



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, September 14, 2015, Farnsworth Technology Center*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Piccirillo, at 6:00 PM. Mr. Piccirillo requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Dominic Cafarelli, Nancy del Prado, Lisa Gaglioti, Chad McFarland, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan and Pamela Young*

Administrators Present: *Dr. Kathleen Spring, Chris Ruberti, and Lisa Cutting*

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that an executive session be convened for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:00 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

The public session was called to order by the President, Mr. Piccirillo, at 7:05 PM. Mr. Piccirillo requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Dominic Cafarelli, Nancy del Prado, Lisa Gaglioti, Chad McFarland, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan, and Pamela Young*

Administrators Present: *Dr. Kathleen Spring, Chris Ruberti, Lisa Cutting, Karla Empie, Lisa Patierne, Brian Shaffer, Debra Male, Scott Hays, Deborah Kavanaugh, Laurel Jones, Makensie Bullinger, Michele Whitley, Diane McIver, and Matthew Stein*

Others in Attendance: *Christopher Miller and John Burrows (Student Representatives), 4 faculty members and 5 district residents*

Communications - Superintendent

Dr. Spring stated that two teachers from Draper Middle School have received awards and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Stein and Mrs. Male who recognized Mr. Hallberg and Mrs. Schaap. Mr. Hallberg has received a New York Middle School Teacher of the Year award and Mrs. Schaap has won an award based on a video she presented to the IHT Adidas Spirit Challenge using heart rate technology. Mrs. Schaap spoke about the many opportunities provided to the Physical Education department once receiving the Carol M. White Pep grant and then showed the video that was submitted. The Draper middle school won the teacher entry portion of the IHT Adidas Spirit Challenge earning the most votes nationally. She also reported that Draper was named the most innovative Physical Education Program in the country at the Shape America Convention in Seattle Washington. In addition, Tyson Hallberg won for the most student entry receiving the most votes. The prizes won for the teacher video were 100 new heart rate monitor straps that were donated to the Draper Physical Education Department. She thanked the Mohonasen school district for being generous and matching the

prizes of 100 heart rate monitor straps.

Mr. Hallberg talked about the award he received from IHT. IHT (Interactive Health Technologies) has decided to extend our software license for both the middle school and the high school for ten years. That is a \$3,500.00 value. Mr. Hallberg also reported on his presentation to Germany and the experience he had as he presented to Adidas engineers from eight different countries.

Student Representatives

Mr. Christopher Miller and John Burrows introduced themselves. They are the student representatives for this year. They talked about the positive energy that was felt on the first day of school and the enjoyment and excitement of the new turf field.

Communications – Board of Education

Mr. Piccirillo reported on the Goals and Actions for this year and some ways to be more active in the community. Discussion was made for coffee and conversation and the possibility of having a second open house in the schools.

Public Privilege of the Floor

No Comments were made.

New Business - Instructional

Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements

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

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, 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 August 21 and August 24, 2015. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Cross Country Teams to participate in Cross-Country Invitational September 25-26, 2015

Request Approval for the Girls’ and Boys’ Cross-Country Team to Participate in the Six Flags Wild Safari Cross-Country Invitational in the Fall, 2015

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Girls and Boys’ Cross-Country team to participate in the Six Flags Wild Safari Cross-Country Invitational in Jackson, New Jersey on September 25-26, 2015. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Marching Band Students to Participate in Band Competitions in the Fall, 2015

Request Approval of Mohonasen Marching Band to Participate in Field Band Competitions in the Fall, 2015

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Mohonasen Marching Band to participate in field trips to: Cicero, North Syracuse on Saturday, September 19, 2015; Camillus, NY on Saturday, October 3, 2015; Vestal, NY on Saturday, October 17, 2015, Syracuse, NY on Sunday, November 1, 2015, and South Glens Falls, NY on Sunday, November 22, 2015. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

New Business – Business/Personnel

Approval of Budget Re-appropriation – Summer Enrichment

Request Approval of Budget Re-appropriation – Summer Enrichment Program

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education amend the 2015-16 budget as follows:

Increase A510	Estimated Revenue	\$2,290.00	
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Increase A1320.1	Summer School Tuition - Enrichment Program	\$2,290.00	
Increase A960	Appropriations		\$2,290.00
Increase A2320-150-00-0001	Salaries - Teaching		\$2,290.00

The motion was passed with six members voting yes and with Mrs. del Prado abstaining.

Approval of Classroom Rental and Ancillary Service Agreements with BOCES for 2015-2016

Request for Approval of Classroom Rental and Ancillary Service Agreements with Capital Region BOCES for 2015-2016 MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the classroom Rental and Ancillary Services Agreements with Capital Region BOCES for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, for a total anticipated revenue payment of \$212,750. The motion was passed with six members voting yes and with Mrs. del Prado abstaining.

Approval of Contract with The Nurse Connection Staffing, Inc.

Request for Approval to Enter into a Contract with The Nurse Connection Staffing, Inc. for Nursing Services MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with The Nurse Connection Staffing, Inc. to provide nursing services on an as needed basis to District resident students at a cost of \$37.50 per hour from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approval of Contract with Jennifer Milavec, Speech/Language Pathologist for 2015-2016

Request Approval to Enter into a Contract with Jennifer Milavec, Speech/Language Pathologist for 2015-2016 MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, and seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Jennifer Milavec to provide SpeechLanguage services to District resident student at a cost of \$50.00 per hour, for an estimated cost of \$35,000 for the period of September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approval of Amended 2015-2016 School Tax Rates

Request for Approval of Amended 2015-2016 School Tax Rates MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the following *amended* school tax rates and resultant school tax warrants in conjunction with the school tax levy for 2015-2016:

	Tax Rate Per Thousand	Total Tax Levy/Warrant Amount
Rotterdam	\$17.254071	\$23,138,817.49
Guilderland	\$19.605275	\$1,108,325.68
Colonie	\$25.554979	\$942,076.83

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

Approval of Reserve Account Funding

Request to Approve Reserve Account Funding MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution authorizing funding of the District's reserve funds.
Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby appropriates the sum of \$1,080,425.08 from the 2014-2015 unappropriated unexpended fund balance and authorizes the transfer of such monies from the General Fund to the Retirement Contribution Reserve (ERS-A827).
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approval of Minutes**Request Approval of Minutes**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the following minutes:

Minutes of Organizational meeting held on August 24, 2015. Discussion was made to clarify a section of the minutes and noted that it would be changed.

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

**Approval of Bids –
Bid Award for Contract
No. 10 for Plumbing****Request for Approval to Award Bid for Contract No. 10 for Plumbing**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve Contract No. 10, including Alternate 1, in the amount of \$680,000 to Tri-Valley Plumbing and Heating, 2822 Curry Road, Schenectady, NY 12303.

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

**Bid Award for Contract
No. 11 for Mechanical****Request for Approval to Award Bid for Contract No. 11 for Mechanical**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve Contract No. 11, including Alternate 1, in the amount of \$1,927,600 to DiGesare Mechanical, Inc., 3434 Carman Road, Schenectady, NY 12303.

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

**Bid Award for Contract
No. 12 for Electrical****Request for Approval to Award Bid for Contract No. 12 for Electrical**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve Contract No. 12, including Alternate 1, in the amount of \$1,817,865 to A.E. Rosen Electrical Co., Inc., 883 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207.

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

**Bid Award for Bunkoff
General Contractors,
Inc.****Request for Approval of Bunkoff General Contractors, Inc. Change Order #B08-01**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve Change Order #B08-01: Bunkoff General Contractors, Inc. as follows:

Original Contract Amount:	\$7,162,000.00
Contract Change due to Change #B08-01	(33,325.00)
New Total Authorized Contract Amount	\$7,128,675.00

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

Personnel

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve Personnel.

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

**Approved Personnel
Recommendations**

Approved the following personnel recommendations:

Appointments

Elizabeth Breaznell, 50 Yorkshire Lane, Delmar, NY 12054

Appointment:

Probationary (amended from the 8/24/15 agenda)

Tenure Area:

Elementary Education

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2015
Expiration Date: August 31, 2019
Certification Status: Literacy (B-6), Initial; Childhood Education, (Gr.1-6), Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Patrick Petty, 2215 Nott Street, Niskayuna, NY 12309

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Science
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2015
Expiration Date: August 31, 2019
Certification Status: Biology 7-12, Initial; General Science 7-12, Initial
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits

Lori Burke, 42 Aspen Circle, Albany, NY 12208

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Occupational Therapist
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2015
Expiration Date: August 31, 2019
Certification Status: Licensed Occupational Therapist
Salary: Step 7 plus graduate credits

Danielle Coffey, 102 Scotch Bush Road, Burnt Hills, NY 12027

Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Occupational Therapist
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2015
Expiration Date: August 31, 2019
Certification Status: Licensed Occupational Therapist
Salary: Step 11 plus graduate credits

Heather Hill, 155F Hague Boulevard, Glenmont NY 12077

Appointment: Part-Time
Assignment: Science (.8)
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2015
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2016
Certification Status: Biology 7-12, Initial; General Science 7-12, Initial
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits

Amanda Brooks, 8D McGregor Villa, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Appointment: Part-Time
Assignment: Special Education (.5)
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2015
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2016
Certification Status: Childhood Education Gr. 1-6, Initial; Students with Disabilities Gr. 1-6, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Joanne Perry, 1922 Woodlawn Street, Schenectady, NY 12306

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Mathematics
Date of Commencement: September 28, 2015
Expiration Date: Close of business November 13, 2015
Certification Status: Mathematics 7-2, Permanent Certificate
Salary: Step 7 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Marina Strang, 42 Merritt Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2015
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2016
Certification Status: Early Childhood Ed. B-Gr. 3, Professional; Childhood Ed. Gr. 1-6, Professional
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

Sharon Hughes, 15 Juracka Parkway, Schenectady, NY 12306

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2015
Expiration Date: Close of business December 18, 2015
Certification Status: Special Education, Permanent; Nursery, Gr. K-6, Permanent
Salary: Step 4 plus graduate credits

Katherine Nelson, 660 Sterling Road, Pattersonville, NY 12137

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2015
Expiration Date: Close of business October 21, 2015 (amended from the 8/24/15 agenda)
Certification Status: Childhood Education Gr. 1-6, Pending; STWD (1-6), Pending
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Jaelyn Berghela, 10 Stanwix Road, Albany, NY 12209

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Social Studies
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2015
Expiration Date: Close of business November 13, 2015
Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12, Initial
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

Kelsey Cappello, 1104 Trinity Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective Date: September 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Salary: Step 1

Daniella Schmidt, 182 Lawson Road, Pattersonville, NY 12137

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Effective Date: September 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Salary: Step 1

Corrine Torpey, 62 Winthrop Avenue, Apt. #4, Albany, NY 12203

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Effective Date: September 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Salary: Step 1

Timothy Young, 48 Stock Lane, Rennselaer, NY 12144

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Effective Date: September 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Salary: Step 2

Sarah Brassard, 312 Shelley Court, Schenectady, NY 12306

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Date of Commencement: September 7, 2015

Expiration Date: Close of business September 22, 2015

Salary: Step 7

Jennifer Farnsworth, 1157 Outer Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Date of Commencement: September 7, 2015

Expiration Date: Close of business December 18, 2015

Salary: Step 1

Megan Thompson, 1901 Nicky Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2015

Expiration Date: Close of business October 21, 2015

Salary: Step 7

Emily Bascom, 4037 Ryan Place, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)

Effective Date: September 1, 2015

Salary: \$10.00/hour

Sarah Parisi, 1074 Manas Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)
Effective Date: September 1, 2015
Salary: \$10.00/hour

Jennifer Farnsworth, 1157 Outer Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective Date: September 1, 2015
Salary: \$11.60/hour

Patricia Mahar, 432 Donald Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Monitor
Effective Date: September 1, 2015
Salary: \$13.15/hour

Sherri Longton, 11 Lansing Road, N., Colonie, NY 12304

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: September 8, 2015
Salary: \$9.90/hour

Volunteer Coaches – Fall 2015

Mario DiCristofaro – Boys’ Soccer

2015-2016 Professional Development Workshops: \$176.00/Day

Name	Curriculum Work	# Days
Melissa Antonini	K-5 Training	1
Jeff Hayes	AP English	1
Melyssa Burega	8 th Grade English	1
George Reluzco	Nanotech Curriculum	1
Amanda Brousseau	K-5 ELA & Math	1
Liesha Sherman	Science	1
Rebecca Shea	Physics	1
Erica Pangburn	7 ELA	1
Danielle Grainer	8 ELA	1
Gina Ralston	Training ELA	1
Sharon Berschwinger	Training ELA	1
Lori Ranze	Training Math	1

2015-2016 New Teacher Orientation and Professional Development: \$176.00/Day

Name	Date	Date	# Days
Elizabeth Breaznell	8/17/2015	8/18/2015	2
Nicole Connelly	8/17/2015	8/18/2015	2

2015-2016 New Teacher Orientation and Professional Development: \$176.00/Day

Name	Date	Date	# Days
Rachael Mann	8/17/2015	8/18/2015	2
Katherine Nelson	8/17/2015	8/18/2015	2
Katherine Ostrowski	8/17/2015	8/18/2015	2
Marissa Petta	8/17/2015	8/18/2015	2
Liesha Sherman	8/17/2015	8/18/2015	2
Aimee Smi	8/17/2015	8/18/2015	2
Amie Tannuzzo	8/17/2015	8/18/2015	2

Leaves of Absence

Ashley Geyer, 16K Heirloom Lane, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Assignment:

Special Education

Effective Date:

September 29, 2015 – December 20, 2015

Reason:

Family Medical Leave

Kasey Califano, 3 Jordan Lane, Glenville, NY 12302

Assignment:

Special Education

Effective Date:

September 10, 2015 – **October 21**, 2015 (*amended from the 8/24/15 agenda*)

Reason:

Family Medical Leave

Sharon Hughes, 15 Juracka Parkway, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment:

P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Effective Date:

September 1, 2015 – December 18, 2015

Reason:

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Resignations

Amy Rose (DiCaprio), 4232 Picadilly Circle, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment:

Occupational Therapist

Effective Date:

Close of business September 9, 2015

Kathleen Wylie, 130 Eastholm Road, Schenectady, NY 12304

Assignment:

Social Studies

Effective Date:

On or before close of business October 2, 2015

Lisa Baum-Egnaczyk, 14 Elbert Street, Schenectady, NY 12304

Assignment:

P/T Bus Driver

Effective Date:

Close of business August 27, 2015

Maria Relyea, 1369 Lawn Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment:

P/T Food Service Helper

Effective Date: Close of business August 24, 2015

Elisavet Guarneri, 52 Sycamore Street, Albany, NY 12208

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide

Effective Date: Close of business August 24, 2015

Erica MacDormand, 164 Butler Street, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide

Effective Date: Close of business September 18, 2015

***Removal from
Service***

Mary Arsenault, 1112 Floral Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper

Effective Date: September 1, 2015

Maria Relyea, 1369 Lawn Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner

Effective Date: September 1, 2015

Robert Hudson, 1330 Palma Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Cleaner

Effective Date: Close of business August 31, 2015

At this time, Mr. Piccirillo recognized Marina Strang who was in the audience and was being appointed as a Long-Term Elementary Substitute.

Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that an executive session be convened at 8:05 PM for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:10 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:10 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk