



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, October 3, 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: *Deborah Escobar, Lisa Gaglioti, Chad McFarland, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan, and Pamela Young*

Board Members Absent: *Nancy del Prado*

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

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that an executive session be convened for the purpose of discussion of particular personnel matters. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:00 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

The public session was called to order by the President, Mr. Piccirillo, at 7:03 PM. Mr. Piccirillo requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Deborah Escobar, Lisa Gaglioti, Chad McFarland, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan, and Pamela Young*

Board Members Absent: *Nancy del Prado*

Administrators Present: *Dr. Kathleen Spring, Chris Ruberti, Lisa Cutting, Lisa Carnibucci, Lisa Patierne, Kevin Warren, Daniella De Luca, Debra Male, Richard Arket, Thomas O'Connor, Michele Whitley, Makensie Bullinger, Jennifer Russo and Matthew Stein*

Others in Attendance: *Gianna DiGregorio and Jonathan Adamec (Student Representatives), 2 district residents and approximately 20 teachers*

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 reported that the audit went very well again this year and that Mr. Ruberti and his staff are again doing a fine job following the procedures for school districts and maintains very good internal controls. The fund balance remains at 4% of the current year's budget, which is the maximum allowed by the State. He said the reserves in the General Fund are adequate and reasonable and Mr. Ruberti utilizes them to help reduce costs where applicable. The revenue budget process has been done very well. Ninety-six percent of the budget was spent and there are no issues with any of the other funds. He mentioned the Capital Project is taking off very nicely and talked about an extra-class fund audit and the vast improvement that has been done in that area.

District-Wide School

Mr. Ruberti explained the difference between the District-Wide School Safety Plan

Safety Plan discussion and the Building Level Safety Plans (emergency response plans) and the reasonings for each plan. He mentioned that the District-Wide Safety Plan will be posted on the district website. He also answered some questions and suggestions about distribution of the plan.

**Student
Representatives -**

Jonathan Adamec reported on the Open House at the Center for Advanced Technology (CAT) building. He mentioned the homecoming game having a great turn out by both students and community. He also talked about the Powder Puff game and it was a fun time for everyone.

Gianna reported on Spirit Week and Open House and commented on the talent of the orchestra and acapela groups. She also talked about the ribbon cutting ceremony at the CAT building.

Gianna reported on a new process called “through the eyes of a student” where selected students create a video about a faculty member who has made a connection with them. The video is shown later at a faculty meeting and the recipient receives a pair of Mohon Proud Sunglasses.

Jonathan explained a few upcoming events that will be taking place: A taste of Rotterdam on October 13th and the blood drive on October 18th.

**Communications –
Board of Education**

Mr. Ryan reported that he attended the Capital District School Boards Association meeting last week and they gave an update on the common core standards, revisions, and evaluation process.

Mrs. Escobar reported that there is an opportunity for public comment on the draft of the standards and you can do that on line by November 15th.

Mrs. Gaglioti mentioned that it has been a great week with the Open Houses. Mr. Piccirillo thanked building leaders, teachers and staff for their hospitality.

**Public Privilege of the
Floor**

Kathleen Derochie, a Mohonasen High School English Teacher, Theater Teacher, and Director of Mohon Masque, who resides on Walnut Avenue, shared her enthusiasm on the new space at the CAT building. The first production in the new building will be held November 11th and 12th, “Don’t Drink the Water”. November 11th will be in the evening and November 12th will be at 2:00 pm and also in the evening.

Michele Evans, a Kindergarten Teacher at Bradt, who resides on Pashley Road, expressed her thoughts on some positive things happening at Bradt.

**New Business –
Business/Personnel**

*Approval to enter into a
Contract with Amy
Waite, Physical
Therapist (October 17,
2016-June 30, 2017)*

**Request Approval to Enter into a Contract with Amy Waite, Physical
Therapist, effective October 17, 2016 through June 30, 2017**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Amy Waite to provide Physical Therapy services to District resident students at a cost of \$55.00 per hour, for an estimated cost of \$38,500 for the period of October 17, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

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Request Approval to Enter into a Contract with Kelly Guilmette,

- Contract with Kelly Guilmette, Speech/Language Pathologist (October 17, 2016-June 30, 2017)* **Speech/Language Pathologist, effective October 17, 2016 through June 30, 2017**
MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Kelly Guilmette to provide Speech/Language services to District resident students at a cost of \$55.00 per hour, for an estimated cost of \$38,500 for the period of October 17, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
- Approval to Enter into an agreement with Education Inc. 2016-17* **Request Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Education Inc. for Tutorial Services for 2016-17**
MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education authorize the approval of tutorial services agreement with Education Inc. at a rate of fifty-five dollars (\$55) an hour for instruction for the 2016-17 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
- Approval of Board of Education members to attend 97th Annual NYSSBA Convention in Buffalo, New York (October 27-29, 2016)* **Request for Approval for Board of Education Members to Attend 97th Annual NYSSBA Convention in Buffalo, New York on October 27-29, 2016**
MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education members will register to attend the 97th Annual Convention and Education Expo of the New York State School Boards Association to be held October 27-29, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Buffalo, New York:
Robert Piccirillo
Pamela Young
Deborah Escobar
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
- Approval of pesticide application* **Request authorization for Emergency Application of Pesticide**
MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the application of pesticide on the school playing fields as stated in the resolution.
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
- Acceptance of District Financial Audit – year ended June 30, 2016* **Request for Acceptance of District Financial Audit – Year Ended June 30, 2016**
MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education accept the District Financial Audit for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
- Approval of Center for Advanced Technology Rental with Capital Region BOCES* **Request for Approval of Center for Advanced Technology Rental and Ancillary Service Lease with Capital Region BOCES**
MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve the Center for Advanced Technology Rental and Ancillary Service Lease with Capital Region BOCES.
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
- Approved Minutes** MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of September 26, 2016.
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
- Approved Personnel** MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of

Recommendations

Education approve the following personnel recommendations:
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Retirement

Debra Male, 2045 Helderberg Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Appointment: K-12 Administrator

Effective Date: Close of business December 31, 2016

Gary Hebert, 352 Ward Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12304

Appointment: P/T Motor Equipment Operator

Effective Date: Close of business September 21, 2016

Appointments

Nancy Felberbaum, 44 Ashgrove Lane, Selkirk, NY 12158

Appointment: Part-Time

Assignment: Strings (.6) *(amended from the August 8, 2016 agenda)*

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2016

Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2017

Certification Status: Music, Permanent

Salary: Step 13 plus graduate credits pro-rated

Kristen Vachon, 11 Miles Standish Road, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: 6th English Class

Effective Dates: September 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Salary: 12% of contract salary

Renee Poutre, 531 Reita Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Assignment: 6th Music Class

Effective Dates: September 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Salary: 11% of contract salary

Donna Cara, 1211 Evergreen Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide

Effective Dates: October 17, 2016

Salary: \$16.56/hour

Richard Strom, 228 Palmer Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Bus Aide

Effective Dates: October 4, 2016

Salary: \$10.25/hour

Rene Martin, 4 Keator Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Bus Aide

Effective Dates: October 4, 2016

Salary: \$10.25/hour

Heidi Mayettye, 2732 Van Dyke Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Dates: October 3, 2016
Salary: \$10.00/hour

Juli Brooks, 461 Duglin Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Dates: October 3, 2016
Salary: \$10.00/hour

Extracurricular Advisors 2016-2017 – Draper Middle School

Extracurricular Club/Activity	Advisor/Co-Advisor
Hip Hop Dance Club	Melissa Gregg .5/Amy Stott .5 (previously appointed on the 7/20/16 agenda)

2016-2017 Draper Professional Development – Culture & Climate Committee Meeting

Name	# Hours
Jo-Ann Ronca	5

Curriculum Work – Per MTA Contract - \$181.55/Day \$8/31/16)

Name	Curriculum Work	# Days
Graham MacBeth	CDOS	1
Susan Petrosino	CDOS	1

Winter Coaches 2016-2017

Position	Coach	Step
Girls’ Modified Basketball	Bryan Capitula	3

Removal from Service

Deborah Burrows, 2194 Robinwood Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Typist
Effective Date: October 3, 2016

Stephanie D’Annibale, 1133 Butler Street, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Typist
Effective Date: October 3, 2016

Kristen Chrzanowski, 1118 Jerry Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective Date: October 3, 2016

Brittany Gabriel, 1137 St. Jude Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective Date: October 3, 2016

Mr. Piccirillo recognized and congratulated Mrs. Male for her

retirement at the end of December.

Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Young, that an executive session be convened at 7:35 PM for the purpose of discussion of particular personnel matters. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:15 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:15 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk