



Mohonasen Central School District

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

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, Eileen French, Charles Macejka, and Gary Spadaro*

Board Members Absent: *Nancy del Prado and Joseph Salamone*

Administrators Present: *Denise Swezey*

Executive Session

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

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:02 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 7:06 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 and Gary Spadaro*

Board Members Absent: *Nancy del Prado*

Administrators Present: *Denise Swezey, Kathleen Spring, Arlene DeSiena, Gerry Garing, David Collins, Tim Hulihan, Makensie Bullinger, Michele Hunter, Deb Kavanaugh, Debra Male, Joseph Scalise, Heidi Bromley, Chris Ruberti, Karla Empie, and Lisa Cutting*

Others in Attendance: *Caitlyn Collins and Justin Burns (Student Representatives), 9 district residents, 7 members of the Boys' Varsity Soccer team*

Communications - Superintendent

Boys' Varsity Soccer Team Recognition

Mrs. Swezey, Assistant Superintendent for Business, reported that Dr. Spring, who had a prior engagement, would be joining the meeting momentarily. She stated that the Boys' Varsity Soccer Team would be recognized this evening for their accomplishments this season and turned the meeting over to Mr. Scalise, Athletic Director. Mr. Scalise commended the team and Coach Gregg on another great season. and congratulated Coach Gregg on being named "Section 2 Class A Coach of the Year". Coach Gregg thanked him and said he was proud to bring some pride back to Mohonasen. Each player was presented with a certificate and congratulated by Board members and administrators.

NYSERDA Grant

Dr. Spring said that the second presentation this evening would be on the NYSERDA Grant which Mr. Jamie Dilbone had secured for the district. Mr. Dilbone gave a brief overview of how he became aware of the grant and explained what projects were eligible for funding. He said the district was awarded a little over \$250,000 which would be used for the installation of solar panels at the high school. Mr. Dilbone explained that it would save the district approximately \$9,000 each year and felt that it was great for students to be exposed to this type of technology.

Update on Withholding of State Aid Payments

Dr. Spring stated that although the topic of withholding state aid payments was not an agenda item, she asked Mrs. Swezey if she would update the Board of Education on the subject. Mrs. Swezey reported that she had been receiving changing reports daily. She said the Governor has promised to withhold 10% of the state aid payments to schools and has even mentioned that STAR reimbursements may also be withheld. She said that they are hearing new things everyday and that she is constantly monitoring the situation.

Student Representatives

Justin Burns and Caitlyn Collins reported on various events held over the past month including the Academic Letter Ceremony, the high school/middle school faculty basketball game, the semi-formal held at Mallozzi's and an art show held at the Rotterdam Public Library which will also be moved into the new art wing at the high school. They also reported on the "Adopt an Angel" program at the high school and a forum held on the topic of gay marriage.

Communications - Board of Education

Mr. Cafarelli reminded everyone that the Kirvin Cup Basketball Tournament which the district hosts each year will be held on December 29th and 30th. He also wished everyone a nice holiday.

Public Privilege of the Floor

There were no comments.

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 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 October 21, 23, 27, 29; November 6, 9, 10, 17, 19, 24; and December 3, 2009. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Indoor Track & Field Team to Yale Interscholastic Classic***Request Approval for the Indoor Track and Field Team to Participate in the Yale Interscholastic Track Classic in January 2010**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Indoor Track and Field Team to Participate in the 28th Yale Interscholastic Track Classic on January 15-16, 2010 in New Haven, Connecticut. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Indoor Track & Field Team to Cornell Indoor Track Invitational***Request Approval for the Indoor Track and Field Team to Participate in the Cornell Indoor Track Invitational on Saturday, January 9, 2010**

MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Indoor Track and Field team to participate in the Cornell Indoor Track Invitational on Saturday, January 9, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

New Business - Business/Personnel Amendment to District 403(b) Tax Sheltered Retirement Plan**Resolution to Approve Amendment to District 403(b) Tax Sheltered Retirement Plan**

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution to amend the 403(b) Retirement Plan as stated below:

Amendment to District 403(b) Tax Sheltered Retirement Plan (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District (“District”) maintains the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District 403(b) Retirement Plan (“Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Plan was duly adopted on the 22nd day of December, 2008 by the District’s Board of Education (“Board”); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to restate and amend the Plan as regards section 2.1 Eligibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that section 2.1 of the Plan is hereby restated and amended to read as follows:

2.1 Eligibility

Each Employee shall be eligible to participate in the Plan and elect to have Elective Deferrals made on his or her behalf hereunder immediately upon becoming employed by the Employer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plan, as restated and amended is hereby approved and adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District has caused this Resolution and Amendment to be adopted this 14th day of December, 2009.

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

Agreement for Membership in NYSMEC

Request for Approval of Agreement for Membership in New York State Municipal Energy Consortium (NYSMEC)

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution authorizing continued participation in NYSMEC:

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other,

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term “municipal corporation” for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district.

WHEREAS, Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District is a “municipal corporation” as defined above;

WHEREAS this Board wishes for this municipal cooperation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May, 2005, (the “Agreement”), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium (“NYSMEC”) upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer for natural gas and/or electricity as specified below.

Agreement for Membership in NYSMEC (Cont'd)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District (hereinafter "Participant") to participate in the NYSMEC, authorizes and directs the Board President to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule for electricity pursuant to the Agreement for the term ending April 30, 2012 for all natural gas participants; and April 30, 2012 for all electric participants on its behalf and further authorizes its officers and employees to execute such other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to participate in the future municipal cooperative bids for the purchase and delivery of natural gas and/or electricity pursuant to the Agreement and subject to subsequent approval by this Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the participant authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids and to award contracts for the purchase and delivery of natural gas and/or electricity on behalf of the Participant, subject to subsequent approval by this Board in accordance with such bid specification, to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative participant or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers and employees of Participant are authorized to execute such other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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

NYS Contract Option Plan for Installation

Request for Approval of NYS Contract Option Plan Proposed by National Business Equipment & Supply for Installation of Copy Machines

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the New York State Contract Option Plan – Contract #PC59462 for three (3) Kyocera copy machines, as proposed by National Business Equipment & Supply. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Modification to the Standard Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Request to Modify the Standard Mileage Reimbursement Rate Effective January 1, 2010

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education adopt the standard IRS mileage reimbursement rate of \$.50 per mile effective January 1, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Negative Declaration under SEQRA

Resolution for Negative Declaration Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education acting as Lead Agency adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Mohonasen Central School District ("Board") is proposing to undertake a facilities capital project consisting of one

*Negative Declaration
under SEQRA (Cont'd)*

of two alternative options. Option 1 would involve (i) the acquisition of approximately 35.75 acres of real property located adjacent to the existing high school/middle school campus, (ii) the construction of an approximately 60,000 square foot transportation facility and associated site improvements on the new property, (iii) construction of five new athletic practice fields on the new property, (iv) construction of approximately 30,000 square feet of additions to the existing high school building, the demolition and replacement of six tennis courts, and the construction of a new driveway, (v) construction of approximately 26,500 square feet of additions to the existing Draper Middle School; (vi) the construction of approximately 15,000 square feet of additions to the existing Pinewood Intermediate School and associated site work and improvements to the bus loop and parking areas; and (vii) interior renovations and upgrades to the high school, Draper Middle School, Pinewood Intermediate School, and Bradt Elementary School. Option 2 would consist of all the elements of Option 1, except that (i) no new property would be acquired, (ii) the proposed transportation facility would be constructed at the southeast corner of the existing high school/middle school campus, (iii) two practice fields would be developed on the existing grass field at the Pinewood Intermediate School, and (iv) a third athletic field would replace an existing baseball field at the high school-middle school campus (collectively "the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations thereunder require the Board to undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts, if any, associated with the project before approving same; and

WHEREAS, the project is a Type 1 Action within the meaning of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board has informed all involved agencies of the proposed Project and requested their consent to the Board acting as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, all involved agencies have consented to the designation of the Board as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.7 requires a lead agency to issue a written determination of significance with respect to any proposed Type I action;

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed Project, as set forth in the Full Environmental Assessment Form and Short Environmental Assessment Forms prepared with respect to such action, together with all supplemental and supporting documentation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type I action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.2(ak); and it is further

Negative Declaration under SEQRA (Cont'd)

RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon consideration of the foregoing and for the reasons set forth in the written Notice of Determination of Non-Significance prepared with respect to the Project, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed action.

The motion was passed unanimously, six 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 and 3) Personnel. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on November 16, 2009.

Approved Financial Reports

Financial Reports

APPROVED the Treasurer’s Report for the month of November.
 APPROVED the Cafeteria Financial Statements for the month of November.
 APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of November.
 APPROVED the Budget Transfer Report for the month of November.
 APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of November.
 APPROVED the Extracurricular Activities Report for the month of October.
 APPROVED the Claims Auditor Report for the month of November.
 APPROVED the Collateralization Report for the month of November.
 APPROVED the Cash Flow Analysis/General Fund Report for the month of November.
 APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the months of November and December for Warrants #5P and 6.

Warrant # 5P – November 30, 2009

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|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | Warrant Schedule # 161 | \$ 145,279.14 |
| School Lunch Fund | Warrant Schedule # 7 | \$ 1,039.80 |
| Federal Fund | Warrant Schedule # 11 | \$ 12,929.23 |
| Capital Fund | Warrant Schedule # 10 | \$ 1,695,259.63 |
| Trust & Agency | Warrant Schedule # 10 | \$ 1,407,466.06 |
| TOTAL – Warrant #5P | | \$ 3,261,973.86 |

Warrant #6 – December 14, 2009

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| General Fund | Warrant Schedule # 162 | \$ 375,316.43 |
| School Lunch Fund | Warrant Schedule # 6 | \$ 59,927.21 |
| Federal Fund | Warrant Schedule # 12 | \$ 2,060.00 |
| Capital Fund | Warrant Schedule # 11 | \$ 9,716.24 |
| Trust & Agency | Warrant Schedule # 11 | \$ 935,885.82 |
| TOTAL – Warrant #6 | | \$1,382,905.70 |

Approved Personnel Recommendations

Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

Appointments

Brian Shaffer
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Social Studies
Date of Commencement: February 22, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2010
Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12, Permanent
Salary: Step 8

Donna Cuva
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: January 4, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2010
Salary: Step 5

National Board Certification (*Stipend as per MTA Contract*)
 Adam Barr

After School Test Prep - (7) 1.5 hour sessions - (\$31.66 hour)

| Instructor | Assignment | Dates |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Autumn Wallace | Global History | December 8, 2009 - January 26, 2010 |
| Danielle Hunt/ Maureen Conway | Integrated Algebra | December 7, 2009 - January 25, 2010 |
| Lisa Keating | Living Environment | December 10, 2009 - January 25, 2010 |

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

| Name | Assignment | Dates |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ashlee Yonos | HW/AIS | 1 hour per week - 11/23/09 - 6/18/10 |
| Carrie Townsend | Substitute | As Needed |

After School Test Scoring - Grade 5 Social Studies (\$31.66/hour)

| Name | # of Hours | Date |
|------------------|--|-------------------|
| Ryan Buzzo | 4 | November 23, 2009 |
| Cheryl Rasmussen | 1 | November 23, 2009 |
| Cortney Colvin | 5 (<i>amended from the 11/2/09 agenda</i>) | November 23, 2009 |
| Maria Gilroy | 5 (<i>amended from the 11/2/09 agenda</i>) | November 23, 2009 |

Mohon Masque - Fall 2009 Production - "Up the Down Staircase"

| Name/Assignment | Stipend |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Kathleen Derochie, Director | \$2814 |
| Margaret Gray, Creative Consultant | \$2814 |
| Nicole Gabriel, Assistant Director | \$1407 |
| Thomas Cimochofski, Sound Designer | \$500 |

Appointments (Cont'd) PSAT Exam Proctoring/October 17, 2009

| Proctor | # of Hours | Amount |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Amy Huszar | 7 | \$276.75 |
| Duane Wood | 7 | \$276.75 |
| Rebecca Pauley | 7 | \$276.75 |
| Mary Lockwood | 7 | \$276.75 |

PLAN Exam Proctoring/October 31, 2009

| Proctor | # of Hours | Amount |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Rebecca Pauley | 7 | \$249.69 |
| Mary Lockwood | 7 | \$249.69 |
| Martha Mallon | 7 | \$249.69 |

Kimberly Bowles

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective: November 23, 2009
Salary: Step 1

Mark Daley

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective: November 30, 2009
Salary: Step 1

Heather Preissler

Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper
Effective: December 14, 2009
Salary: Step 1

Megan Navaretta

Assignment: Water Safety Instructor (Level I)
Effective: December 5, 2009
Salary: \$13.50 /hour

Megan Quivey

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective: December 15, 2009
Salary: \$9.00 /hour

Megan Quivey

Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: December 15, 2009
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Megan Quivey

Appointment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective: December 15, 2009
Salary: \$9.25/hour

Appointments Cont'd Kenneth Sherman
Assignment: Substitute Cleaner
Effective: December 15, 2009
Salary: \$9.25 /hour

Henry Fialkowski
Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Effective: December 14, 2009
Salary: Step 3

Volunteer Coaches – 2009-2010

Patrick O'Hanlon – Varsity Girls' Basketball

Resignations

Jacqueline Viernes Rogers
Assignment: Social Studies Teacher
Effective Date: Close of business, January 7, 2010

Reeza Shahabuddeen
Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Effective Date: December 7, 2009

Lynda Albright
Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Effective Date: November 23, 2009

Heather Preissler
Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: Close of Business December 11, 2009

Henry Fialkowski
Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business December 11, 2009

Leaves of Absence

Cristina Wheeler
Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Effective Date: January 7, 2010 – June 24, 2010
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1st 12 weeks)

Kimberly Hitchcock
Assignment: Music Teacher
Effective Date: January 4, 2010 – February 5, 2010
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Kerriane Pace
Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Effective Date: September 14, 2009 – December 3, 2010 (*amended from the 9/14/09 agenda*)
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1st 12 weeks)

Removal from Service Marcia Perretta
Assignment: Substitute Bus Aide
Effective Date: December 14, 2009

Fingerprint Clearances Emergency Conditional Clearances
Daniel Pepe

Privilege of the Floor No comments.

Executive Session MOTION made by Mr. Macejka, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that an executive session be convened at 7:40 PM for the purpose of tenure reviews. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. French, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:45 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Adjournment MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Macejka, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:46 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk