



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, July 26, 2010, Farnsworth Technology Center*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 5:00 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 and Eileen French*

Board Members Absent: *Mark Sabatini, Joseph Salamone, Gary Spadaro*

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

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. French, that an executive session be convened at 5:10 PM for the purpose of discussing a personnel appointment. The motion was passed unanimously, four members present and voting.

Mr. Sabatini arrived at 5:20 PM.

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mrs. French, that the executive session be adjourned at 5:58 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 6:03 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 and Gary Spadaro*

Board Members Absent: *Joseph Salamone*

Administrators Present: *Kathleen Spring, Denise Swezey, Patrick McGrath and David Collins*

Others in Attendance: *2 new faculty members, 9 district residents*

Communications - Superintendent

Dr. Spring reported briefly on her recent participation at a Board of Regents meeting with Commissioner Steiner. She said that most of the discussion seemed to point toward seismic changes that are going to happen in our public school system, including changes with Regents exams, teacher evaluation systems, and assessment models for students. Dr. Spring said that Mr. McGrath would be presenting information on the Capital Area School Business Review and stated that more detailed information on high school Regents scores and on the 3-8 scores, which are coming out later this week, would be presented at a later date. She said that although Mohonasen's rating in the Business Review was discouraging, the information presented helps to re-focus on instruction and curriculum and will assist in the formulation of district goals.

Capital Area School Business Review

Mr. McGrath said that the information tabulated in the Capital Area School Business Review is actually last year's data and since then a number of interventions have

been put in place to address areas of weakness. He explained the methodology that the Capital District Business Review uses to break down the data and arrive at each school's rating. Mr. McGrath showed a number of charts comparing Mohonasen's scores with similar area schools. He also showed charts of sub-categories on what the district needs to focus on for improvement. Several questions were asked by Board members relating to the data.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

Mrs. del Prado reported that she was asked to participate in an advisory council meeting for school board members with Commissioner Steiner on July 7th. She said that although one of the topics discussed was the financial state of school districts, the bulk of the information focused on major changes in teacher, administrator and superintendent evaluations; the 3020-A process; the up-coming change in the 3-8 cut scores that are used on standardized tests; as well as changes in teacher certification and the way that Regents exams are scored. She said that school board members were alarmed to hear some of the changes the Board of Regents may consider in light of the current deficit, for example, the possible elimination of the January and August Regents exams. Mrs. del Prado said that school board members are hoping to have a voice in directing some of these decisions.

Mr. Mark Sabatini stated that he was registered for NYSSBA's New School Board Member Academy and Fiscal Oversight Workshop which will take place in September.

**Public Privilege of
the Floor**

Mr. Craig Radliff of Stacey Crest Drive; Mrs. Judy Carnavos of Boxwood Drive; Mrs. JoAnne Ingersoll of Horvath Street; Mrs. Angela Lasher of Fairlane Road; and Mr. Smith of DeForest Avenue all asked questions on a variety of topics.

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 Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

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| 3120 | School District Standards and Guidelines for Web Page Publishing |
| 5314 | Use of District Credit Card |
| 6171 | Safe Mentoring |
| 6551 | Family and Medical Leave Act |
| 7110 | Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy |
| 7211 | Provision of Interpreter Services to Parents who are Hearing Impaired |
| 7250 | Student Privacy, Parental Access to Information, and Administration of Certain Physical Examinations to Minors |
| 7315 | Student Use of Computerized Information Resources (Acceptable Use of Policy) |
| 7611 | Children with Disabilities |
| 8271 | Children's Internet Protection Act: Internet Content Filtering/Safety Policy |

The motion was passed unanimously, six 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 Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mrs. French, 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 May 3, 18, June 23, and July 7, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously six members present and voting.

New Business – Business/Personnel

Applications for Corrected Tax Roll for Years 2007 and 2008

Request Approval of Applications for Corrected Tax Roll for the Years 2007 and 2008, Pursuant to Sect. 556, Real Property Tax Law

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the Application for Corrected Tax Roll pursuant to clerical error Sec. 550(2)(c) RPTL for the following parcels in the stated amounts:

OWNER/S/B/L	AMT. OF TAXES BILLED/PAID	CORRECTED TAX/REASON	AMOUNT OF REFUND
Evelyn DiDonato, Applicant 59.9-6-121	\$ 2,088.39	\$ 1,640.79 (Clerical)	\$ 447.60

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

Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Service Connections, Inc. for 2010-11

Request Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with Service Connections, Inc. for the 2010-11 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with Service Connections, Inc. to provide special education and related services to district resident students for the 2010-11 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Approval of Preliminary Services Agreements with Capital Region BOCES for 2010-11

Request for Approval of Preliminary Services Agreements with Capital Region BOCES for 2010-11

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve the AS-7 Preliminary Services Agreements with Capital Region BOCES for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for a total anticipated payment of \$2,620,499.31. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes, 2) Financial Reports 3) Bids/Change Orders and 4) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

Minutes

APPROVED minutes of meetings held on July 6, 2010 and July 22, 2010.

Approved Financial Reports

Financial Reports

APPROVED the Treasurer’s Report for the month of June.

APPROVED the Extracurricular Activities Report for the month of June.

APPROVED the Claims Auditor Report for the month of June.

APPROVED the Collateralization Report for the month of June.

APPROVED the Cash Flow Analysis/General Fund Report for the month of June.

APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the months of June and July for Warrant #12P and 1.

Approved Financial Reports Cont'd

Warrant # 12P – June 30, 2010

General Fund	Warrant Schedule # 184	\$	196,600.60
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule # 16	\$	29,829.45
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule # 26	\$	23,233.15
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule # 26	\$	3,836,781.68
TOTAL – Warrant #12P		\$	4,086,444.88

Warrant #1 – July 26, 2010

General Fund	Warrant Schedule # 186	\$	718,832.83
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #1	\$	9,372.14
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #1	\$	411,843.15
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #27	\$	314,266.70
TOTAL – Warrant #1		\$	1,454,314.82

Approved Change Orders

Bids/Change Orders

Approved Change Order # 12-01 Shaker Flats Landscaping, Inc.

APPROVED Change Order #12-01 for Shaker Flats Landscaping, Inc., EXCEL Construction Project, Mohonasen High School:

Original Contract Amount:	\$644,400.00
<u>Contract Change due to Change Order #12-01</u>	<u>\$ 25,638.02</u>
 New Total Authorized Contract Amount	 \$670,038.02

Approved Change Order #04-01 Eastern Building and Restoration

APPROVED Change Order #04-01 for Eastern Building and Restoration, EXCEL Construction Project, Bradt Elementary School:

Original Contract Amount:	\$3,507,883.00
<u>Contract Change due to Change Order #12-01</u>	<u>\$ 25,146.90</u>
 New Total Authorized Contract Amount	 \$3,533,029.90

Approved Personnel Recommendations

Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

Appointments

Daniel L. Jones

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Music
Date of Commencement: July 27, 2010
Expiration Date: July 26, 2012
Certification Status: Music, Permanent
Salary: Step 11 plus graduate credits

Rachel Empie

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Art
Date of Commencement: October 1, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business January 31, 2011
Certification Status: Visual Arts, Initial
Salary: Step 4 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Appointments Cont'd

Katie Bartone
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Science
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2011
Certification Status: Biology 7-12, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Gerald Garing
Assignment: Coordinator for Instructional Technology
Effective Date: September 1, 2010
Salary: \$3,000 stipend

Brian Zajesky
Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective: September 1, 2010 – June 24, 2011
Salary: Step 3

Summer School 2010 – Mohonasen HS Faculty (July 13 – August 19, 2010)

Name	Assignment	Step
Toni Bergin	Math, 1 session <i>(amended from the 5/24/10 agenda)</i>	2

Summer School 2010 Substitutes – Mohonasen HS

Brett Hilko Roberta Sheldon
 David Schalekamp Nancy Joseph

Summer School 2010 – Draper MS Faculty (July 13 – August 19, 2010)

Name	Assignment	Step
Douglas Hallberg	Physical Education	4 (amended from the 6/21/10 agenda)
Danielle Spickerman	ELA 8	2 (amended from the 6/21/10 agenda)

Summer School 2010 – Draper MS Staff

Name	Position	Step	Dates
Katey Rorick	Teacher Aide – Distance Learning/MS	2	July 12-29 (M-Th) 9:10-10:10

Summer 2010 – Substitute School Nurse

Name	Rate
Kathleen Cunningham	\$24.47/hour

Summer Work – Special Education (\$250/day) (Grant S611 – Code 15)

Name	Assignment	# of Days
Kathleen Ives-Kline	Assistive Technology	5 days
Elizabeth Young	School Psychologist	5 days
Andrea Conover	CSE Chairperson	15 days

Appointments Cont'd Summer Curriculum 2010 (\$169.54/day) - Title IIA Code 15

Project	Names	Dates
Literacy Training	Emery Dergosits, Rose Halvorsen, Krista Zajesky, Dolores Weaver	July 8, 2010
Grade 6 Spelling	Kimberly Trestick, Kimberly Coehlo, Michele Evans, Jodi Scalise, Kelly Fahrenkopf, Lisa Daviero, Laura Gallelli,	July 16, 2010
Young Entrepreneurs Academy	Latefa Lang	July 14, 2010

Program Facilitators - 2010 - 2011 (Stipend per MTA Contract)	
Maria Pacheco/Patrick Keegan	Foreign Language
Latefa Lang/Jean Vause <i>(amended from 6/21/10 agenda)</i>	Family & Consumer Science/Business

Extracurricular Advisors/Pinewood - 2010-2011

Extracurricular Club/Organization	Advisor
Odyssey of the Mind	Lori Ranze

Summer Enrichment 2010

Class	Instructor	Dates	Rate
Fun With Broadcasting - Session 1	Lorene Gallo	July 12 - 16, 2010	\$525
Creative Crafts	Ryan Buzzo	July 12 - 16, 2010	\$525
Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Ryan Buzzo	July 19 - 22, 2010	\$435

Camp Coaching - Summer 2010

Camp	Dates	Coaches
Boys Basketball	July 5 - July 9	Ray Kearney
Strength & Conditioning	July 5 - August 13	Ray Kearney
Speed & Agility	July 6 - August 12	Fred Saccocio
Wrestling	July 19 - July 23	Nick Ronca & Matt Sitors
Soccer	July 12 - July 16	Cory Gregg & Mark Woodrow

Jessica Allen

Assignment: WSI Supervisor
Effective: July 6, 2010 - July 29, 2010
Salary: \$15.50 /hour

Jessica Allen

Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)
Effective: July 6, 2010 - July 29, 2010
Salary: \$9.00 /hour

Justin Fuschino

Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)
Effective: August 23, 2010
Salary: \$9.00 /hour

Appointments Cont'd Lyndsay Martin
Assignment: WSI (Level 1)
Effective: July 5, 2010
Salary: \$13.50 /hour

Fall 2010 Volunteer Coaches

James Foster - Football
Michael Karp - Football

Resignations Tina Corradi
Assignment: 12-Month Typist
Effective Date: Close of business July 15, 2010

Layoffs Sarah Amedore
Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)
Effective Date: Close of business June 24, 2010

Jennifer Ford
Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)
Effective Date: Close of business June 24, 2010

Mary Gradoni
Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)
Effective Date: Close of business June 24, 2010

Collette Phillips
Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)
Effective Date: Close of business June 24, 2010

Elsa Radliff
Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (6 hours)
Effective Date: Close of business June 24, 2010

Mr. Cafarelli welcomed Ms. Rachel Empie as a long-term substitute art teacher and Ms. Katie Bartone as a long-term substitute science teacher.

Privilege of the Floor No comments.

Executive Session MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that an executive session be convened at 7:45 PM for the purpose of discussing a personnel appointment. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Sabatini, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the executive session be adjourned at 10:00 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk