



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, September 12, 2011, Farnsworth Technology Center*

Call to Order

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, Mark Moran and Gary Spadaro*

Board Members Absent: *Eileen French and Mark Sabatini*

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that an executive session be convened at 6:01 PM for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Dr. Spring joined the meeting at 6:30 PM.

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Moran, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:00 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 7:05 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, Mark Moran and Gary Spadaro*

Board Members Absent: *Eileen French and Mark Moran*

Administrators Present: *Dr. Kathleen Spring, Denise Swezey, Karla Empie, David Collins, Makensie Bullinger, Timothy Hulihan, Debra Male, Deborah Kavanaugh, Diane McIver, Arlene DeSiena, Gerald Garing, Lisa Cutting, Chris Ruberti, Joseph Scalise*

Others in Attendance: *Alexis Willey and Phillip McKee (Student Representatives), 2 faculty members, 1 district resident*

Communications - Superintendent

Dr. Spring stated that the opening of school went very smoothly. She said the Mohonasen was very fortunate that it didn't have to deal with any flood damage and was able to open as scheduled.

Student Representatives

Student Representatives Alexis Willey and Phillip McKee both said they were excited to begin their senior year in high school and were looking forward to Homecoming which will be held on September 30th.

Communications - Board of Education

Mrs. del Prado stated that she was disappointed that the meeting with Congressman Paul Tonko was cancelled and was hoping that they would be able to re-schedule the meeting for sometime soon.

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. Andriola, 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 September 12, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

New Business - Business/Personnel
Approval to Enter into a Renewal Agreement with Empathia, Inc.

Request for Approval to Enter into a Renewal Agreement with Empathia, Inc. (formerly National Employee Assistance Services, Inc.) as the District's Employee Assistance Program

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Moran, that the Board of Education authorize a renewal agreement with Empathia, Inc. (formerly National Employee Assistance Services, Inc.) for the provision of an employee assistance program for the period of October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2013 at a fee of \$1.66 per employee per month. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval of Contract with Crossroads Center for Children for the 2011-12 School Year

Request for Approval of Contract with Crossroads Center for Children for the 2011-2012 School Year

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Crossroads Center for Children, Inc., 1136 N. Westcott Road, Suite 100, Schenectady, NY 12306 for one district resident student at a rate of \$27,608.00 for the period of September 6, 2011 through June 21, 2012. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval of Contract with Center for Disability Services/Langan School for 2011-12 School Year

Request for Approval of Contract with Center for Disability Services/Langan School for 2011-2012 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education approve a contract with the Center for Disability Services/Langan School at a rate of \$38,743.00 per student for a total cost of \$154,972.00 for the 2011-2012 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Acceptance of Grant/Award from Target's "Books for Schools" Program

Request Acceptance of Grant/Award from Target's "Books for Schools" Program

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education accept the gift of a grant/award from Target's "Books for Schools" program in the amount of \$500 toward the purchase of books for the Bradt School Library. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval of Telephone Service and Support Plan Agreement with Northeast Information Systems

Request for Approval of Telephone Service and Support Plan Agreement with Northeast Information Systems

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mr. Andriola, that the Board of Education authorize an agreement with Northeast Information Systems for servicing the phone system at an annual fee of \$21,413.56. The motion was passed unanimously, four members present and voting and Mrs. del Prado abstaining from the vote.

*Approval of Reserve Account Funding***Request to Approve Reserve Account Funding**

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Moran, that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions authorizing funding of the District's reserve fund:

Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby appropriates the sum of \$7,529.82 from the 2010-2011 unappropriated unexpended fund balance and authorizes the transfer of such monies from the General Fund to the Employment Benefit Accrual - TSA (A889.4).

Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby appropriates the sum of \$150,000.00 from the 2010-2011 unappropriated unexpended fund balance and authorizes the transfer of such monies from the General Fund to the Retirement Contribution Reserve (ERS).

Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby appropriates the sum of \$150,000 from the 2010-2011 unappropriated unexpended fund balance and authorizes the transfer of such monies to the appropriated/restricted fund balance.

Be it resolved that the Board of Education authorizes the transfer of the following General Fund reserves:

To the Capital Fund - \$1,500,000.

To the Debt Service Fund - \$990,841.58

To the Retirement Contribution Reserve - \$300,000.

To the Unemployment Reserve - \$300,000.

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

Consensus Agenda

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that the Board of Education approve the following consensus agenda: 1) Minutes and 2) Personnel. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approved Minutes***Minutes**

APPROVED minutes of the meeting held on August 22, 2011.

Approved Personnel Recommendations

Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

Appointments

Brianna DiBiase

Appointment:

Probationary

Tenure Area:

Reading

Date of Commencement:

September 1, 2011

Expiration Date:

August 31, 2014

Certification Status:

Literacy Birth-Gr. 6, Initial; Childhood Ed Gr. 1-6, Initial; Early Childhood Ed. Birth-Gr.2, Initial

Salary:

Step 3 plus graduate credits

Appointments Cont'd

Peter Hoffman

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Physics 7-12
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2011
Expiration Date: August 31, 2014
Certification Status: Physics 7-12, Initial
Salary: Step 4 plus graduate credits

Katria Hitrick

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2011
Expiration Date: Close of business October 24, 2011
Certification Status: Childhood Education Gr. 1-6, Initial
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

Amy Varano

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: October 29, 2011
Expiration Date: Close of business June 22, 2012
Certification Status: Childhood Education Gr. 1-6, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Marvin Veeder

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: English
Date of Commencement: October 18, 2011
Expiration Date: Close of business November 29, 2011
Certification Status: English Language Arts 7-12, Initial
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits

Lisa Stevens

Appointment: Part-time
Assignment: Social Worker (.7) *(amended from 6/20/11 agenda)*
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2011
Expiration Date: June 30, 2012
Certification Status: School Social Worker, Provisional
Salary: Step 7 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Krista Zajesky

Appointment: Part-time (.6) *(amended from 6/20/11 agenda)*
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2011
Expiration Date: June 30, 2012
Certification Status: Students w/Disabilities Gr. 1-6, Initial
Salary: Step 5 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Appointments Cont'd

Jessica Csakany
Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective: September 1, 2011
Salary: Step 2

Susan Weinberg
Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective: September 1, 2011
Salary: Step 8

Michelle Doherty
Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective: September 1, 2011
Salary: Step 2

Melissa Killion
Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective: September 1, 2011
Salary: Step 2

Joshua Sawicki
Appointment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective: September 1, 2011
Salary: Step 5

Secondary Level ELA Workshop (2010-11 Title II Code 15) (\$169.54/day)

Name	Project	Date
Danielle Grainer, Linda Harrison, Jeffrey Hayes	Grade 8 ELA Workshop (Day 2)	Aug. 10, 2011

Curriculum Work (2011-12 Title II Code 15) (\$169.54/day)

Name	Project	Date
Douglas Hallberg	Health Curriculum Realignment	Sept. 1 & 2, 2011

Elementary Curriculum Work - (\$169.54/day) - A2110.123

Name	Date
Jennifer Hurst	September 1, 2011

Summer Curriculum Work (2010 - 11 Title II Code 15) (\$169.54/day)

Name	Project	Date
Brian Shaffer, Faith Perry	High School Alt. Ed. Program Development	August 8, 2011

Summer Curriculum Work - (\$169.54/day) - A2110.123

Project	Name	Dates
Common Core Curriculum Work	Patricia Amering, Tammy Pangman, Melissa Prescott	July 18 & 25, 2011 August 16, 2011
Common Core Curriculum Work	Chelsey Hammond	July 18 & 25, 2011
Common Core Curriculum Work	Gina Ralston	July 18, 2011 Aug. 16, 2011

Appointments Cont'd

Extracurricular Advisors/Pinewood – 2011 - 2012 (Stipend per MTA Contract)

Extracurricular Club/Organization	Advisor/Co-Advisor
Chess Club	TBD
Student Council	Rebecca Pollick/Amanda Brousseau
3 rd Grade Orchestra (Fresh Fiddlers)	John Burmeister

Extracurricular Advisors/Draper MS – 2011 -2012 (Stipend per MTA Contract)

Extracurricular Club/Organization	Advisor/Co-Advisor
Teen Town	William Van Wie/Joshua Sawicki <i>(amended from 8/22/11 agenda)</i>

Extracurricular Advisors/HS – 2011 -2012 (Stipend per MTA Contract)

Extracurricular Club/Organization	Advisor/Co-Advisor
Art Club	Michael York
Peer Mediation	Rebecca Pauley/Diane Blinn
Class of 2015	Danielle Hunt/Kristen Vachon
NYS Science Honor Society	William Clayton <i>(amended from 7/5/11 agenda)</i>
Science Olympiad	Dawn Aulita <i>(amended from 7/5/11 agenda)</i>

Summer 2011 Sports Camps

Camp	Dates	Coach
Speed & Agility	July 12 – August 18	Ray Kearney

Fall Coaches – 2011 *(steps revised from the 6/20/11 agenda)*

Position	Coach	Revised Step
JV Cheerleading	Jabar Cancer	Step 4
JV Football Assistant	Ryan Johnson	Step 4
JV Football Assistant	Thad Roderick	Step 4
Boys' Varsity Soccer	Cory Greg	Step 6
Boys' JV Soccer	Jason Cintula	Step 4
Boys' Modified Soccer	Stephanie Bruhn	Step 3
Girls' JV Soccer	Erin Ploetz	Step 1
Cross Country	Nicole Zabloutny	Step 4
JV Golf	Andrew Cuthbertson	Step 3
Boys' Varsity Volleyball	Matthew Lopez	Step 5
Girls' Varsity Volleyball	Danielle Hunt	Step 2
Girls' JV Volleyball	Megan Risko	Step 1
Girls' Varsity Swimming	Scott Seligman	Step 4
Girls' JV Tennis	Maria Pacheco	Step 6

Fall Coaches – 2011

Position	Coach	Step
Modified Football Assistant	Brian Faulisi	Step 7

Appointments Cont'd

Alyssa Ballantyne

Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)
Effective Date: September 7, 2011
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Michelle LaFay

Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)
Effective Date: September 7, 2011
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Erin Piseczny

Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)
Effective Date: September 7, 2011
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Stephanie Resila

Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)
Effective Date: September 7, 2011
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Tabitha Reutter

Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)
Effective Date: September 7, 2011
Salary: \$9.00/hour

Susanne Candee

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: August 25, 2011
Salary: \$9.35/hour

Joanne Rifenburg

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: August 25, 2011
Salary: \$9.35/hour

Maria Frisone

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: August 29, 2011
Salary: \$9.35/hour

Marcia Elacqua

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: September 2, 2011
Salary: \$9.35/hour

Dennis Barker

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: September 7, 2011
Salary: \$13.90 /hour

Appointments Cont'd

Christine Mitchell

Assignment: Cook
Effective Date: September 1, 2011 *(amended from the 8/22/11 agenda)*
Salary: Step 8

Albert Cardinal

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Date: September 7, 2011
Salary: Step 1

Paul Morrison

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Date: September 7, 2011
Salary: Step 1

Darryl Drew

Assignment: Piano Accompanist 2011-2012/HS, Draper & Pinewood
Effective Date: September 1, 2011
Salary: \$4680

Tarah Wiltsie

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper (café aide)
Effective Date: September 13, 2011
Salary: \$9.35/hour

Danielle Brown

Assignment: Water Safety Instructor (Level 1)
Effective Date: September 10, 2011
Salary: \$13.50/hour

Lee Urbano

Assignment: Water Safety Instructor (Level 1)
Effective Date: September 10, 2011
Salary: \$13.50/hour

Diane Trestick

Assignment: Substitute Bus Aide
Effective Date: August 24, 2011 *(amended from 7/5/11 agenda)*
Salary: \$9.50/hour

Jean Peck

Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective: September 13, 2011
Salary: \$11.00

Resignations

Lua Rafalak-Lawrence

Assignment: Physics 7-12/NYS Science Honor Society/Science Olympiad
Effective Date: August 31, 2011

Resignations Cont'd

Kevin Clough
Assignment: Social Studies (.2)
Effective Date: Close of business August 31, 2011

Kevin Clough
Assignment: Modified Football Assistant
Effective Date: August 31, 2011

Lynn van der Wouden
Assignment: P/T Teacher Assistant (6 hours)
Effective: September 1, 2011

Albert Cardinal
Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: September 6, 2011

Paul Morrison
Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: September 6, 2011

Brianna DiBiase
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective: Effective September 1, 2011

Ashlee (Yonos) Girard
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant
Effective: July 1, 2011

Leaves of Absence

Scott Hays
Assignment: Assistant Principal/Draper MS
Effective Date: October 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012
Reason: Military Leave of Absence

Lisa Keating
Assignment: Science Teacher
Effective Date: September 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012 (*amended from 6/21/10 agenda*)
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1st 12 weeks)

Melissa Gregg
Assignment: Health Teacher
Effective Date: September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012
Reason: Family Medical Leave (1st 12 weeks)

Maria Pia DiCocco
Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper
Effective Date: September 7, 2010 – June 22, 2012 (*amended from 1/10/11 agenda*)

Removal from Service

Howard Vincent
Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Date: September 6, 2011

Fingerprint Clearances

Emergency Conditional Clearance
Keith Bushey

Emergency Conditional Extension of Clearance
Alex Audino

Mr. Cafarelli congratulated Brianna DiBiase and Katria Hitrick on their teaching appointments.

Privilege of the Floor

No comments.

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Spadaro, that an executive session be convened at 7:14 PM for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation/contract. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Andriola, seconded by Mr. Moran, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:15 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Spadaro, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:15 PM. The motion passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Denise A. Swezey, District Clerk