



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, November 16, 2009, Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 5:00 PM.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Thomas Andriola, Dominic Cafarelli, Nancy del Prado, Eileen French, Charles Macejka, and Joseph Salamone

Board Members Absent: Gary Spadaro

Administrators Present: Kathleen Spring, Denise Swezey

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that an executive session be convened at 5:02 PM for the purpose of discussing negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Mrs. French left the meeting at 6:20 PM.

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the executive session be adjourned at 6:55 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

The business meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 7:01 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, Charles Macejka, and Joseph Salamone

Board Members Absent: Eileen French and Gary Spadaro

Administrators Present: Kathleen Spring, Denise Swezey, Patrick McGrath, David Collins, Debra Male, Michele Hunter, Diane McIver, Karla Empie, and Heidi Bromley

Others in Attendance: Approximately 90 faculty members, 2 district residents, 1 representative from NYSTI, and 1 student

Communications – Superintendent

*Discussion of Board
Budget Priorities*

Dr. Kathleen Spring stated that the Board would be approving a resolution regarding the Budget Development Timeline this evening and asked Board members to share some of their budget priorities. Each Board member briefly discussed priorities and all agreed that they needed to be fiscally responsible during these challenging economic times, but stated that the district needs to maintain programs and continue moving forward. Dr. Spring added that the Budget Review meetings will be held in an open forum beginning in January.

*Response to Packet sent
to Board of Education*

Dr. Spring stated that the next presentation was in response to a packet that the MTA sent in the mail to the Board of Education regarding negotiations. Dr. Spring began the presentation with an explanation of how the negotiating process has progressed to date and what happens next in the process. She explained how the various negotiating factions within the school district negotiate their contracts. She showed various charts of salary comparisons between area school districts and Mohonasen, and provided an explanation for

specific questions raised regarding the “stumbling blocks” of negotiations. She concluded the presentation stating that the Board of Education had been invited to visit classrooms in the district and would be randomly dropping in during December 1st through 18th.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

Mr. Cafarelli wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Public Privilege of the
Floor**

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

Mrs. Sharon Sicilia and Mrs. Denise Lagasse, parents of students in the district, spoke in support of Mohonasen teachers.

Rachel Newman, a high school senior at Mohonasen, thanked the Board for their support of her internship at the New York State Theatre Institute. Rachel explained the courses that she takes at the Institute and that she hopes to pursue Musical Theatre in college. Ms. Sara Melita, Internship Director for NYSTI, gave a brief explanation of what the Theatre Institute offers.

**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 Committee on Pre-School Special Education for meetings held on October 15, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, and November 4, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Mohonasen Marching
Band Participation in
Glens Falls Holiday
Parade*

Request Approval for Mohonasen Marching Band to Participate in the Glens Falls Holiday Parade on Sunday, November 22, 2009

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Mohonasen Marching Band to participate in the Glens Falls Holiday Parade on Sunday, November 22, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

**New Business -
Business/Personnel**

*Contract with Dr. Irene
Rosenthal*

Request Approval to Enter into a Contract with Dr. Irene Rosenthal, Educational/Literacy Consultant for the 2009-2010 School Year

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Dr. Irene Rosenthal to provide consultation services to District teachers, administrators and students in the area of literacy at a cost of \$100 per hour, not to exceed \$25,000, for the period of September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Issuance of Bonds for
School Bus Purchases*

Request for Approval of Resolution to Issue Bonds Not to Exceed \$640,313 for School Bus Purchases

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District approve the following Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$640,313 to finance the purchase of school buses:

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School Bus Purchases
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BOND RESOLUTION, DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2009, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$640,313 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SERIAL BONDS OF THE ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, ALBANY AND SCHENECTADY COUNTIES, NEW YORK, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (being an elective Board of Education) of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District (the "District") desires to provide for the financing of the cost of the acquisition of school buses and the costs incidental thereto at an estimated cost of \$640,313 and has and hereby determines that such payments are in the public interest of the District;

WHEREAS, all proceedings prescribed by the Education Law and the Local Finance have required to be taken by the District including the approval by the voters of a proposition on May 19, 2009, to authorize the expenditure and borrowing of moneys herein authorized have been taken and completed in substantial compliance with applicable law;

WHEREAS, such Board of Education of the District has determined that any obligations authorized or issued pursuant to the financing described in this resolution shall mature in not more than five (5) years as prescribed in the Local Finance Law to permit this resolution to become effective upon its adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District as follows:

SECTION 1. There are hereby authorized to be issued serial bonds of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed the amount of \$640,313 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, in order to finance the specific objects or purposes hereinafter described.

SECTION 2. The specific objects or purposes to be financed by the issuance of such serial bonds will be the purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Suburbans, two (2) 21 passenger wheel chair school buses, and five (5) 66 passenger school buses at a total cost of \$640,313 (the "Project").

SECTION 3. The Board of Education of the District has ascertained and hereby states that (i) the estimated maximum cost of the Project is not more than \$640,313; (ii) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Project; (iii) the Board of Education of the District plans to finance the cost of the Project from funds raised by the issuance of obligations authorized herein, the proceeds of which are hereby appropriated therefor.

SECTION 4. It is hereby determined that the specific objects or purposes of the Project listed in Section 2 are objects or purposes of the class described in subdivision 29 of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of such objects or purposes is five (5) years. Such serial bonds authorized for the Project shall have a maximum maturity of five (5) years computed from the earlier of (a) the date of such serial bonds issued for the Project or (b) the date of the first bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds for the Project.

SECTION 5. Subject to the terms and conditions of this resolution and the Local Finance Law and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00, 56.00 to

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60.00, inclusive, of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this bond resolution and the renewal of such bond anticipation notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, and the renewal of such bond anticipation notes, and the power to issue, sell and deliver such serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, including renewal notes, is hereby delegated to the President or Vice President of the Board of Education, as chief fiscal officer of the District. The President or Vice President of the Board of Education of the District is hereby authorized to execute by manual or facsimile signature on behalf of the District all serial bonds issued pursuant to this resolution and all bond anticipation notes, including renewal notes, issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, and the Clerk or the Deputy Clerk of the District is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the District (or to have imprinted a facsimile thereof) to or on all such serial bonds and all such bond anticipation notes and to attest such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes. Each interest coupon, if any, representing interest payable on such serial bonds shall be authenticated by the facsimile signature of the President or Vice President of the Board of Education.

SECTION 6. When this resolution takes effect, the Clerk or the Deputy Clerk of the District shall cause the same to be published, together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law in the official newspaper of the District, a newspaper having a general circulation in the District.

SECTION 7. The validity of such serial bonds and of such bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds may be contested only if:

- 1.) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money;
- 2.) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not complied with, and an action, suit, or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or
- 3.) if such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

SECTION 8. The faith and credit of the District are hereby and shall be irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all obligations authorized and issued pursuant to this resolution as the same shall become due. An annual appropriation shall be made in amounts sufficient to pay installments of principal together with interest on the obligations hereby authorized as the same become due and payable, such amounts to be included in the levy of the taxes on all taxable parcels of land in the District.

SECTION 9. Prior to the issuance of all obligations authorized by this resolution, the Board of Education of the District shall comply with all relevant provisions prescribed in Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and all applicable Federal laws and regulations in connection with environmental quality review relating to the purposes described in Section 2 hereof (the "Project") (collectively, the "environmental compliance proceedings"). In the event that any of the environmental compliance proceedings

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are not completed, or require amendment or modification subsequent to the date of adoption of this bond resolution, the Board of Education of the District covenants that it will re-adopt, amend, or modify this bond resolution prior to the issuance of obligations authorized to be issued herein upon the advice of bond counsel. It is hereby determined by the Board of Education of the District that the Project will not have significant impact or effect on the environment.

SECTION 10. The District covenants for the benefit of the holders of the obligations authorized herein that it will not make any use of the proceeds of such obligations, any funds reasonably expected to be used to pay the principal of or interest on such obligations or any other funds of the District, and will not make any use of the facilities financed with the proceeds of such obligations which would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to Federal income taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") (except for the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations by Section 55 of the Code and except for the environmental tax imposed on corporations by Section 59A of the Code) or subject the District to any penalties under Section 148 of the Code, and that it will not take any action or omit to take any action with respect to such obligations, the proceeds thereof or any facilities financed thereby if such action or omission would cause the interest on such obligations to become subject to Federal income taxation under the Code (except for the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations by Section 55 of the Code and except for the environmental tax imposed on corporations by Section 59A of the Code) or subject the District to any penalties under Section 148 of the Code. The foregoing covenants shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the defeasance of the bonds or any other provision hereof until the date which is 60 days after the final maturity date or earlier prior redemption date thereof. The proceeds of the bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of bonds may be applied to reimburse expenditures or commitments made for such purposes on or after a date which is not more than one year prior to the adoption date of this bond resolution of the District. The District expects to expend general funds or other available monies for the purposes described in Section 2 hereof which shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of such obligations.

SECTION 11. The District hereby covenants for the benefit of the holders of the obligations authorized by the resolution that the District will comply with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1945, as amended, (the "Rule") and, in particular, paragraphs (b)(5)(i)(A), (b)(5)(i)(B) and (b)(5)(i)(C) of the Rule by providing to a nationally recognized municipal securities information repository, as required by the Rule:(1) at least annually, current financial information; and (2) notice of any material event, unless an exemption from such paragraph 5 applies pursuant to the Rule.

SECTION 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

*Approval of Budget
Development Calendar*

Request for Approval of Calendar for Development of 2010-2011 Budget
MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education adopt the document entitled, "2010-2011 Budget Development Calendar during the 2009-2010 School Year," a copy of which is attached. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Acceptance of
Uncollected Tax Report*

Request for Acceptance of Uncollected Tax Report

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education accepts the Uncollected Tax Report as follows:

Rotterdam	\$853,531.76
Guilderland	\$ 37,835.45
Colonie	\$ 57,372.69

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

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Macejka, 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, five members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on November 2, 2009.

*Approved Financial
Reports*

Financial Reports

APPROVED the Treasurer’s Report for the month of October.
 APPROVED the Cafeteria Financial Statements for the month of October.
 APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of October.
 APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of October.
 APPROVED the Budget Transfer Report for the month of October.
 APPROVED the Claims Auditor Report for the month of October.
 APPROVED the Collateralization Report for the month of October
 APPROVED the Cash Flow Analysis/General Fund Report for the month of October.
 APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the months of October and November for Warrant # 4P and #5.

Warrant # 4P – October 29, 2009

General Fund	Warrant Schedule # 158	\$ 362,196.90
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule # 9	\$ 21,532.35
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule # 8	\$ 418,891.88
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule # 8	\$1,173,158.38
TOTAL – Warrant #4P		\$1,975,779.51

Warrant # 5 – November 16, 2009

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #159	\$ 755,772.90
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #5	\$ 68,741.71
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #10	\$ 15,626.18
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #9	\$1,528,166.32
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #9	\$ 971,715.42
TOTAL – Warrant #5		\$3,340,022.53

*Approved Change Order
#09-01, Kasselmann
Electric Co., Inc.*

Bids/Change Orders

APPROVED Kasselmann Electric Co., Inc., Change Order #09-01, EXCEL Construction Project, Pinewood Intermediate School:

Original Contract Amount: \$2,195,933.00
 Contract Change due to Change Order #09-01 \$ 15,813.27
 New Total Authorized Contract Amount \$2,211,746.27

Approved Personnel Recommendations

Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

Appointments

Danielle Parra
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Music
Date of Commencement: January 15, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business, February 26, 2010
Certification Status: Music, Initial
Salary: Step 3

Ashlee Yonos
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: January 11, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2010 *(amended from 9/14/09 agenda)*
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6), Initial
Salary: Step1

Barbara Palazeke
Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective: November 16, 2009
Salary: Step 3

Maria Furforo
Assignment: Long-Term Substitute P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective: January 7, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2010
Salary: Step 1

Ashlee Yonos
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective: October 27, 2009 *(amended from the 11/2/09 agenda)*
Expiration Date: Close of business January 6, 2010
Salary: Step 1

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

Name	Assignment	Dates
Lori Ranze	HW/AIS	2 hour per week - 10/05/09-6/18/10 <i>(amended from 10/5/09 agenda)</i>

Kevin Grant
Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Effective: November 4, 2009
Salary: Step 3

Appointments Cont'd

Conor Daley
Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)
Effective: November 14, 2009
Salary: \$9.00 /hour

Conor Daley
Assignment: Water Safety Instructor (Level 1)
Effective: November 14, 2009
Salary: \$13.50 /hour

Scott Bank
Assignment: Substitute Cleaner
Effective: November 3, 2009
Salary: \$9.25 /hour

Kevin Grant
Assignment: Substitute Cleaner
Effective: November 16, 2009
Salary: \$9.25 /hour

Joseph Mitchell
Assignment: Substitute Cleaner
Effective: November 16, 2009
Salary: \$9.25 /hour

Resignations

Karen J. Smith
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective Date: November 9, 2009

Leaves of Absence

Kathryn Miller
Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Effective Date: June 5, 2009 – June 30, 2010 (*amended from the 6/15/09 agenda*)
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1st 12 weeks)

Rescind the following Leave of Absence

Maria Pacheco
Assignment: Foreign Language
Effective Dates: October 26, 2009 – October 30, 2009
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Privilege of the Floor

No comments.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that an executive session be convened at 8:10 PM for the purpose of discussing the tenure of various employees. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:40 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:41 PM. The motion passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk