



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, February 7, 2011, Farnsworth Technology Center*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 6:10 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, Joseph Salamone and Gary Spadaro*

Board Members Absent: *Mark Sabatini*

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

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that an executive session be convened at 6:10 PM for the purpose of portfolio reviews/tenure discussions. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Mr. Sabatini arrived at 6:30 PM.

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:01 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 7:06 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, Nancy del Prado, Eileen French, Mark Sabatini, Joseph Salamone and Gary Spadaro*

Administrators Present: *Dr. Kathleen Spring, Denise Swezey, Patrick McGrath, David Collins, Makensie Bullinger, Timothy Hulihan, Debra Male, Scott Hays, Michele Hunter, Deborah Kavanaugh, Diane McIver, Arlene DeSiena, Gerald Garing, Lisa Cutting, Heidi Bromley, Christopher Ruberti, Joe Scalise and Joe Mayo.*

Others in Attendance: *Michael Mrozinski and Lauren Martin, Student Representatives; 4 faculty members; 3 students; 12 district residents; and 1 media representative.*

Communications - Superintendent

Dr. Spring stated that school districts in New York State are mandated to survey the current condition of all buildings every 5 years and explained that this provides an overview of the work that will need to be done over the course of the next 5-10 years.

Presentation on Building Condition Survey

Mr. Greg Klokiw from CS Arch explained that buildings are given a rating of excellent, satisfactory, unsatisfactory or failing. He reported that overall each of the school buildings were given a satisfactory rating, however, the transportation facility received an unsatisfactory rating. Mr. Klokiw listed renovations that will need to be done in each of the buildings and gave an estimate on how much it would cost to make the needed repairs.

Mrs. Swezey thanked Mr. Klokiw and Mr. Mayo for putting this survey together. Mrs. del Prado stated that it was unfortunate that the Capital Project Vote was defeated in December and said that the level of state aid that was available may not be available again for decades.

Budget Update

Dr. Spring gave a brief budget update. She reported that on Monday, January 31st the first community budget forum was held. Dr. Spring said at that point they were speculating on what the Governor's budget proposal might be and hoped that the numbers that they were working with were wrong. Unfortunately, she said their predictions were very close. She explained that because school districts are staff intensive operations, it would probably mean significant staffing cuts would need to be made. She explained that everything is on the table and that the district will be looking at everything that is not mandated, such as sports, music, library, etc. The next forum will be held on Tuesday, February 15th and she encouraged community members to attend.

**Student
Representatives**

Lauren Martin and Michael Mrozinski stated that High School Information Night for 8th graders and their parents went very well. They reported that the Engineering Design and Development Class participated in a robotics tournament and came in 7th place out of 35 teams. Upcoming events are the Talent Show, the All-County Music Festival and the 3-D Art Show.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

Mr. Sabatini reported that he and Mrs. del Prado would be attending the February Senior Citizens' Monthly Meeting and said that they would report how it went at the next Board meeting. Mr. Andriola echoed Dr. Spring's message about the dire budget picture. He reiterated that it is very important for community members to get involved in the upcoming budget forum.

**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 Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, 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 January 11, 19, 20, 24 and 26, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approved Mohonasen's
Winter Guard to
Participate in Various
Competitions*

Request Approval for Mohonasen's Winter Guard to Participate in Various Competitions

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve the Mohonasen Winter Guard's participation in the following competitions:

- Saturday, January 22, 2011 – Homer High School, Homer, NY
- Saturday, February 12, 2011 – Laurens HS
- Saturday, March 12, 2011 – Mt. Markham HS
- Saturday, March 19, 2011 – N. Syracuse Cicero Middle School

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

Approved DMS History Club to Participate in a Field Trip to New York City on February 18, 2011

Request Approval for the Draper Middle School History Club to Participate in a Field Trip to New York City on February 18, 2011

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Draper Middle School History Club to participate in a field trip to the Museum of Natural History in New York City on Friday, February 18, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approved Mohonasen Marching Band Trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on April 16-May 1, 2011

Request Approval of Mohonasen Marching Band Trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on April 26-May 1, 2011

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the Mohonasen Marching Band trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on April 26 - May 1, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

French 4 Classes to Participate in a Field Trip to the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts

Request Approval for Students in French 4 Classes to Participate in a Field Trip to the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve a field trip for students in French 4 classes to the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts on Friday, April 8, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

New Business – Business/Personnel
Approval to Participate in a Suburban Council Cooperative Bid for Reconditioning Football Equipment

Request Approval to Participate in a Suburban Council Cooperative Bid for Reconditioning Football Equipment

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

Whereas the Averill Park Central School District, the Ballston Spa Central School District, the Bethlehem Central School District, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School District, the East Greenbush Central School District, the Guilderland Central School District, the Mohonasen Central School District, the Niskayuna Central School District, the North Colonie Central School District, the Saratoga Springs City School District, the Shenendehowa Central School District, the South Colonie Central School District, can achieve savings by cooperating in bidding for and purchasing services for the reconditioning of interscholastic football equipment.

Whereas, the parties desire to enter into a written agreement for the purpose of memorializing the terms of their municipal cooperation arrangement.

Now, therefore be it resolved as follows:

This Board of Education approves execution of the Municipal Cooperation Agreement for the purchase of services for the reconditioning of interscholastic football equipment effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

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

Acceptance of Donation and Budget Re-Appropriation for Sports Impact Software

Request for Acceptance of Donation and Budget Re-Appropriation – For Sports Impact Software

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Sabatini, that the Board of Education approve the donation of \$500 for Sports Impact Software and approve the following budget re-appropriation:

Increase A510	Estimated Revenue	\$500.00
Increase A2705	Gifts and Donations	\$500.00
Increase A960	Appropriations	\$500.00
Increase A2630.460-0-0	Software	\$500.00

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

Approval of Agreement for Actuarial Services – Prescription Drug Plan

Request for Approval of Agreement for Actuarial Services – Prescription Drug Plan

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education authorizes an agreement with the following consultant firm to conduct an actuarial study of the District’s self-funded prescription medicine plan.

Harbridge Consulting Group, LLC
 One Lincoln Center
 Syracuse, NY 13202
 Service Fee: \$2,100

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

Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with North Colonie Central School District

Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with North Colonie Central School District

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the North Colonie Central School District in the total amount of \$2,951.40 for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes and 2) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on January 24, 2011.

Approved Personnel Recommendations

Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

Retirements

Raymond Manuli, Jr.

Assignment: Security Monitor

Effective Date: Close of business, January 28, 2011

Tenure Appointments

Katria Hitrick

Tenure Area: Elementary Education

Effective Date: September 1, 2011

Tenure Appointments
Cont'd

Cara Olsen
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Effective Date: September 1, 2011

Rebecca Pollick
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Effective Date: September 1, 2011

Caitlin Rogers
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Effective Date: September 1, 2011

Appointments

Jessica Csakany
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: February 28, 2011
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2011
Certification Status: Students w/ Disabilities (Gr. 1-6), Initial; Childhood Ed. (Gr. 1-6), Initial; Literacy (B-6), Initial
Salary: Step 1

Denine Lockwood
Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper
Effective: January 31, 2011
Salary: Step 1

Intramurals 2010-2011

Anna Cusano (.5)

Spring Coaches - 2011

Position	Coach	Step
Varsity Baseball	Demetrios Huggins	Step 7 + longevity \$533
Varsity Baseball Assistant	Robert Tedesco	Step 4
JV Baseball	Andy Cuthbertson	Step 6
Freshman Baseball	Rich Yanatos	Step 3
Modified Baseball	Matt Sitors	Step 4
Varsity Softball	Open	TBD
Varsity Softball Assistant	Open	TBD
JV Softball	Open	TBD
Modified Softball	Ray Dearaway	Step 3
Boys' Varsity Tennis	Open	TBD
Girls' Track & Field	Open	TBD
Boys' Track & Field	Rob Higgins	Step 7 + \$267 longevity
Track Assistant	Tara Shellard	Step 4
Track Assistant	John Burmeister	Step 3
Track Assistant	Nicole Zablony	Step 5
Track Assistant	Paul Stelmaszyk	Step 7
Strength & Conditioning (.5)	Ben Pierson	Step 7 + \$267 longevity
Strength & Conditioning (.5)	Fred Saccocio	Step 7

Resignations

Marisa Kosakowski

Assignment: P/T Teacher AideEffective Date: Close of business February 8, 2011

Denine Lockwood

Assignment: Substitute Food Service HelperEffective Date: Close of business January 28, 2011**Leaves of Absence**

Gary Hebert

Assignment: P/T Motor Equipment OperatorEffective Date: November 23, 2010 – January 10, 2011 (*amended from 1/10/11 agenda*)Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence**Removal from Service**

Sandra Demarest

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper (café aide)Effective Date: February 7, 2011

Rosanna Demarco

Assignment: Substitute TypistEffective Date: February 7, 2011

Mr. Cafarelli congratulated Ms. Katria Hitrick, Ms. Cara Olsen, Ms. Rebecca Pollick, and Ms. Caitlin Rogers on their tenure appointment in Elementary Education.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that an executive session be convened at 7:58 PM for the purpose of Budget/Contractual Issues. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Sabatini, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:30 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:31 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.