



# Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, September 28, 2015, Farnsworth Technology Center*

## **Call to Order**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Piccirillo, at 5:30 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, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan, Pamela Young, and Chad McFarland*  
**Administrators Present:** *Dr. Kathleen Spring, Lisa Cutting and Christopher Ruberti*

## **Communications - Superintendent**

Dr. Spring reported on a press conference she will be attending on Friday. She also announced that a 3-year grant that the district has applied for has been approved. This grant is to prepare and increase Students with Disabilities for a diploma.

## **Communications - Board of Education**

Discussion was made regarding the open houses and the NYSSBA resolutions. More discussion will be made regarding the NYSSBA resolutions at the next board meeting to address the resolutions of concern.

## **Public Privilege of the Floor**

No Comments were made.

## **New Business - Instructional**

*Special Education  
Recommendations and  
Student Placements*

### **Request for Approval and Arrangement for the Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements and Committee on Pre-School Special Education**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Ms. Young, 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 March 30, 2015, August 24, 2015, and September 16, 2015. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of High School  
Art Students for field  
trip to Olana and Omi  
Sculpture Park on  
October 7, 2015*

### **Request for Approval for Mohonasen High School Art Students to Participate in a Field Trip to Olana, a historic site, and Omi Sculpture Park on Wednesday, October 7, 2015**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the request for high school art students to participate in a field trip to Olana in Hudson, New York and Omi in Ghent, New York on Wednesday, October 7, 2015. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Winter  
Track Team to attend  
the Cornell University  
Invitational in January,  
2016*

### **Request for Approval for the Winter Track Team to Participate in the Cornell University Invitational in January, 2016**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Winter Indoor Track Team to participate in the Cornell Invitational on January 9, 2016 in Ithaca, New York. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Boys' and Girls' Track Team to attend Yale University Invitational in January, 2015*

**Request for Approval of the Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track Team to Participate in the Yale University Invitational in January, 2016.**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track Team to participate in the Yale Invitational on January 15-16, 2016 in New Haven, Connecticut.

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

*Approval of Boys' and Girls' Track Team to attend the Bishop Loughlin Games at the Armory Track & Field Center on December 19, 2015*

**Request Approval for the Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track Team to Participate in the Bishop Loughlin Games at the Armory Track and Field Center in New York on Saturday, December 19, 2015**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track team to participate in the Bishop Loughlin Games on Saturday, December 19, 2015 in New York, New York.

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

*Approval of Science students to attend a field trip to Schoharie River Center Data Jam Invitational on October 2, 2015*

**Request Approval for Mohonasen High School Environmental Science Students to Participate in a Field Trip to the Schoharie River Center Data Jam Invitational on Friday, October 2, 2015**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the request for high school Environmental Science students to participate in a field trip to the Schoharie River Center Data Jam Invitational/Envirothon, in Burtonsville, New York, on Friday, October 2, 2015.

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

**New Business - Business/Personnel**  
*Acceptance of Donation of \$1,000 Gift Card and an iPad Air from Adidas and IHT*

**Request for Approval of Acceptance of Donation of \$1,000 Gift Card and an iPad Air from Adidas and Interactive Health Technologies (IHT)**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education accept the donation of a \$1,000 Gift Card and an iPad Air from Adidas and Interactive Health Technologies (IHT). The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Mohonasen Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement*

**Request for Approval of Mohonasen Central School District Teachers' Association Collective Bargaining Agreement**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the district and the Mohonasen Central School District Teachers' Association, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018, and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement.

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

*Approval of Resolution to Issue Bonds for school bus purchase*

**Request for Approval of Resolution to Issue Bonds Not to Exceed \$460,000 for School Bus Purchases**

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District approve the following Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$460,000 to finance the purchase of school buses:

**BOND RESOLUTION DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED**

**\$452,435.52 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES, INCLUDING INCIDENTAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPENSES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$452,435.52, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District, Towns of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, and Colonie and Guilderland, Albany County, New York (the "District"), at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015, duly approved a proposition authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$452,435.52, to finance the acquisition of school buses, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, the levy of a tax to be collected in installments in payment thereof and the expenditure of such sum for such purpose; now therefore,

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The District shall purchase school buses, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the District at the annual District meeting duly held on May 19, 2015.

Section 2. The School District is hereby authorized to issue its general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$452,435.52 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The classes of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this Resolution (the "Purpose") is the purchase of school buses, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of the Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$452,435.52, (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Purpose, and (c) the School District plans to finance the cost of the Purpose from funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred to.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 29 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of the Purpose is five (5) years.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds, including the renewal of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the

Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including renewal notes, including the consolidation with other issues and the use of substantially level or declining debt service, subject to the provisions of this Resolution and the Local Finance Law, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to attest any Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and bond anticipation notes the corporate seal of the School District.

Section 8. The faith and credit of the School District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and bond anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall be levied annually on all taxable real property of the District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable, taking into account aid received by the District from the State of New York.

Section 9. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the School District's "official intent" to reimburse expenditures authorized by Section 1 with proceeds of the Bonds and notes, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 10. This Resolution shall be published in full by the District Clerk together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the District. The validity of the Bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

**Consensus Agenda**

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

**Approved Minutes**

**Minutes**

APPROVED minutes of meeting held on September 14, 2015

**Approved Financial Reports**

**Financial Reports**

**APPROVED the Treasurer's Reports for the month of August**

**APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of August**

**Approved Financial Reports (continued)**

**APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of August  
 APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the month of August (Warrant #2P) and September (Warrant #3)  
 APPROVED the Claims Auditor Report for the months of June, July and August  
 APPROVED the Extracurricular Activities Report for the month of August  
 APPROVED the Collateralization Report for the month of August  
 APPROVED the Cash Flow Analysis/General Fund Report for the month of August.**

**Warrant 2P – August 31, 2015**

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #367	\$	323,109.11
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule	\$	0
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #53	\$	15,542.57
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #11	\$	2,164,048.46
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #150	\$	284,786.14
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>2,787,486.28</b>

TOTAL – Warrant #2P \$ 2,787,486.28

**Warrant 3 – September 15, 2015**

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #372	\$	158,584.86
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule	\$	0
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #54	\$	317.69
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #12	\$	1,449,708.31
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #151	\$	1,446,316.18
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>3,054,927.04</b>

TOTAL – Warrant #3 \$ 3,054,927.04

**Approved Personnel Recommendations**

Approved the following Personnel Recommendations:

**Appointments**

Joshua Sawicki, 204 Waite Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010

**Appointment:** Probationary  
**Tenure Area:** Social Studies  
**Date of Commencement:** October 1, 2015  
**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2019  
**Certification Status:** Social Studies 7-12, Professional  
**Salary:** Step 4 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Joanne Perry, 1922 Woodlawn Street, Schenectady, NY 12306

**Appointment:** Long-Term Substitute  
**Assignment:** Mathematics  
**Date of Commencement:** **September 24, 2015** (amended from the 9/14/15 agenda)  
**Expiration Date:** Close of business November 13, 2015  
**Certification Status:** Mathematics 7-2, Permanent Certificate  
**Salary:** Step 7 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

**Appointments (Cont.)** Megan Thompson, 1901 Nicky Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306  
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
Date of Commencement: **September 9, 2015** (amended from the 9/14/15 agenda)  
Expiration Date: Close of business October 21, 2015  
Salary: Step 7

John Kilian, 227 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Scotia, NY 12302  
Assignment: Home Tutor  
Effective Date: August 24, 2015  
Salary: \$25.00/hour

Emily Bascom, 4037 Ryan Place, Schenectdy, NY 12303  
Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)  
Effective Date: **August 31, 2015** (amended from the 9/14/15 agenda)  
Salary: \$10.00/hour

Audrey St. Denis, 4 Lenann Drive, Altamont, NY 12009  
Assignment: P/T Bus Driver  
Effective Date: September 14, 2015  
Salary: \$17.30/hour

Wendy Endres, 37 Tulip Street, Schenectady, NY 12306  
Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
Effective Date: September 24, 2015  
Salary: \$9.90/hour

Theodora Mansfield, 1865 Pangburn Road, Duanesburg, NY 12056  
Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver  
Effective Date: September 21, 2015  
Salary: \$15.00/hour

Theodora Mansfield, 1865 Pangburn Road, Duanesburg, NY 12056  
Assignment: P/T Bus Driver  
Effective Date: September 22, 2015  
Salary: \$17.30/hour

**All Sporting Events - 2015-2016**

Position	Name	Rate
Chaperone	Graham MacBeth	As per contract

**Extracurricular Advisors – 2015-16 Pinewood School**

<b>Extracurricular Club/Organization</b>	<b>Advisor/Co-Advisor</b>
Art Club	Kathryn Allain
Chess Club	Elizabeth Rocco
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir	Sherri Strichman
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choir	Sherri Strichman
Chamber Choir	Renee Poutre
Student Council	Elizabeth Haynesworth
Elementary Orchestra	Nancy Felberbaum
Elementary Band	Kimberly Hitchcock
Math Olympiad	Susan Nelson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Orchestra	Nancy Felberbaum

**Extracurricular Advisors – 2015-16 Draper Middle School**

<b>Extracurricular Club/Organization</b>	<b>Advisor/Co-Advisor</b>
Science Club Advisor	Jenna Niles
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor	Kyra Grimsley
Hip Hop Club	Amy Stott / Melissa Gregg

**Extracurricular Advisors – 2015-16 Mohonasen High School**

<b>Extracurricular Club/Organization</b>	<b>Advisor/Co-Advisor</b>
Class of 2018	Dennae Hughes/Priscilla Perry (Dennae was previously approved, Priscilla is replacing Kathleen Wylie)
Class of 2019	Jennifer Spore/Katie Bartone

**2015-2016 Professional Development Curriculum Work: \$176.00/Day**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Curriculum Work</b>	<b># Days</b>
Melyssa Burega	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade English	1

***Leave of Absence***

Caroline Garhartt, 7 Miles Standish Road, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper (Café Aide)

Effective Date: September 9, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

***Resignations***

Audrey St. Denis, 4 Lenann Drive, Altamont, NY 12009

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver

Effective Date: Close of business September 11, 2015

Theodora Mansfield, 1865 Pangburn Road, Duanesburg, NY 12056

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver

Effective Date: Close of business September 21, 2015

**Resignations (Cont.)** Cindy Teriele, 294 Stoodley Place, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper

Effective Date: September 18, 2015

**Rescind the following resignation** *(which appeared on the 9/14/15 agenda)*

Erica MacDormand, 164 Butler Street, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide

Effective Date: Close of business September 18, 2015

**Removal from Service** Erene Menagias, 218 Mariaville Road, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant

Effective Date: September 1, 2015

**Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 6:15 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk