



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, December 6, 2010, Farnsworth Technology Center*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Cafarelli, at 6:22 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: *1 media representative*

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Salamone, that an executive session be convened at 6:25PM for the purpose of discussing discipline of a particular employee. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. French, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the executive session be adjourned at 6:55 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

The Board meeting resumed at 7:01 PM.

In Attendance

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, Heidi Bromley, Christopher Ruberti, and Joseph Scalise*

Others in Attendance: *Michael Mrozinski and Lauren Martin, Student Representatives; approximately 30 district residents and 1 media representative*

Communications – Superintendent

Dr. Spring turned the meeting over to Mrs. Denise Swezey, Assistant Superintendent for Business. Mrs. Swezey stated that the district has been presented with New York Energy Smart Awards for Pinewood, Draper and Mohonasen High School. She reported that in conjunction with the recent EXCEL Project energy upgrades were made at each of the school buildings. Mrs. Swezey read one of the awards given to the district through NYSEDA.

Dr. Spring explained that the district has been lobbying legislators to reinstate the 95% merger aid it had been receiving. She asked Mr. Sabatini to share the information he had received regarding building aid. Mr. Sabatini reported that he had received an email from Senator Oppenheimer's office saying that it appears the State Regents are going to recommend that building aid be stricken from the budget. He said that this actually makes the December 13th Capital Project vote more urgent and said that he felt it was a good move to get this done this year. He reported that it looks like the district won't get anything better than the current

80% building aid and that this may be our last opportunity to take advantage of it.

**Student
Representatives**

Michael Mrozinski stated that winter sports were getting started and Lauren reported that the Art Department is hosting a K-12 Art Show with the opening reception at 6:00 PM on Wednesday at the Rotterdam Branch Library. They also mentioned that holiday concerts start next week. Lauren said that high school student Michael Aniolek was selected for the all-state choir. They wished everyone a happy holiday.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

Mr. Cafarelli read a statement regarding the district's position on the possible sale of the Remsen Street storage building which is also used for the Rotterdam Pop Warner Football program. Several Board members expressed the Board's desire to work cooperatively with Rotterdam Pop Warner, the Town of Rotterdam, and Schalmont School officials to try to brainstorm a solution should the facility be sold.

Mr. Andriola said that it was reported that additional money is being awarded for the Early Start Smart Scholars Program.

Mr. Spadaro said that he is working very closely with the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA) program and has been very impressed with the phenomenal job that the students are doing.

**Public Privilege of the
Floor**

A number of people involved with Rotterdam Pop Warner spoke about their dissatisfaction with the possibility of the district selling the Remsen Street building which Pop Warner uses during its football season. Several Board members tried to reassure the crowd that the district was willing to work with them as well as with the Town of Rotterdam and Schalmont School District on resolving this issue. Mr. Jack Dodson agreed to set up a meeting with the above stakeholders to try and work out a solution.

Mrs. Judy Carnavos of Boxwood Drive said that people are obviously very passionate about the Rotterdam Pop Warner program. She said that she attends Board meetings on a regular basis and stated that the Board seems to be willing to work with residents on whatever issues arise.

Mr. Cavaliere of White Birch Court expressed his frustration about the Board meeting being held at Pinewood School and also complained about increasing taxes.

**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. Spadaro, 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 October 12; November 12, 16, 17, 23 and 29, 2010. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

New Business – Business/Personnel

Appointment of 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. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education appoint the following individuals to assist in the implementation of the voting on December 13, 2010:

Permanent Chairman: David McNamara
Custodian of Machines: Ralph Salerno

Judy Andi	Justine Guldenzoph	Helen Pugliese
Roberta Belber	Sandra Hartman	Tracey Freemantle
Sarah Brassard	Cheryl Hitchcock	Rosie Semerad
Deborah Bush-Suflita	Judy Kazakavich	Marilyn Wagschall
Kristin Carter	Jean Manocchi	Sharon Wemple
Terrie Furbeck	Esther Muscanell	Mikki Zotta

Amend Contract with Taras Kosytk, Athletic Trainer

Request for Approval to Amend Contract with Taras Kostyk, Athletic Trainer

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Taras Kostyk to provide Athletic Trainer services to the district with the amended dated of October 14, 2010 through December 31, 2010 at a cost of \$35.00 per hour with a rate of \$150 for each night game. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mr. French, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, 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 meeting held on November 22, 2010.

Approved Personnel Recommendations

Personnel

APPROVED the following Personnel Recommendations:

Appointments

Ashley Smith
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: December 2, 2010 (*amended from 10/18/10 agenda*)
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2011 (*amended from 10/18/10 agenda*)
Certification Status: Students w/ Disabilities Gr. 1-6, Initial; Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits pro-rated

Doug Jones
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Health
Date of Commencement: October 14, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business December 23, 2010
Certification Status: Physical Education & Health, Permanent
Salary: Step 8

Appointments Cont'd

Brianna DiBiase
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business February 18, 2011 (*amended from the 9/13/10 agenda*)
Certification Status: Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Initial; Literacy B-Gr. 6, Initial
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Susan Yzquierdo
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: December 13, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business June 24, 2011
Salary: Step 1

Erin Ploetz
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business February 18, 2011 (*amended from 9/13/10 agenda*)
Salary: Step 2

PLAN Exam Proctoring - November 6, 2010

Proctor	# of Hours	Amount
Rebecca Pauley	5 Hours	\$213.60
Mary Lockwood	5 Hours	\$213.60
Martha Mallon	4 Hours	\$170.88

Lorene Gallo
Assignment: Computer Technician - Provisional
Effective: December 7, 2010
Salary: Step 1

Rescind the following appointment:

Ashley Smith
Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant (3 hours)
Date of Commencement: November 29, 2010
Expiration Date: Close of business January 31, 2011
Salary: Step 3

Resignations

Kristin Tiano
Assignment: Special Education
Effective Date: Close of business December 3, 2010 (*amended from 11/22/10 agenda*)

Brian Zajesky
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective Date: Close of business December 23, 2010

Resignations Cont'd

Keith Rafaniello
Assignment: Director of Technology
Effective Date: December 1, 2010

Leaves of Absence

Ashley Smith
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective Date: December 2, 2010 – June 24, 2011 (*amended from 10/18/10 agenda*)
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Lorene Gallo
Assignment: P/T Teacher Assistant
Effective: December 7, 2010 – June 30, 2011
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Lauren O'Brien-Neale
Assignment: Elementary Teacher
Effective Date: September 16, 2010 – February 16, 2011 (*amended from the 9/13/10 agenda*)
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1st 12 weeks)

Brianna DiBiase
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective Date: September 1, 2010 – February 18, 2011 (*amended from the 9/13/10 agenda*)
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Removal from Service

John Kowalk
Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: December 6, 2010

Mr. Cafarelli congratulated Lorene Gallo on her appointment as a Computer Technician.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. French, that an executive session be convened at 8:08 PM for the purpose of discussing discipline of a particular employee. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Sabatini, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:00 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:01 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk