



# Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, December 5, 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:** *Nancy del Prado, Deborah Escobar, Lisa Gaglioti, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan and Pamela Young*

**Board Members Absent:** *Chad McFarland*

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

## **Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that an executive session be convened to discuss contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the executive session be adjourned at 6:57 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 7:02 PM. Mr. Piccirillo requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

## **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** *Nancy del Prado, Deborah Escobar, Lisa Gaglioti, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan, and Pamela Young*

**Board Members Absent:** *Chad McFarland*

**Administrators Present:** *Dr. Kathleen Spring, Chris Ruberti, Lisa Cutting, Lisa Carnibucci, Karla Empie, Lisa Patierne, Kevin Warren, Daniella De Luca, Debra Male, Richard Arket, Thomas O'Connor, Makensie Bullinger, Kathryn McTiernan, and Leslie Smith*

**Others in Attendance:** *Jonathan Adamec (Student Representative), 4 district residents, and 22 faculty members.*

## **Communications – Superintendent**

*Presentation on the 2015-16 Report Card*

Dr. Spring gave an introduction of the topics to be presented and then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Cutting. Mrs. Cutting gave a presentation on the school report card with the data from the assessments with data from the 2015-2016 school year. She reviewed student enrollment, graduation measures and adequate yearly progress and explained how that is determined. Mrs. Cutting also discussed sub groups of testing and the consequences of districts that consistently perform poorly. She discussed ways to focus to keep our district out of that situation.

A request was made to have a break-down of the testing portion that did not meet the adequate yearly progress.

*Presentation on the Overview of high school*

Mrs. Cutting also gave a presentation on an overview of high school data and

*data* some of the changes that will be made within the next six years for the graduating Class of 2022. She discussed the new Regents requirements for Math and ELA and also went over a progress comparison chart from the past three years.

**Student  
Representatives -**

Jonathan Adamec reported on The Jingle Bell Run for Juvenile Arthritis held by the National Honor Society. There were 66 participants and 40 were National Honor Society students. Jonathan also reported on the Mohonasen Masque presentation, "Don't Drink the Water" which was performed at the new Black Box Theatre. He said it was the first performance at the new theatre and everyone seemed to enjoy it. He also mentioned the Open House for the CAT building and Mo-Tech programs that was held and was very well attended.

He then reported on some upcoming events that include the academic awards ceremonies, winter concerts, and the beginning of the winter sports season.

**Communications -  
Board of Education**

Mr. Piccirillo wished everyone a happy holiday season on behalf of himself and the Board and thanked everyone for coming.

**Public Privilege of the  
Floor**

Jennifer Gribben, a Living and Environmental Studies Teacher at the High School, who resides on Dorn Road in Amsterdam, reported on a student that came into her classroom with excitement and surprise that the school has the trays in the lunchroom that were presented at one of the Board meetings. She thanked the Board for hearing the students and putting them (trays) through and said they are now working on recycling and composting in the cafeteria.

Mr. Piccirillo thanked the administrators, Mr. Ruberti, and Mrs. Gagnon for completion of this.

Darcy Brem, a Teacher at Pinewood, who resides on Guilderland Avenue, reported on the excitement happening at Pinewood. She mentioned some of the things going on as being music, orchestra, STEM classes, intramurals, coin drives for St. Jude, - there is always something happening. There has been a lot of professional development at Pinewood such as Bagels and Books in the morning with Mindy Holland and Gina Ralston. She thanked the Board for their support.

Dawn Aulita, a Chemistry Teacher at the High School, who resides on Hilts Drive in Gallupville, stated that she was able to go to the CAT building during a recent professional development to learn how to use a scanning electronic microscope. She spoke of how excited she is to use this device with her chemistry students. She also thanked the Board for giving the students and herself the opportunity to use this machine.

Michael York, an Art Teacher at the High School and Instructional Leader for Art K-12, who resides on Becker Street, gave an update on some of the things that happened in the Fall and gave some dates of upcoming events. In October the high school art students went on a Field trip to Olana and in November the high school art students participated in a career art show at St. Rose. Starting in January there are art shows almost every month. Some of them are:

January – Middle school students - high school art gallery

February – Charlton school for girls (for teenage girls)

February – 3-Dimensional Art Show (Jury)– high school  
 February 28 – Opening Ceremony  
 March – Empire State Plaza – Elementary & Middle School Students  
 March 31 – Regional High School Art Show – Sage (Jury)  
 April – Norman Rockwell Show –(9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Norman Rockwell Museum – Mass.  
 April – Pinewood Art Show – Reception 4:00-6:00  
 April – Regional Art Show – Fulton Montgomery Community College  
 April – Media Arts Festival – Niskayuna  
 April – BOCES Art Show  
 May 16 – District Art Show (Budget Vote) 4:00-6:00 K-12  
 May – Independent Art Show Students (seniors) End of May

Mr. York stated that he will provide exact dates and invitations to these events as they come closer and he also thanked the Board for their support.

**New Business –**  
**Instructional**  
*Special Education*  
*Recommendations and*  
*Student Placements*

**Request for Approval and Arrangement for the 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 on 11/4/16, 11/10/16, 11/14/16, 11/15/16, 11/16/16 and 11/21/16. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Approval for 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to New York City*

**Request for Approval for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students to Participate in a Field Trip to 9/11 Museum and Memorial and One World Observatory on May 19, 2017 in New York City**

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the request for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in a field trip on Friday, May 19, 2017, to visit the 9/11 Museum and Memorial and One World Observatory in New York City. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

**New Business –**  
**Business/Personnel**  
*Approval of Health & Welfare Contract with Guilderland School District*

**Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Guilderland Central School District**

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with Guilderland Central School District, in the amount of \$14,262.75 for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Approval of application for Corrected Tax Roll*

**Request Approval of Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2015, Pursuant to Sect. 550, Real Property Tax Law**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the application for corrected tax roll pursuant to below mentioned error sec. 550(2)(b), RPTL from the following property tax owners in the stated amounts:

Owner/S/B/L	Amt. of Taxes Billed/Paid	Corrected Tax/Reason	Amount of Refund
Calvin Nauman Applicant	\$1,231.54 Paid	\$258.41 Correct Amount (Clerical Error)	\$973.13

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

**Approved Minutes**

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of November 21, 2016.  
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

**Approved Personnel Recommendations**

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

**Appointments**

Kristy Goergen, 78 Nandale Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Appointment: Probationary  
Tenure Area: K-12 Assistant Principal  
Date of Commencement: January 1, 2017 *(amended from the 11/21/16 agenda)*  
Expiration Date: December 31, 2020 *(amended from the 11/21/16 agenda)*  
Certification Status: School Building Leader, Initial  
Salary: \$77,000 pro-rated

Jordan Alburger, 1144 Eugene Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Cleaner  
Effective Date: November 21, 2016  
Salary: \$24,000/year

Mona Selim, 75 Hillcrest Village, Apt. B-3, Schenectady, NY 12309

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide  
Effective Dates: December 12, 2016  
Salary: \$11.05/hour

Julie-Ann D’Andreti, 22 Crestwood Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Health Office Assistant  
Effective Dates: December 5, 2016  
Salary: \$14.50/hour

**2016-2017 Student Teacher**

Name	Assignment/Bldg.	Dates
Heather McDonough	Pinewood	1/3/2017-5/5/2017

**2016-2017 Instructional Leaders**

Name	Position	Stipend
<i>The following was approved on the November 21, 2016 BOE As TBD:</i>		
Amanda Rider	Sixth Grade	\$1200
Kyra Grimsley	Sixth Grade	\$1200

**Resignations**

Nancy McClearnen, 6032 E. Old State Road, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: P/T Health Office Assistant & Substitute RPN

Effective Date: Close of business December 7, 2016

Michelle Friedman, 1117 Paul Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide

Effective Date: Close of business October 19, 2016

Donna Cara, 1211 Evergreen Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: P/T Teacher Aide (Bus)

Effective Dates: Close of business November 7, 2016

Mitchel Myslinski, 845 Hampton Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12309

Assignment: Cleaner

Effective Dates: Close of business November 18, 2016

Jordan Alburger, 1144 Eugene Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner

Effective Dates: Close of business November 18, 2016

**Leaves of Absence**

Gregory Donadio, 403 Vly Road, Schenectady, NY 12309

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide

Effective Dates: December 1, 2016 – January 2, 2017

Reason: Family Medical Leave

**Executive Session**

Motion made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that an executive session be convened at 7:55 PM to discuss contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:30 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 8:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.