



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, April 19, 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, 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 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, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan, Chad McFarland and Pamela Young*

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

Others in Attendance: *30 faculty members, Karen Nerney (Communications Specialist), 2 students, and 5 district residents*

Communications – Superintendent

Drawing of Names for Ballot Placement

Dr. Spring stated that there were two open seats on the Board of Education and we needed to select the order for them to appear on the ballot. At that time, Dr. Spring asked Maria Pacheco from the audience to draw names for ballot placement. Based on the drawing, placement will be as follows:

1. Heather Quinn
2. Gary Spadaro
3. Deborah Escobar
4. Robert Piccirillo

Dr. Spring announced the next presentation was the summary of the budget and turned the meeting over to Mr. Ruberti to give a summary of the 2016-2017 proposed budget.

Mr. Ruberti –
2016-2017 Budget Adoption

Mr. Ruberti reported on the budget being \$48,365,409 which is a \$362,985 increase over last year, under 1%. He also reported the 2016-17 Tax Levy limit is 2.21%. This will allow the budget to pass with a 50% + 1 majority vote. He discussed the staffing increases, reduced class sizes, proposed expenditures and projected revenues for next year.

Mr. Ruberti discussed the Tax Levy Limit Calculation chart and the projected tax impact on homeowners, as well as the potential rebates they will be receiving. He discussed the proposed bus purchase, and also reviewed the contingent budget rules and details on the budget vote. The Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidate Night were announced to be held May 9 at 6:00 pm. The Budget Vote and Board Election will be held on May 17th from 7 am – 9 pm in the high school gymnasium.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

Mr. McFarland thanked Dr. Spring and Mr. Piccirillo for putting information out to the community on the New York State assessments. He reported concerns regarding the phone line issue that happened during the first and second day of testing and made some recommendations for improvement.

Mrs. del Prado congratulated the Mohonasen students that participated in the culinary program at the Annual BOCES meeting.

Mr. Piccirillo thanked all that participated and attended the Family Fun Night at the middle school.

Mr. Cafarelli and Mr. Piccirillo also mentioned the Color Guard's participation in the World Championship in Dayton, Ohio and their making it to the semifinals.

**Public Privilege of the
Floor**

Ms. Pacheco of Bradley Boulevard shared her thoughts and concerns on the New York State standardized testing.

Mr. Wade Abbott and Wade (Timothy) Abbott, a 4th grade student, of Fiero Avenue came to follow up on Mr. Abbott's last appearance when he expressed uncertainty on whether his son would opt out of the testing. Timothy Abbott then gave his perspective on when he took the test last year and this year when he opted out. Board members asked Timothy a few questions and thanked him for sharing his thoughts.

Mr. Wade Abbott also shared some of his concerns regarding the testing.

Mr. Jorge Escobar, of East Palmer Avenue, read a statement from his mother, Deborah Escobar, who is running for a position on the School Board but was unable to be at the meeting.

**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 October 14, 2015, February 22, March 21, 23, 24, 29, 30, April 4, 5, and 12, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of 8th Grade
Field Trip to the Boston,
MA. on June 8, 2016*

Request Approval for Approval for 8th Grade Team 8-2 to Participate in a Field Trip to Boston, Massachusetts on Wednesday, June 8, 2016

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the request for 8th grade Team 8-2 to participate in a field trip to Boston, Massachusetts on Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

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

**New Business –
Business/Personnel**
BOCES Board Election

Annual BOCES Board Election

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Cafarelli, that the Board of Education approved the election of the following three (3) candidates for a term of three (3) years each:

Mr. Robert Domenici
Mr. Kevin Kutzscher
Mrs. Rose Surman

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

*BOCES 2016-2017
Administrative Budget*

Vote on the BOCES 2016-2017 Administrative Budget

MOTION made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education vote to approve the following resolution to adopt the proposed 2016-2017 Administrative Budget of the BOCES of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties:

Resolved, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the Administrative Budget document in the total amount of \$8,601,034 during the school year 2016-2017 and to raise such sum by assessments to component school districts, non-component school districts, other BOCES and other sources as required by law.

The motion was passed with six members voting yes and with Mrs. del Prado abstaining.

*Approval of Resolution
to Adopt the Proposed
2016-2017 School Year
Budget*

Request for Approval of Resolution to Adopt the Proposed 2016-2017 School Year Budget

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution to adopt the 2016-2017 school year budget:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District, Towns of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, and Colonie and Guilderland, Albany County, New York, be authorized to expend the sum of forty-eight million three hundred sixty-five thousand four hundred nine dollars (48,365,409) for school purposes during the 2016-2017 school year and levy the necessary tax therefore.

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

*Acceptance of Donation
of Apple TV*

Request for Acceptance of Donation of 4th Generation Apple TV

Motion made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the donation of (1) 4th Generation Apple TV.

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

Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Albany City School District

Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with the City School District of Albany

Motion made by Mr. Cafarelli, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the City School District of Albany, for a total amount of \$2,904.20 for the 2015-16 school year.
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of April 4, 2016.
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approved Financial Reports

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, 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 March
- APPROVED the Cafeteria Financial Statements for the month of March
- APPROVED the Budget Status Report for the month of March
- APPROVED the Revenue Status Report for the month of March
- APPROVED the Payment and Presentation of Claims for the month of March (Warrant #9P) and the month of April (Warrant #10)
- APPROVED the Extracurricular Activities Reports for the month of March
- APPROVED the Collateralization Report for the month of March
- APPROVED the Cash Flow Analysis/General Fund Report for the month of March

Warrant #9P – February 29, 2016

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #390	\$	414,010.81
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule	\$	
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #67	\$	10,211.55
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #25	\$	1,020,529.38
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #164	\$	1,034,741.81
TOTAL		\$	2,479,493.55
TOTAL – Warrant #9P		\$	2,479,493.55

Warrant #10 – April 15, 2016

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #392	\$	150,683.93
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #10	\$	68,932.67
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #68	\$	9,179.79
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #26	\$	115,607.54
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #165	\$	1,594,506.17
Total		\$	1,938,910.10
Total – Warrant #10		\$	1,938,910.10

Approved Personnel Recommendations

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

Appointments

Rachael Jackson, 220 Shirwood Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Physical Education (.5)
Effective Date: May 2, 2016
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2016
Certification Status: Physical Education, Initial Certificate
Salary: Step 1, 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 2, plus graduate credits, pro-rated
(amended from the 4/4/16 agenda)

Christa Hamm, 16 Homestead Avenue, Apt. 2, Albany, NY 12203

Appointment: Long Term Substitute
Assignment: English Language Arts 7-12
Effective Date: April 11, 2016
Expiration Date: Close of Business May 25, 2016
Certification Status: English Language Arts 7-12, Initial Certificate, pending
Salary: Step 1, plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Raymond Kearney, 245 Autumn Run, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Strength and Conditioning Coordinator
Effective Date: March 7, 2016
Salary: \$33.93/hour

Timothy Young, 48 Stock Lane, Rensselaer, NY 12144

Assignment: Home Tutor
Effective Date: March 15, 2016
Salary: \$25.00/hour

Lee Schaller, 1976 Curry Road, E-138, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Home Tutor
Effective Date: April 15, 2016
Salary: \$25.00/hour

Appointments Cont. Nicholas Cornaire, P.O. Box 163, Quaker Street, NY 12141

Assignment: Automotive Mechanic
Effective Date: April 11, 2016
Salary: \$36,787

Larry Brassard, 2031 Michael Lane, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Provisional Computer Technician
Effective Date: May 2, 2016
Salary: \$42,500

Elizabeth Forrest, 22F Knight’s Bridge, Guilderland, NY 12084

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective Date: March 29, 2016
Salary: \$11.60/hour

Lee Schaller, 1976 Curry Road, E-138, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective Date: April 15, 2016
Salary: \$11.60/hour

Michele Garrow, 236 Palmer Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective Date: April 15, 2016
Salary: \$10.10/hour

Stacey Johnson, 2622 Edgewood Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective Date: April 15, 2016
Salary: \$10.10/hour

Renee Beck, 5838 Ostrander Road, Altamont, NY 12009

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: April 8, 2016
Salary: \$15.00/hour

2015-2016 Intramurals

Name	Building
Marc Vachon	High School

**Pinewood After School HW/AIS - 2015-2016 (\$33.59/hour)
- Effective April 12, 2016**

Name	Assignment	Dates/Time
Elizabeth Breaznell	AIS/Math/ELA	2 hours/week

Volunteer Coach - Spring 2016

Mark DeNicola - Baseball

Removal from Service Janelle Calkins, 144 Fabian Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306
Assignment: Home Tutor
Effective Date: March 30, 2016

Executive Session Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Young, that an executive session be convened at 8:35 PM for the purpose of discussing portfolio review. 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 11:30 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 11:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk