



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, April 18, 2011, Farnsworth Technology Center*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 5:40 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, Mark Sabatini, Joseph Salamone and Gary Spadaro

Board Members Absent: Eileen French

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 5:40 PM for the purpose of discussing discipline of a particular employee. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Mrs. French arrived at 5:45 PM.

MOTION made by Mr. Sabatini, seconded by Mrs. French, that an executive session be adjourned at 5:55 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 6:00 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

Others in Attendance: 3 district residents; 1 faculty member; 3 media representatives

Communications – Superintendent

Budget Recap

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Dr. Spring explained that at the last meeting the instructional staffing piece was presented, however, since that presentation, concessions have been made by the four bargaining units in the district. Dr. Spring said she was very proud that everyone in the district stepped up to the plate. She stated that with the funds saved from the concessions, an additional 7.7 teaching positions and 1 typist position would be saved. Dr. Spring and Mrs. Swezey briefly recapped the budget. Mrs. Swezey reminded everyone that the Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidates Night will be on Monday, May 9th at 6:00 PM. The budget vote is Tuesday, May 17th from 7:00am-9:00pm. Additional information can be found on the district's website.

Drawing of Names for Ballot Placement

Drawing of Board Candidates Names for Ballot Placement

Dr. Spring reported that the deadline for filing Board of Education petitions for two open seats was 5:00 PM today. Two people submitted petitions to run, including one incumbent, Nancy del Prado, as well as Mark Moran. She explained

that names needed to be drawn for ballot placement. Based on the drawing, placement will be as follows:

1. Nancy del Prado
2. Mark Moran

Dr. Spring wished both candidates good luck.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

Mrs. French thanked everyone in the district for making concessions to save jobs.

**Public Privilege of the
Floor**

Ms. Maria Pacheco, President of the Mohonasen Teachers' Association, reiterated that this past week four bargaining units in the district agreed to concessions to save positions. She thanked everyone for the personal sacrifice that they are making for the students in the district and asked the Mohonasen community to support the budget on May 17th.

**New Business -
Business/Personnel**

*Resolution to Adopt the
Tentative 2011-2012
School Year Budget*

Request Approval of Resolution to Adopt the Tentative 2011-2012 School Year Budget

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution to adopt the tentative 2011-2012 school year budget:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District, Towns of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, and Colonie and Guilderland, Albany County, New York, be authorized to expend the sum of forty-two million nine hundred four thousand five hundred sixty-one dollars (\$42,904,561) for school purposes during the 2011-2012 school year and levy the necessary tax therefore.

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

Privilege of the Floor

No comments.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. French, that an executive session be convened at 6:22 PM for the purpose of contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:48 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:49 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.