



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, April 4, 2016, 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, Robert Piccirillo and Chad McFarland*

Board Members Absent: *Patrick Ryan and Pamela Young*

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

Executive Session

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

Return to Public Session

The public session was called to order by the President, Mr. Piccirillo, at 7:02 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 and Chad McFarland*

Board Members Absent: *Patrick Ryan and Pamela Young*

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

Others in Attendance: *Christopher Miller and John Burrows (Student Representatives), 1 faculty member, and 2 district residents*

Communications – Superintendent

Dr. Spring introduced Mr. Ruberti and Mrs. Cutting who gave a presentation on the 2016-2017 working budget. Mr. Ruberti discussed projected expenditures and revenues for 2016-2017. He reported two options for the Tax Levy Calculation one being 2.21% based on Board approval by using the money from the debt service account. The Board agreed that this is what they wanted to do and recommended allocating the \$200,000 to lower the levy for taxpayers.

Mr. Ruberti also mentioned that tax rebates would be mailed out next year to district residents, as we will fall within the guidelines. He also talked about the 2016-2017 proposed bus purchase of five full size 66 passenger buses. He explained the contingent budget rules and announced that there are two “at large” Board vacancies up for election and petitions are available in the district office and due back by April 18th. He announced some upcoming dates being April 19th – adoption of the budget, May 9th the Budget hearing and Meet the Candidate Night, and May 17th the Annual Budget Vote.

Mrs. Cutting talked about staffing increases and proposed class sizes for the 2016-2017 school year based on projected enrollments. In addition she discussed two different options for a proposed 2.5 FTE staffing increase. She asked the Board to consider both options. After discussion the Board felt that option 1, decreasing class sizes at Pinewood was the best way to use the 2.5 FTE. Although they indicated the importance of music and library, increases proposed in option 2, they felt class size reduction was needed at this time.

**Student
Representatives**

Mr. John Burrows reported on a presentation on March 16th by Mr. John Haligan on anti-bullying, along with a wellness fair where Mr. Haligan was present to speak to parents and students. Mr. Burrows felt Mr. Haligan's speech was very beneficial.

Mr. Christopher Miller reported on the success of the Spring musical, Washington Heights. He talked about the Robotics Team trip to Pennsylvania for Super Regionals. He reported Biology students participated in a trip to New York City where they witnessed open heart surgery from a screen. They also participated in an event at Times Square called The Body Worlds. The JV and Varsity Color-Guard performed in Syracuse where the JV team placed 1st out of 4 groups and the Varsity placed 1st out of 7. The Varsity group will leave on Wednesday for Dayton, Ohio for the WGI World Championship, where they are competing against 117 other groups from around the world. Tomorrow evening (4/5/16) there will be a send-off performance in the high school gym for the community to attend at 8:30 pm.

Mr. Burrows also reported that this Wednesday they will have another Speak-Out. He reported one of the things discussed was that Freshmen students would like to feel like they are more part of the school. They are planning a Freshman-Only Speak Out for the future to make them feel more comfortable and more involved. They are also working on a memorial garden/fountain to restore old Rotterdam and the farmland that was once here.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

No comments were made.

**Public Privilege of
the Floor**

Mr. Wade Abbott of Fiero Avenue expressed concerns about the testing. He thanked the Board for sending a letter home to parents. He voiced concerns about the timeliness of receiving results of the last testing. Although he has not yet decided if he will opt his child out, he was concerned that his child could not work on his spelling during the time he would not be taking the test. He suggested usage of the time that is used for the students who opt out of the testing. He also asked that boards across the state reach out and take a lead on this.

**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 February 5, March 10, 11, 15, 16, and 17, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 28, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

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

Tenure Appointment

Brian Shaffer, 72 Cindy Crest Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Tenure Area: Secondary Assistant Principal

Effective Date: September 9, 2016

Appointments

Susan Petrosino, 4043 Ryan Place, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Teacher on Special Assignment

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

Salary: \$57,809 pro-rated, as per CDOS Grant

Graham McBeth, 25 N. Ferry Street, Apt. 6, Schenectady, NY 12305

Assignment: Teaching Assistant on Special Assignment

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

Salary: \$48,000 pro-rated, as per CDOS Grant

Katey Rorick, 2363 Curry Road, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Teacher on Special Assignment

Effective Date: February 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016 (*amended from the March 28, 2016 agenda*)

Salary: \$42,500 pro-rated, as per CDOS Grant

Makensie Bullinger, 1830 Cassella Road, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: CDOS Facilitator

Effective Dates: December 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Salary: \$3,000 pro-rated, as per CDOS Grant

Karla Empie, 651 Sacandaga Road, Scotia, NY 12302

Assignment: CDOS Facilitator

Effective Dates: December 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Salary: \$3,000 pro-rated, as per CDOS Grant

Michele Whitley, 28 Bayberry Drive, Malta, NY 12020

Assignment: CDOS Facilitator

Effective Dates: December 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Salary: \$3,000 pro-rated, as per CDOS Grant

Appointments Cont.

Marissa Chille, 1175 Fort Hunter Road, Apt. 305, Schenectady, NY 12303

Appointment: Long Term Substitute
Assignment: English Language Arts 7-12
Effective Date: March 31, 2016
Expiration Date: Close of Business May 25, 2016
Certification Status: English Language Arts 7-12, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Briana Del Bene, 6 Normandy Square, Altamont, NY 12009

Appointment: Long Term Substitute
Assignment: English Language Arts 7-12
Effective Date: April 4, 2016
Expiration Date: Close of Business May 16, 2016
Certification Status: English Language Arts 7-12, Initial Certificate
 Pending
Salary: Step 1, pro-rated

Angela Lasher, 1004 Fairlane Road, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Home Tutor
Effective Dates: February 4, 2016
Salary: \$25.00/Hour

Jonathan Maurice, 1301 Curry Road, 2nd Floor, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Home Tutor
Effective Dates: February 24, 2016
Salary: \$25.00/Hour

Janelle Calkins, 144 Fabian Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Home Tutor
Effective Dates: March 30, 2016
Salary: \$25.00/Hour

Elvin Salas, 15 Reid Street, Amsterdam, NY 12010

Assignment: Substitute Motor Equipment Operator (Light)
Effective Dates: March 29, 2016
Salary: \$10.75/Hour

2015 - 2016 Intramurals	
Name	Building
Nikki Steele	High School
Kevin Olsen	Bradt
Karolyn DeVito	Bradt

Resignations

Bernard Branch, 707 RT 146, Altamont, NY 12009

Assignment: Substitute Motor Equipment Operator (Light)

Effective Date: Close of business March 29, 2016

The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting

Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. McFarland seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that an executive session be convened at 8:35 PM for the purpose of tenure discussion. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:00 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk