



# Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, October 5, 2015, Farnsworth Technology Center*

## **Call to Order**

A Board and Administrative Workshop was called to order by the Board President, Mr. Piccirillo, at 5:00 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, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan, Pamela Young, and Chad McFarland*

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

## **Board Administrative Workshop**

Administrators and Board members participated in a Board/Administrative workshop.

## **Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

## **Call to Order**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Piccirillo, at 7:20 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*

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**Others in Attendance:** *Two faculty members, three district residents, two students, and two student representatives.*

## **Communications - Superintendent Independent Audit Report**

Dr. Spring turned the meeting over to Mr. Ruberti, who introduced the district's independent auditor, Mr. Alec Sobin, from the firm of Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C. Mr. Sobin stated that the audit went very well again this year and reported that Mr. Ruberti and staff are doing an excellent job. The fund balance remains at 4% of the current year's budget, which is the maximum allowed. He said the reserves in the General Fund are adequate and Mr. Ruberti utilizes them in the proper manner. The budget process was done very well. 95% of the budget was spent. There are no issues with any of the other funds and the Capital Project is off and running. He stated that this is the first report he has ever done that he does not have a management letter and congratulated the district and Mr. Ruberti

and his staff.

Mr. Ruberti presented a report on the Audit Committee and touched on some of the things they will be working on for this year based on last year’s findings. He talked about the Internal Audit and about the topic that will be focused on this year.

**Student Representatives**

Student Representative John Burrows talked about spirit week, which was last week. He talked about five days of separate fun events that were set up for students. He also reported on the pep rally and the game Friday night.

Christopher Miller reported on some of the upcoming events during the month of October.

**Communications – Board of Education**

Mr. Cafarelli mentioned that he was at Draper Middle School for the Open House and the building looks great.

Mrs. del Prado wanted to thank Dr. Spring and her staff, as well as Schenectady County Community College and Capital Region BOCES for talking about our technology center during Manufacturing Week at miSci.

The Board of Education discussed the 30 Proposed ByLaw Amendments and Resolutions to be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting. The results are as follows:

Proposed Resolution #'s and voting results:

#1	Yes – 4	No – 3
#2	Yes (on all 3) – 6	No – 1
#3 - #6	Yes – 7	No – 0
#7	Yes – 4	No – 3
#8 - #10	Yes – 7	No – 0
#11	Yes – 0	No – 7
#12 - #14	Yes – 7	No – 0
#15	Yes – 6	No – 1
#16 - #26	Yes – 7	No – 0
#27	Yes – 3	No – 4
#28 - #30	Yes – 7	No – 0

The majority of the votes were Yes for all except #11 and #27

**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 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 a meeting

held on September 22, 2015. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Field trip to Saratoga Historical Park, the Schuyler House, Saratoga Monument, and Fort William Henry on October 23, 2015*

**Request for Approval for Mohonasen History Club to Participate in a Field Trip to Saratoga Historical Park, the Schuyler House, Saratoga Monument, and Fort William Henry on October 23, 2015**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the request for the History Club to participate in a field trip on Friday, October 23, 2015 to Saratoga Historical Park, The Schuyler House, Saratoga Monument, Fort William Henry, in Saratoga and Lake George, New York. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Field trip to the Jewish Heritage and Holocaust Memorial Museum/Holocaust Survivor and 9/11 Museum and Memorial on April 15, 2016*

**Request for Approval for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class to Participate in a Field Trip to the Jewish Heritage and Holocaust Memorial Museum / Holocaust Survivor and 9/11 Museum and Memorial on April 15, 2016 in New York City**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the request for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade class to participate in a field trip on Friday, April 15, 2016 to the Jewish Heritage and Holocaust Memorial Museum/Holocaust Survivor and 9/11 Museum and Memorial in New York City. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Field trip to Medieval Times and Museum of Natural History on April 22, 2016*

**Request for Approval for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Medieval Times in Lyndhurst, New Jersey and the Museum of Natural History in New York City on Friday, April 22, 2016**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve a field trip for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to go to Medieval Times in Lyndhurst, New Jersey and the Museum of Natural History in New York City on Friday, April 22, 2016.

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

*Approval of Field trip to Montreal, Canada on May 6-7, 2016*

**Request for Approval for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Foreign Language Students to Participate in a Field Trip to Montreal, Canada on May 6-7, 2016**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the request for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Foreign Language students to participate in a field trip to Montreal, Canada on May 6-7, 2016.

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

**New Business – Business/Personnel**  
*Approval for Board of Education Members to Attend 96<sup>th</sup> Annual NYSSBA Convention in New York City on October 18-20, 2015*

**Request for Approval for Board of Education Members to Attend 96<sup>th</sup> Annual NYSSBA Convention in New York City on October 18-20, 2015**

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education members listed below be approved to attend the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Education Expo of the New York State School Boards Association to be held October 18-20, 2015 at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel in New York City, New York:

Dominic Cafarelli	Lisa Gaglioti	Robert Piccirillo
Pamela Young	Patrick Ryan	Chad McFarland
Kathleen Spring	Nancy del Prado	

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

- Approval of Acceptance of Financial Audit* **Request for Acceptance of District Financial Audit – Year Ended June 30, 2015**  
MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education accept the District Financial Audit for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.
- Approval of Application of Pesticide* **Request for Authorization for Emergency Application of Pesticide**  
MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, and seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approves the application of pesticide on the school playing fields. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.
- Consensus Agenda**  
MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Ms. Young, 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 September 28, 2015.
- Approved Personnel Recommendations**  
Approved the following personnel recommendations:
- Appointments**
- Jennifer Groth, 16 Beechwood Drive, Burnt Hills, NY 12027  
Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: Elementary Education  
Date of Commencement: October 5, 2015  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2016  
Certification Status: Pre Kdg, Gr. K-6, Permanent  
Salary: Step 6 plus graduate credits, pro-rated
- 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  
Expiration Date: Close of business October 21, 2015  
Salary: Step 1 (amended from the 9/28/15 agenda)
- 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 **October 13, 2015** (amended from the 9/14/15 agenda)  
Salary: Step 7
- Sarah Brassard, 312 Shelley Court, Schenectady, NY 12306  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Effective Dates: October 14, 2015 – June 30, 2016  
Salary: Step 7

Dean Hamilton, 58 Tabor Road, Berne, NY 12023

Assignment: GED Tutor  
Effective Date: October 13, 2015  
Salary: \$25/hour

Morgan Scrom, 1321 Trinity Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Water Safety Instructor (Level 1)  
Effective Date: September 19, 2015  
Salary: \$14.00/hour

Patricia Brennan, 2239 16<sup>th</sup> Street, A-1, Troy, NY 12180

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective Date: October 5, 2015  
Salary: \$11.60/hour

**Pinewood After School HW/AIS 2015-2016 (\$33.59/hour) Effective October 13, 2015**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Dates/Time</b>
Kevin Cummings	AIS Math	1 hour /week
Elizabeth Rocco	AIS ELA	2 hours/week
Michele Howard	AIS Math	2 hours/week
Marina Strang	AIS ELA	2 hours/week
Carrie Townsend	AIS Math	1 hour / week
Michelle Getman	AIS ELA	1 hour /week
Rebecca Pollick	AIS Math	1 hour /week
Ryan Buzzo	AIS ELA	2 hours/week

***Removal from Service***

Sarah Brassard, 312 Shelley Court, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective Date: Close of business October 13, 2015

Micelle Jackson, 1004 Alheim Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective Date: October 1, 2015

Jennifer Raucci, 1149 Dianne Court, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective Date: October 1, 2015

Jennifer Santabarbara, 163 Conqua Lane, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective Date: October 1, 2015

Karen Spring, 8 Douglas Road, Schenectady, NY 12308

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective Date: October 1, 2015

Timothy Young, 48 Stock Lane, Rensselaer, NY 12144

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective Date: October 1, 2015

**Privilege of the Floor** No comments were made.

**Executive Session** MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado , that an executive session be convened at 9:40 PM for the purpose of contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the executive session be adjourned at 10:10 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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

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Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk