caitlin Rogers <i>(amended from 10/5/09 agenda)</i>	ELA/AIS	1 hour per week – 10/05/09 - 06/18/10

Appointments Cont'd

Extracurricular Advisors/Draper MS - 2009 - 2010

Extracurricular Club/Organization	Advisor/Co-Advisor
National Junior Honor Society	Michelle Gabree-Huba

Winter Coaches - 2009-10

Position	Coach	Step
Boys Varsity Basketball	Ken Dagostino	Step 7
Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant	John Karbowski	Step 7 + Longevity \$1,553
Boys JV Basketball	Ray Kearney	Step 7
Boys Freshmen Basketball	Claud Robustiano	Step 3
Boys Modified Basketball	Joshua Whipple	Step 6
Girls Varsity Basketball	Paul Brosious	Step 7
Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant	Ann Panetta	Step 7
Girls JV Basketball	Colleen Organ	Step 3
Girls Freshmen Basketball	Kelley Barnes	Step 2
Girls Modified Basketball	Meghan Farry	Step 1
Boys Bowling	Bob Tedesco	Step 7
Girls Bowling	John Dennis	Step 7 + Longevity \$799
Ice Hockey	Andy Cuthbertson	Step 3
Ice Hockey Assistant	Andrew Schiavo	Step 4
Boys Swimming	Bill Mottola	Step 7 + Longevity \$1,067
Boys Varsity Diving	Marc Vachon	Step 6
Modified Swimming	Scott Seligman	Step 3
Boys & Girls Indoor Track	Nicole Zablotny	Step 4
Track Assistant	Rob Higgins	Step 7
Track Assistant	Tara Shellard	Step 3
Varsity Wrestling	Sean Daley	Step 7
JV Wrestling	Nicholas Ronca	Step 3
Modified Wrestling	Doug Jones	Step 7 + Longevity \$1,553
Wrestling Assistant	Matt Sitors	Step 3
Strength & Conditioning	Fred Saccocio (.5)	Step 7
Strength & Conditioning	Doug Hallberg (.5)	Step 7 + Longevity \$799

Volunteer Coaches 2009-2010

Thomas Hayden - Varsity Ice Hockey

The Board of Education establishes the following rates effective November 1, 2009:

Position	Recommended Rate as of 11/1/09	Current Personnel
Lifeguard (Level I)	\$9.00	Breanna Bradley, Elizabeth Carmello, Lynn Cartier, Ian Cohn, Cara Cristello, Emery Dergosits, Michael Dugan, Danielle Fisher, Debra Gates, Dana Hallam, Matthew Lewis, Joshua Mannarino, Lyndsay Martin, Alexandr Ollari (Battaglia), Nathaniel Resila, Ezekiel Robinson, Nicole Schwartz, Bryttni Walter
Lifeguard (Level II)	\$10.00	William Dergosits, Janine McCoy

Appointments Cont'd**The Board of Education establishes the following rates effective November 1, 2009:**

Position	Recommended Rate as of 11/1/09	Current Personnel
Lifeguard Water Training Instructor	\$13.50	Lynn Cartier
Non-Certified Water Safety Instructor Aide	\$9.25	Breanna Bradley, Elizabeth Carmello, Lynn Cartier, Cara Cristello, Emery Dergosits, William Dergosits, Michael Dugan, Danielle Fisher, Dana Hallam, Matthew Lewis, Joshua Mannarino, Lindsay Martin, Janine McCoy, Nathaniel Resila, Ezekiel Robinson, Bryttni Walter
Water Safety Instructors (Level I)	\$13.50	Ian Cohn, Cara Cristello, Michael Dugan, Danielle Fisher, Carolyn Kelly, Karolyn Maloney, Joshua Mannarino, Alexandr Ollari (Battaglia), Kathleen Sansone
Water Safety Instructors (Level II)	\$16.00	William Dergosits, Janine McCoy, Emery Dergosits, Scott Seligman, Lynn Cartier, Bill Mottola

The following employees have a Change in Employment Status:

Collette Phillips

Previous Assignment: P/ T Teacher Aide (6 hours)/Long-Term SubstituteCurrent Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)Effective: October 19, 2009Salary: Step 7

Jane Karen Barnes

Previous Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (.5) (6 hours)Current Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (.6) (6 hours)Effective: November 2, 2009Salary: Step 9**Resignations**

Wendy Skoda

Assignment: Substitute Food Service HelperEffective Date: Close of business October 2, 2009

Karen Baumgartner

Assignment: Substitute Food Service HelperEffective Date: Close of business October 2, 2009

Harold Vogl

Assignment: Substitute School Security MonitorEffective Date: Close of business, October 6, 2009

Pamela Westlake

Assignment: School Security MonitorEffective Date: Close of business, October 8, 2009

Resignations Cont'd

Gregory Baumgartner

Assignment: P/T Bus DriverEffective Date: Close of Business October 16, 2009

Christine Wilkins

Assignment: P/T Teacher AideEffective Date: October 6, 2009

Kristine Karins

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 Hours)Effective Date: Close of business October 28, 2009

Meghan Henry

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)/Long-Term SubstituteEffective Date: October 16, 2009**Leaves of Absence**

Kathryn Pierson

Assignment: Special Education TeacherEffective Dates: November 30, 2009 – April 1, 2010Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Gary Hebert

Assignment: P/T Motor Vehicle OperatorEffective Dates: September 1, 2009 – October 19, 2009 (*amended from the 8/24/09 agenda*)Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence**Removal from Service**

Patricia Bush

Assignment: Substitute Food Service HelperEffective Date: October 19, 2009

Yvonne DeCocco

Assignment: Substitute Food Service HelperEffective Date: October 19, 2009

JoAnn McGee

Assignment: Substitute Food Service HelperEffective Date: October 19, 2009**Fingerprint Clearances**Emergency Conditional Clearances

Michelle Maloney

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance

Suzanne Gwiazdowski

Kristen Nuzback

Jesse Santonastaso

Timothy Snell

Heather Workman

Privilege of the Floor

No comments.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that an executive session be convened at 7:58 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:32 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:34 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk