



# Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, January 25, 2016, Bradt Primary School Cafeteria*

## **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, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan, Chad McFarland 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 Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Ms. Young, that the executive session be adjourned at 6:30 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

At this time, Mrs. Whitley took the Board members on a tour through the building.

## **Return to Public Session**

The public session was called to order by the President, Mr. Piccirillo, at 7:00 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, Chad McFarland and Pamela Young*

**Administrators Present:** *Dr. Kathleen Spring, Chris Ruberti, Lisa Cutting, Karla Empie, Debra Male, Deborah Kavanaugh, Michele Whitley, Laurel Jones, and Makensie Bullinger*

**Others in Attendance:** *3 faculty members and 1 district resident*

## **Communications – Superintendent**

Dr. Spring passed out invitations to an art Exhibit being held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Whitley for the first presentation of the evening which was on Instructional Strategies Approach (ISA). Mrs. Whitley gave a brief summary on ISA which has been used at Bradt and now has been integrated across all buildings and special education. Ms. Berschwinger and Ms. Ralston, Literacy Coaches, gave presentations on ISA and demonstrated the methods they have implemented in their classrooms.

The next two presentations were updates on APPR and Assessments. Mrs. Whitley reported on the assessments given at Bradt and passed out samples of what they would look like. Mrs. Cutting gave a presentation on the APPR and the New York State Assessments for grades 3-8. She talked about some of the updates and requirements of the student testing. Mrs. Cutting discussed the new APPR adjustments and regulations for ELA and Math, and Regents exams until 2019-2020.

Mr. Ruberti gave an overview on the 2016-2017 Roll-over Budget on the factors of

what we know right now. He showed some of the increases and decreases in budget expenditures and revenues. At this time, the overall combined gap totaled \$650,320.

Questions and feedback were given during these presentations.

**Communications -  
Board of Education**

Mr. Piccirillo thanked Dr. Spring for attending the press conference last week at Schalmont.

Mr. Piccirillo also mentioned the coffee and conversation dates will be held on Friday March 4th (7:45-11:15 at Bradt) (11:45-3:00 at Draper) and Thursday March 10 (7:45-11:15 at Pinewood) (11:45-3:00 at High School) He would like responses back by the next Board meeting so Administrators can know who will be attending their buildings.

**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 January 7, 12, 13, 14, and 20, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Field Trip  
to the Liberty Science  
Center and Times  
Square on April 1, 2016*

**Request Approval for AP Biology and Anatomy & Physiology Classes to Participate in a Field Trip to the Liberty Science Center and Times Square on Friday, April 1, 2016**

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the request for AP Biology and Anatomy & Physiology class students to participate in a field trip to the Liberty Science Center in New Jersey and Body Worlds in Times Square, New York on Friday, April 1, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Field Trip  
to Ocean City, Maryland  
February 25-28, 2016*

**Request Approval for Cheerleaders Field Trip to Ocean City, Maryland from February 25 - February 28, 2016**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve the Mohonasen Cheerleaders trip to Ocean City, Maryland to attend a National Cheer Competition from Thursday, February 25 through Sunday, February 28, 2016.

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

*Approval of Draper MS  
Field trip to  
Washington D.C. on  
April 20-22, 2016*

**Request Approval for Draper MS History Club Field Trip to Washington D.C. on April 20-22, 2016**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the Draper Middle School History Club field trip to Washington D.C. on April 20-22, 2016.

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

**New Business -**

**Request Approval of Acceptance of Monetary**

**Business/Personnel**  
*Approval of Acceptance of Monetary Donations*

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education accept the donations of \$500.00 from \$Red-Kap Sales Incorporated to be used for the Bradt Playground, \$500.00 from Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program to be used for Math and/or Science Programs and \$249.00 from Mountain Color Incorporated to be used for the Art Department.  
 The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Agreement with Independent Consultants*

**Request Approval of Agreement with Independent Consultants for Professional Development Services**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve this agreement with the independent consultants listed below to provide professional development services to the Mohonasen Central School District:

Program(s)	Instructor(s)	Rate
Interdisciplinary Instruction Practices	Patricia Rand	Not to exceed \$4,500
Interdisciplinary Instruction Practice/Mentoring Workshops	Catherine Snyder, Ph.D.	Not to exceed \$9,000

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

*Acceptance of Smart Schools Investment Plan*

**Request for Approval of Smart Schools Investment Plan**

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the Smart Schools Investment Plan presented at the public forum on January 11, 2016.  
 The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Approved Minutes**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of January 11, 2016  
 The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Approved Financial Reports**

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the following Financial Reports:  
 The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Financial Reports**

- APPROVED the Treasurer’s Reports for the month of December
- APPROVED the Cafeteria Financial Statements for the month of December
- APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of December
- APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of December
- APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the month of January (Warrant #7)
- APPROVED the Claims Auditor Report for the months of September, October and November
- APPROVED the Extracurricular Activities Reports for the month of December
- APPROVED the Collateralization Report for the month of December
- APPROVED the Cash Flow Analysis/General Fund Report for the month of December

**Warrant #7 – January 12, 2016**

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #381	\$	17,662.40
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #6	\$	53,402.67
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #62	\$	2,150.00
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #20	\$	376,097.22
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #159	\$	1,488,989.64
TOTAL		\$	2,028,301.93
TOTAL – Warrant #7		\$	2,028,301.93

**Approved Personnel Recommendations**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations: The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

***Appointments***

Danielle Gaudio, 442, Timmy Court, Schenectady, NY 12306

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute

Assignment: School Counselor

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2015

Expiration Date: Close of business February 26, 2016 (amended from the 8/24/15 agenda)

Certification Status: School Counselor, Provisional

Salary: Step 3, plus graduate credits

Bryttni Walter, 2839 Curry Road, Schenectady, NY 12303

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute

Assignment: Elementary Education

Date of Commencement: January 20, 2016

Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2016

Certification Status: Early Childhood Education, B-Gr. 2, Initial;  
Childhood Education, Gr. 1-6, Initial

Salary: Step 1, pro-rated

Betty Ann Kaly, 606 Arbor Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver

Effective Date: January 13, 2016

Salary: \$16.48/hour

Synthia Rebidue, 1325 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Apt. #3, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver

Effective Date: January 13, 2016

Salary: \$16.48/hour

***Appointments (Cont.)*** Stephanie D'Annibale, 1133 Butler Street, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Typist  
Effective Date: January 25, 2016  
Salary: \$13.15/hour

Joseph Neil, 5936 Curry Road Ext., Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Bus Aide  
Effective Date: January 19, 2016  
Salary: \$10.10/hour

Suzanne Hile, 63 Russell Lane, Davenport, NY 13750

Assignment: Substitute Mechanic  
Effective Date: January 19, 2016  
Salary: \$15.05/hour

Amy DiPietro, 102 Dahlia Street, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
Effective Date: January 11, 2016  
Salary: \$9.90/hour

Volunteer Coach – Spring 2016  
 Verrol Jackson – Outdoor Track

### ***Resignations***

Amy DiPietro, 102 Dahlia Street, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper  
Effective Date: Close of business January 8, 2016

Betty Ann Kaly, 606 Arbor Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver  
Effective Date: Close of business January 12, 2016

Synthia Rebidue, 1325 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Apt. #3, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver  
Effective Date: Close of business January 12, 2016

Sherri Longton, 11 Lansing Road, N., Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver  
Effective Date: January 15, 2016

Theodora Mansfield, 1865 Pangburn Road, Duansburg, NY 12056

Assignment: P/T 19A Trainer and P/T Bus Driver  
Effective Date: Close of business February 3, 2016

***Removal from Service*** Louise Zautner, 1663 Helderberg Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper (Café Aide)  
Effective Date: January 13, 2016

John Ashley, 30 Brent Street, Albany, NY 12205

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective Date: January 25, 2016

**Executive Session**

Motion made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that an executive session be convened at 8:50 PM for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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

**Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, 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