



Mohonasen Central School District

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education

Monday, March 8, 2016, Draper Middle School – Large Group Instruction Room

Call to Order

A Board and Administrative Workshop 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, and Chris Ruberti*

Board Administrative Workshop

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

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Ms. Young, that the meeting 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 Patierne, Brian Shaffer, Debra Male, Scott Hays, Michele Whitley, Laurel Jones, Makensie Bullinger, Kathryn McTiernan, and Matthew Stein*

Others in Attendance: *Christopher Miller (Student Representative), Randolph Jerreld, Joseph Mayo, David Rickard, 13 students, 8 faculty members, and 3 district residents*

Communications – Superintendent

Dr. Spring announced that there will be three presentations slated for the meeting. The first one is on Mindfulness and introduced Ms. Male, Draper Middle School Principal.

Mindfulness Initiative

Mrs. Male and her staff members presented on Mindfulness Initiative. Ms. Male showed a video and reported about the different methods that students are using this calming theory to help control their emotions at the middle school. Reports from last year showed that discipline incidents have dropped since this method has been used.

Interdisciplinary curriculum

Ms. McTiernan, Mrs. Male and Mr. Hays gave the next presentation on Interdisciplinary Methods of ELA and Social Studies and how they work together in the Middle School through grade level teams and partnerships. Mr. Shaffer and Mrs. Patierne reported on the benefits of the program at the High School level through teaching teams. High school teachers Mrs. Halliday (English) and Mrs. Wallace (Social Studies) also presented and gave perspective on the interdisciplinary program.

Budget Presentation

Mr. Ruberti gave an overview of the 2016-2017 Budget. He reported on where things stand currently with the budget, including what we know, the budget gap, and increases and decreases in expenses and revenues. He reported on the working budget for General Support, Operations & Maintenance and Transportation. He discussed the proposed bus purchases and explained the contingent budget rules. He reported there are two at-large seats open for 3-year terms and petitions would be available on March 22. He announced the Adoption of the budget proposal will be on April 19th and the Annual Budget vote will be May 17th.

Student Representative

Mr. Christopher Miller reported several topics during the past week. He talked about the Senior topics in Math class with the subject being the probability of researching casino games. He reported on the success of the cheerleading team as they came in 5th in the State. He also talked about the Winter Guard home show, the a cappella group, and the Athletic Hall of Fame where 6 people were inducted. Mr. Miller also mentioned the Mohon Masque production, "In the Heights", that will be held March 18, 19, and 20th. He reported the National Honor Society will be holding Saint Baldrick's head shaving event to fight against childhood cancer located at the Westmere Fire Department. He reported on an upcoming presentation by Mr. John Halligan, who will be speaking about issues surrounding depression, mental health, suicide, and bullying. There will also be an event being co-sponsored by the Mohonasen Foundation for Excellence. This is a combined community event with Guilderland schools and a Wellness Fair will be held prior to Mr. Halligan's presentation. The Wellness Fair is from 6:00 – 7:00 pm next Wednesday (3/16).

Communications – Board of Education

Mrs. del Prado thanked the administrators and staff members at Bradt and Draper Middle School for an awesome coffee and conversation day last Friday.

Mr. Cafarelli thanked Mr. Stein and Mrs. Semerad for the work they did with the Athletic Hall of Fame last night at Mallozzi's. He thoroughly enjoyed it.

Mrs. del Prado announced the Capital Region BOCES Annual meeting is April 6th and encouraged Board members to attend.

Mr. Piccirillo gave recognition and thanks to Mr. Mayo, Mr. Rickard, and Mr. Jerreld for their hard work throughout the district.

Mr. Piccirillo reported that the March 22nd Board meeting has some conflicts and would like to propose to move that meeting to Monday, March 28 at the same time. There were no objections, so that meeting will be moved to Monday, March 28th at 7:00 pm.

Public Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Alexander Wilgocki of Hembold Drive and Ms. Gabrielle Agostino of Mercer Avenue, both students participating in The New Visions Law & Government class, introduced themselves. They talked about their internships and reported that they won the Region 3 and the New York State "We the People" competition and will be competing in the National competition to be held on April 22 – 25 at the University of Maryland and will extend their trip to Washington, D.C. until April 28. They asked for the Board's help for funding of this trip. They are asking for \$1,000 total for both of them to go towards the transportation of this trip. They welcomed fundraising suggestions.

A Suggestion was made to reach out to the Mohonasen Foundation of Excellence.

Mr. Nathan Ryan of Miles Standish Road spoke about the recent passing of a Mohonasen Hall Monitor, Robert Anderson. He reported on the impact Mr. Anderson had on his life as well as others. Mr. Ryan proposed to the Board to name the gym lobby, "Bob's Corner". He also gave an idea of tiles outside of the school as a remembrance to those who have gone too soon. The board thanked him for coming and let him know they would explore options.

Old Business

Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of the following Policies:

7130	Entitlement to Attend – Age and Residency
7132	Non-Resident Students

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

**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 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 February 8, 10, 11, 12, 22, 26, and March 1, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Select
Choir Field Trip to New
York City*

Request Approval for High School Select Choir Field Trip to New York City on Saturday, June 18, 2016

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve an 8th grade field trip to New York City on May 20, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval for 8th Grade
Field Trip to New York
City*

Request Approval for 8th Grade Field Trip to New York City on May 20, 2016

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approve an 8th grade field trip to New York City on May 20, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 23, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approved the following personnel recommendations:

Retirements

Glenn Hulsaver, 87 Goode Street, Burnt Hills, NY 12027

Assignment: Automotive Mechanic

Effective Date: Close of business March 31, 2016

Appointments

Lisa Landell, 522 Riverside Avenue, Glenville, NY 12302

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: March 16, 2016
Expiration Date: Close of business March 24, 2016
Certification Status: Students with Disabilities, Grade 1-6, Initial;
 Childhood Education, Grade 1-6, Initial
Salary: Step 1, plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Katherine Nelson, 660 Sterling Road, Pattersonville, NY 12137

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: English as a New Language
Date of Commencement: February 29, 2016
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2016
Certification Status Childhood Education, Grade 1-6, Pending; STWD,
 Grade 1-6, Pending
Salary: Step 1, 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: February 29, 2016
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2016
Salary: Step 1, pro-rated

Kathleen Innes, 145 Skyline Drive, Bainbridge, NY 13733

Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)/Water Safety Instructor (Level 1)
Effective Date: February 27, 2016
Salary: \$10.00/hour \$14.00/hour

Danielle Gaudio, 442 Timmy Court, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Home Tutor
Effective Date: February 13, 2016
Salary: \$25.00/hour

Katey Rorick, 2363 Curry Road, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Teaching Assistant on Special Assignment
Effective Date: March 2, 2016
Salary: Step 14

Matthew Hogan, 45 Crestwood Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Home Tutor
Effective Date: February 8, 2016
Salary: \$25.00/hour

Ryan Royer, 1401 Fern Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner
Effective Date: February 29, 2016
Salary: \$10.10/hour

Volunteer Coaches – Spring 2016

Elizabeth Cifarelli – Outdoor Track
 Patrick Petty – Outdoor Track

Spring Coaches 2016

Position	Coach	Step
Modified Track & Field	Katie Murnane	Step 7
	Nikki Steele	Step 7

Mentors 2015-2016 (Stipend per MTA Contract)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>
Laura Eggleston	Bradt

Spring 2016 – STEM Enrichment Classes - \$35/Hour/Each Instructor

Class	Instructors	Date	Time/Location	Rate
An Alarming Idea – Designing Alarm Circuits	Liesha Sherman	Tuesday, February 23, March 1, 15, 22, 29 April 5, 12, 19	Pinewood 3:00 – 4:00 pm	\$35/Hour
Advanced Lego Robotics	Rob Buehler	Tuesday, February 23 March 1, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19	Pinewood 3:00 – 4:00 pm	\$17.50/Hour

Spring 2016 – STEM Enrichment Classes - \$35/Hour/Each Instructor

Class	Instructors	Date	Time/Location	Rate
MythBusters 2.0: Inquiry Science	Jenna Niles Jennifer Fahsel	Wednesday, March 2 (amended from the 2/23/16 agenda)	Draper 3:00 – 4:00 pm	\$35/Hour
The Wonders of Weather	Laura Eggleston	Wednesday, March 2 (amended from the 2/23/16 agenda)	Bradt 3:00 – 4:00 pm	\$35/Hour

Rescind the following appointments: (which appeared on the 2/8/16 agenda)				
Winter 2016 – STEM Enrichment Classes - \$35/Hour/Each Instructor				
Class	Instructors	Date	Time/Location	Rate
Young Women’s Science and Technology Seminar	Liesha Sherman Katie Bartone Jenna Niles	2/3/16	5:30pm –7:30pm High School LGI	\$35/Hour

Change in Employment Status

Jennifer Smith, 907 Sacandaga Road, Scotia, NY 12302

Previous Assignment: P/T Account Clerk
Current Assignment: F/T Account Clerk (Payroll Assistant/Accounts Payable)
Effective Date: March 1, 2016
Salary: \$32,000/year, pro-rated

Leaves of Absence

Katherine Nelson, 660 Sterling Road, Pattersonville, NY 12137
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective Date: February 29, 2016 – June 30, 2016
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Resignations

Nancy Reilly, 938 Adams Street, Schenectady, NY 12306
Assignment: Senior Account Clerk
Effective Date: Close of business March 4, 2016

Removal from Service

Deborah Roman, 35 Schalren Drive, Latham, NY 12110
Assignment: ESL Teacher
Effective Date: February 9, 2016

Robert Anderson, 3002 Clyde Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306
Assignment: Monitor
Effective Date: February 22, 2016

Zoe Naylor, 375 Magazine Street, Albany, NY 12203
Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective Date: February 29, 2016

Brianna Treat, 1116 McClellan Street, Schenectady, NY 12309
Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective Date: February 29, 2016

The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting

Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Ms. Young, that an executive session be convened at 9:25 PM for the purpose of portfolio reviews. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the executive session be adjourned at 10:25 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:25 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk