



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, May 23, 2011, Farnsworth Technology Center*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 6:05 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, Mark Sabatini, Joseph Salamone, and Gary Spadaro
Administrators Present: Dr. Kathleen Spring, Denise Swezey and Patrick McGrath

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that an executive session be convened at 6:05 PM for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the executive session be adjourned at 6:56 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 7:01 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, Eileen French, Mark Sabatini, Joseph Salamone, and Gary Spadaro
Administrators Present: Dr. Kathleen Spring, Denise Swezey, Patrick McGrath, David Collins, and Arlene DeSiena
Others in Attendance: 2 faculty member; 10 students; 10 district resident; and 1 media representative

Communications - Superintendent

Dr. Spring stated over the past several weeks, a few of the sports teams and Odyssey of the Mind teams have been recognized by the Board for their achievements over this past winter. At this meeting, the Winterguard is being recognized for their achievements and she turned the meeting over to Mr. Collins, High School Principal.

Mr. Collins said that the Winterguard had a very successful season. He reported that they came in first place at the Colorguard Championships held at Shenendehowa. A picture of the Winterguard and the championship plaque were presented to the Board. The Board of Education and Administrators congratulated each member of the Winterguard.

Communications - Board of Education

Mr. Cafarelli thanked everyone for all of their hard work for the budget vote. He said the passing of the budget was a great success for all and said that a tremendous amount of work went into it. He also congratulated Mr. Mark Moran on being elected to a seat on the Board of Education.

Mrs. French reported that that the Junior Prom walk-in and afterglow went off without a hitch.

Mr. Sabatini announced that Mr. Jack Shiely, President of the Rotterdam Senior Citizens, was presented with an award for being a top senior volunteer for the work he has done in the community.

Dr. Spring also mentioned that the district received notice that the charter school that was coming into the Mohonasen District has withdrawn its application at the present time.

Public Privilege of the Floor No comments.

Old Business

Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies

Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- 2120 Board Member Training
- 5000 Employee Personal Identifying Information
- 5000 Contracts for Instruction
- 5000 Records Management
- 5000 Idling School Buses on School Grounds
- 5000 Pandemic Preparedness in the Workplace and the Americans with Disabilities Act
- 5000 Corporate Sponsorships
- 5510 Accounting of Funds
- 5511 Reserve Funds
- 5650 Energy Conservation in the Schools
- 5574 Medicaid Compliance Program Policy
- 6000 Employment of Retired Persons
- 6170 Safety of Students (Fingerprinting Clearance of New Hires)
- 7130 Entitlement to Attend – Age and Residency
- 7240 Student Records: Access and Challenge
- 7241 Student Directory Information

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

New Business - Instructional

Special Education Recommendations

Request for Approval and Arrangement of Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements

MOTION made by Mrs. French, 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 April 12, 27, 28, 29; May 2, 3, and 9, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

DMS Developmental Skills Class to Participate in a Field Trip to the Hayden Observatory in NYC

Request Approval for the Draper Middle School Developmental Skills Class to Participate in a Field Trip to the Hayden Observatory in New York City on June 7, 2011

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Draper Middle School Developmental Skills class to participate in a field trip to the Hayden Observatory in the Museum of Natural History in New York City on Tuesday, June 7, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**New Business -
Business/Personnel**

Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with the City School District of Albany

Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with the City School District of Albany

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the City School District of Albany in the total amount of \$3,176.20 for the 2010-11 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approval of 2011 Fire Inspection Reports

Request for Approval of 2011 Fire Inspection Reports

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the 2011 Fire Inspection Reports for all facilities owned by the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Acceptance of Donation from the Berkshire Bank Foundation, Inc.

Request for Acceptance of Donation from the Berkshire Bank Foundation, Inc.

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education accept the donation of a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be used toward underwriting the Technology & Trades Program at the high school. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approval of Contract with Bells Auto Driving School, Inc. for Summer Driver Education Program

Request for Approval of Contract with Bells Auto Driving School, Inc. for Summer Driver Education Program

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the contract with Bells Auto Driving School, Inc. of Clifton Park, New York at a fee of \$310.00 per student commencing July 1, 2011 through August 30, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approval of Agreement with Hal Lerner for Driver Education Classroom Training - 2011 Summer Program

Request for Approval of Agreement with Hal Lerner for Driver Education Classroom Training - 2011 Summer Program

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Mr. Harold Lerner to provide Driver Education classroom training for the Mohonasen High School 2011 Summer Program at a flat fee of \$960 for a total of 24 classroom hours of instruction from July 1, 2011 and completing on August 17, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approval of First Reading of Board Policies

Request for Approval of First Reading of Board Policies

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the following policies:

- 7000 Student Health Records
- 7000 Suicide
- 7000 Bullying: Peer Abuse in the Schools
- 7000 Healthy Kids, Healthy New York After-School Initiative
- 7000 Make-Up Credit Programs for High School Students
- 7330 Searches and Interrogations of Students
- 8000 Animals in the School (Instructional Purposes)

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

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes, 2) Financial

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

Approved Minutes

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on May 9, 2011 and the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on May 17, 2011.

Approved Financial Reports

Financial Reports

APPROVED the Treasurer’s Report for the month of April
 APPROVED the Cafeteria Financial Statements for the month of April
 APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of April
 APPROVED the Extracurricular Activities Report for the month of April
 APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of April
 APPROVED the Budget Transfer Report for the month of April
 APPROVED the Cash Flow Analysis/General Fund Report for the month of April
 APPROVED the Collateralization Report for the month of April
 APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the months of April and May for Warrant #10P and #11.

Warrant # 10P – April 30, 2011

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #213	\$	54,738.88
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule # 20	\$	2,817.25
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule # 46	\$	1,034,418.52
TOTAL -Warrant #10P		\$	1,091,974.65

Warrant #11 – May 23, 2011

General Fund	Warrant Schedule # 214	\$	375,405.68
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #28	\$	55,811.32
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule # 21	\$	2,069.60
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule # 20	\$	1,894.79
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule # 47	\$	1,436,532.57
TOTAL – Warrant #11		\$	1,871,713.96

Approved Personnel Recommendations

Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

Retirements

Diane Trestick

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Effective Date: June 30, 2011

Sally Nagay

Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper
Effective Date: June 30, 2011

Appointments

Review Sessions for NYS Math Exams – 1.5 hr. sessions – \$32.77/hr.

Dates	Instructors
May 10, 2011	Paul Browne, Therese Black, Mary Ann Nickloy, Faith Giordano

Appointments (Cont'd) Summer School 2011 – Mohonasen HS Faculty – (July 12 – August 18, 2011)

Name	Assignment	Step
Lisa Backman	Media Specialist (Job Share) – Aug 1 – Aug 18	3
Richard Burega	English 11, 1 session	8
Richard Burega	English 12, 1 session	\$500
Maureen Conway	Algebra I AIS & II AIS/Algebra, 2 sessions	2
Elizabeth Craft	English 9 AIS & 10 AIS, 1 session	2
Matthew Goebel	English 9 & 10, 2 sessions	1
Robert Higgins	Geometry/Intermediate Algebra, 2 sessions	7
Matthew Sitors	Health, 2 sessions	1
Lisa Keating	Living Environment, 2 sessions	3
Mary-Frances Manno	Media Specialist (Job Share) – 1 session July 12 – July 29	7
Malachi Martin	US History 11, 1 session	3
Malachi Martin	Participation in Gov't/Economics, 1 session	\$500
Colleen Organ	Global 9 AIS & 10 AIS, 1 session	4
Autumn Wallace	Global 9 & 10, 2 sessions	6
Krista Zajesky	SPED, 2 sessions	1

Proctoring of Mohonasen HS Summer Regents

Name	Assignment	Rate
Krista Zajesky	Head Proctor – 2 exams	As per contract
Rob Higgins	Head Proctor – 1 exam	As per contract
Ben Pierson	Head Proctor – 3 exams	As per contract
Jodi Scalise	Head Proctor – 2 exams	As per contract

Summer Positions – Mohonasen HS (July 12 – August 18, 2011)

Name	Assignment	Step
Dina Carroll	Registration – July 6, 2011 – 8 Hours	Step 13

SAT Prep Course Instruction

Instructor	Rate
Danielle Hunt	\$663.10
Kristen Vachon	\$663.10

Luann Friello

Assignment: Substitute Food Service HelperEffective Date: May 10, 2011Salary: \$9.20 /hour

Laurie Canavally

Assignment: F/T MonitorEffective Date: May 23, 2011Salary: Step 2

Carrie Soltis

Assignment: Temporary Grounds PersonEffective Date: May 25, 2011 – June 30, 2011Salary: Step 1

Resignations

Laurie Powers
Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: Close of business May 6, 2011

Deborah Kruzinski
Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business May 27, 2011

Laurie Canavally
Assignment: P/T Monitor
Effective Date: Close of business May 20, 2011

Leaves of Absence

Erica Restifo
Assignment: Special Education Teacher
Effective Date: June 23, 2011 – June 24, 2011
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Removal from Service

Jennifer Farnsworth
Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: May 9, 2011

Mr. Cafarelli congratulated Diane Trestick and Sally Nagay on their upcoming retirements.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that an executive session be convened at 7:27 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:30 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Sabatini, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:31 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.