



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, May 9, 2011, Farnsworth Technology Center*

Budget Hearing & “Meet the Candidates” Forum

A Budget Hearing and “Meet the Candidates” forum was held at 6:00 PM prior to the Board meeting.

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 7:04 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, Karla Empie, David Collins, Makensie Bullinger, Timothy Hulihan, Debra Male, Scott Hays, Michele Hunter, Deborah Kavanaugh, Diane McIver, Arlene DeSiena, Gerald Garing, Lisa Cutting, Chris Ruberti and Joseph Scalise*

Others in Attendance: *Michael Mrozinski and Lauren Martin (Student Representatives); 1 district resident and 4 high school students*

Communications - Superintendent

Dr. Spring asked Mrs. Swezey to explain some new information received regarding the STAR exemptions. Mrs. Swezey explained that last year the state increased the amount of the basic STAR and enhanced STAR exemptions but that the Governor was successful in implementing a cap on the dollar value of the STAR exemption for next year.

Dr. Spring thanked Mr. McGrath for coordinating the video portion of the budget presentation and also thanked Mr. Malachi Martin, Mr. Ruberti, Mr. Cimochoowski and the two high school students that assisted.

Student Representatives

Lauren Martin and Michael Mrozinski reported that a high school student, Tomasina Burch, won an award for her submission in a regional art show. They reported that four high school students placed third in the Battle of the Belts competition and will move on to the regional competition. Lauren and Michael also announced that two students competed in a YEA exhibition in Rochester and came in 4th place out of the 500 people competing. They reported that there are five nominees for next year’s student representatives and introduced the three that were present at the meeting: Alexis Willey, Phillip McKee and Kresten Ballantyne. They said that the successful candidates will attend the June meeting.

Communications - Board of Education

Mr. Cafarelli thanked Dr. Spring and Mrs. Swezey for the countless hours put into the budget. He encouraged everyone to remind district residents to get out and vote.

Mrs. del Prado thanked Mr. Mark Moran for throwing his hat into the ring next year and running for one of the seats on the Board of Education.

Mr. Spadaro congratulated the two students who participated in the YEA competition. He also reported that the PTO Talent Show was phenomenal.

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 Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve and arrange for the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Pre-School Special Education for meetings held on November 10, 2010; February 3, 2011; March 2, 16, 25; and April 5, 8, 11, 13, 15, 25, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

DMS History Club to Participate in Field Trip to Boston

Request Approval for the Draper Middle School History Club to Participate in a Field Trip to Boston, Massachusetts on June 9-10, 2011.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, 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 Boston, Massachusetts on June 9-10, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously, seven member present and voting.

New Business - Business/Personnel

Appoint Permanent Chairman, Assistant Clerks and Voting Machine Inspectors

Request for Approval to Appoint Permanent Chairman, Assistant Clerks and Voting Machine Inspectors

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Sabatini, that the Board of Education appoint the following individuals to assist in the implementation of the voting on May 17, 2011:

Permanent Chairman: David McNamara, 109 Polsin Drive
Custodian of Machines: Ralph Salerno, 22 Memory Lane

Judy Andi	1314 Sunrise Blvd.	Justine Guldenzopf	1215 Hemlock St.
Sarah Brassard	2803 Edgewood Ave.	Sandy Hartman	1920 Tower St.
Deb Bush-Suflita	121 Fisher Road	Cheryl Hitchcock	1132 Outer Dr.
Janine Carroll	202 Steeple Way	Judy Kazakavich	14 Michael Dr.
Kristin Carter	429 Melrose St.	Helen Pugliese	3041 Cox Ave.
Gladys Craven	146 Sherman St.	Bonnie Reddiough	96 E. Palmer Ave.
Patty Dergosits	2901 Curry Rd. Ext.	Tracey Freemantle	15 Praise Lane
Terrie Furbeck	2054 Cedarlawn Ave.	Rosie Semerad	1072 Alheim Dr.
Tina George	1010 Wayne Road.	Sharon Wemple	1224 Trinity Ave.

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

Agreement with Guilderland CSD for Emergency Sheltering of Guilderland Students and Staff

Approval of Agreement with Guilderland Central School District for Emergency Sheltering of Guilderland Students and Staff

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the Agreement between the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District and the Guilderland Central School District concerning the use of Mohonasen Central School District facilities for the sheltering of Guilderland students and staff in an event of an internal or external emergency. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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*Resolution to Hold a
Required Public
Hearing Regarding the
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Charter School*

**Resolution to Hold a Required Public Hearing Regarding the Establishment of
a Charter School**

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Sabatini, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mohonasen Central School District (“School District”) has been notified by the New York State Education Department (“SED”) of the receipt of an application to establish a charter school in the School District to be named Eximius Academy CS, with an anticipated opening date of September 4, 2012, proposed first year enrollment/grades served – 168 students/K, 1; proposed second year enrollment/grades served – 248 students/K-2; proposed third year enrollment/grades served – 330 students/K-3; proposed fourth year enrollment/grades served – 412 students/K-4; and proposed fifth year enrollment/grades served – 485 students/K-5.

WHEREAS, Education Law Section 2857(1) and Section 119.4 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education require the School District to hold a public hearing to solicit comments from the community in connection with the application and SED has informed the School District that it must hold such hearing.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. A public hearing shall be held on Monday, May 23, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Farnsworth Technology Center, Mohonasen High School, 2072 Curry Road, Schenectady, NY 12303, consistent with the obligations of the School District under the above referenced law and regulation.
2. Board Legal Counsel is designated by the Board of Education to conduct and hold such public hearing.
3. The Superintendent of Schools shall cause notice of the public hearing to be published in the official newspapers of the School District for a minimum of five days preceding the date of the public hearing. A copy of the public hearing notice shall be provided to SED. A summary of the application may be reviewed by accessing SED’s website at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/psc/2011CSFullApplications.html>.
4. The public hearing shall be conducted in a manner to reasonably afford members of the community the opportunity to provide public comment on

the above charter application. Consistent with such expectation, the public hearing shall generally be guided by the following parameters, which may be adjusted by the individual conducting the public hearing as he or she may best reasonably determine. The public hearing shall last one hour. If no members of the public are present with 30 minutes after the time scheduled start time of the hearing, the individual conducting the public hearing may close the hearing at that time. Each speaker shall be afforded a maximum of three minutes to present any comments. No stenographic record of the public hearing is required nor will one be maintained. However, a summary of speaker comments will be made. Any individual wishing to have his/her comments submitted as part of the public hearing record shall submit such comments in writing to the facilitator of the hearing by no later than the close of the hearing. No comments, written or otherwise, shall be considered or accepted after the public hearing is closed. The public hearing may be tape recorded by the School District.

5. On the first business day following the public hearing, the Superintendent of Schools shall provide written notification to both the charter school entities and SED that the public hearing was held, along with the date and time of the hearing.

Within fifteen business days of the public hearing, the Superintendent of Schools shall submit copies of any and all written comments to the Charter School Office.

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

Approval of Lease Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Schenectady

Request for Approval of Lease Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Schenectady

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve a contract with the Boys and Girls Club of Schenectady for the use of four buses at a reimbursement amount of \$16,500 for the period June 27, 2011 through August 12, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approval for Tax Refund SBL: 58.-1-3

Request Approval for Tax Refund SBL: 58.-1-3

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education authorize the tax refund to SYNC Realty Group, Inc. for tax years 2009 and 2010, in the amount of \$24,100.64. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Nomination for Area 7 Director of the New York State School Boards Association

Request Approval of Nomination for Area 7 Director of the New York State School Boards Association

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the nomination of Lynne Lenhardt as Area 7 Director of the New York State School Boards Association for another two-year term commencing January 1, 2012. 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 Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the following Board 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 Pest Management and Pesticide Usage
- 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.

Approval of Salary Schedules for Management/Confidential Employees

Request for Approval of Salary Schedules for Management/Confidential Employees

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the salary increase for Management/Confidential employees for the 2011-12 school year as follows: 3% on Step 1, 4.5% inclusive of increment on Steps 2-15, and 3.5% off step for Managerial/Confidential support staff employees, effective July 1, 2011. In addition, specified Managerial/Confidential employees shall receive a designated stipend for an increase in workday. Appropriate salary schedules shall be adjusted accordingly if a future settlement with the MSSA exceeds the approved percentage increases now applicable to Management/Confidential employees, with said adjustments be both retroactive and prospective. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approval of Mohonasen Teachers' Assoc. (Substitutes) Contract Agreement

Request for Approval of the Mohonasen Teachers' Association (Substitutes) Contract Agreement

MOTION made by Mr. Sabatini, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the collective bargaining agreement between the District and the Mohonasen Teachers' Association (Substitutes) effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015 (four years' duration) and upon ratification by the Mohonasen Teachers' Association, authorize the Superintendent of execute the agreement as reviewed by district counsel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting with Mr. Spadaro abstaining from the vote.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with MAA for Salary Freeze/Reduction for the 2011-12 School Year

Request for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Administrators' Association for Salary Freeze/Reduction for the 2011-2012 School Year

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the MOA between the district and Mohonasen Administrators' Association effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013 and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the MSA for Salary Freeze/Reduction for the 2011-12 School Year

Request for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Mohonasen Supervisors' Association for Salary Freeze/Reduction for the 2011-2012 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Sabatini, that the Board of Education approve the MOA between the District and the Mohonasen Supervisors' Association effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012 and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Support Staff Association for Salary Concessions for the 2011-12 School Year

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MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the MOA between the district and Mohonasen Support Staff Association effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013 and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with MTA for Salary Concessions for the 2011-12 School Year

Request for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Teachers' Association for Salary Concessions for the 2011-2012 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. French, that the Board of Education approve the MOA between the district and the Mohonasen Teachers' Association effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2014 and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes, 2) Bids/Change Orders and 3) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on April 27, 2011.

Approved Bids:

Bids/Change Orders

AWARDED the district bowling bid to the lowest bidder meeting specifications for the 2011-2012 season to:

Towne Bowling Academy
1601 Altamont Avenue
Schenectady, NY 12303
Bid: \$3200.00

Approved Personnel Recommendations Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

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

Appointments
 Emery Dergosits
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: May 4, 2011 (*amended from the 4/27/11 agenda*)
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2011
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Gr. 1-6), Initial
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

Jennifer Clifford
Assignment: Swim Club - Assistant Coach
Effective Date: May 24, 2011
Salary: \$12.00 /hour

Laurie Powers
Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: May 2, 2011
Salary: \$9.20 /hour

Kaitlyn Clough
Assignment: Home Tutor
Effective Date: April 18, 2011
Salary: \$25/hour

Review Sessions for NYS ELA Exams - 1.5 hr. sessions - \$32.77/hr.

Dates	Instructors
April 6, 2011	Lisa Daviero, Jodi Scalise, Laura Gallelli, Cheryl Donovan, Kim Trestick, Erin Degnan, Marvin Veeder, Danielle Grainer
April 13, 2011	Lisa Daviero, Michelle Tracy-Evans, Laura Gallelli, Cheryl Donovan, Kim Trestick, Kim Coelho, Esther Vrooman, Marvin Veeder, Danielle Grainer
April 27, 2011	Jodi Scalise, Michelle Tracy-Evans, Laura Gallelli, Cheryl Donovan, Rachel Geracitano, Erin Degnan, Kim Trestick, Kim Coelho, Marvin Veeder, Danielle Grainer, Linda Harrison

Leaves of Absence
 Amanda Rider
Assignment: Special Education
Effective Date: June 14, 2011 – June 28, 2011
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Leaves of Absence
 Lisa Stevens, 11 Saxony Street, Clifton Park, NY 12065

(Cont'd)

Assignment: Social Worker
Effective Date: June 15, 2011 – June 30, 2011
Reason: Family Medical Leave

***Fingerprint
Clearances***

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance
Rebecca Phillips 1002 Eugene Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Mr. Cafarelli congratulated Arlene Brown on her upcoming retirement.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Sabatini, that an executive session be convened at 7:35 PM for the purpose of personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. French, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:55 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:56 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk