



Mohonasen Central School District

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education Monday, December 19, 2016, Farnsworth Technology Center

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Piccirillo, at 7:01 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, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan and Pamela Young*

Board Members Absent: *Chad McFarland and Nancy del Prado*

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

Administrators Absent: *No administrators were present*

Others in Attendance: *No others were present*

Communications – Superintendent

Dr. Spring had no reports at this time.

Communications – Board of Education

Mr. Piccirillo reported that the discussion of goals would be postponed until the next meeting and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Ruberti who gave a general overview on the 2017-2018 budget.

Mr. Ruberti briefly discussed the initial Rollover Budget for 2017-18. Although he explained that this is very preliminary he estimated the increase in expenses for 2017-18 to be approximately \$900,000 at this time. This did not include any additional staffing or supplies. He indicated that projected increases in health insurance costs would be significant, but that there was an expected decrease in Teachers Retirement System rates that would partially off-set this.

Mrs. Escobar handed out a recommended resolution on graduation requirements for the Class of 2022 that she researched and created. After a discussion it was decided that this resolution would be put on the agenda to be formally voted on at the January 9th Board meeting.

Mr. Piccirillo discussed coffee and conversation and it was decided to try to start them after the first week in January. It was mentioned to include the bus garage this year and do a tour of the new facility.

Public Privilege of the Floor

No comments were made.

**New Business –
Instructional**
*Approval of Special
Education*

Request for Approval and Arrangement of Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements and Committee on Pre-School Special Education

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, 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 December 6, and December 7, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approval of Winter Color
Guard Team to participate
in various competitions*

Request Approval for Mohonasen/Draper Winter Color Guard to Participate in Various Competitions

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the Mohonasen Winter Color Guard participation in the below listed competitions:

January 28, 2017 – New Hartford, NY – Color Guard Competition

February 11, 2017 – Sherburne, NY – Color Guard Competition

February 17-18, 2017 – Salem, MA. – WGI Regional/Qualifier for WGI World Championship

March 4, 2017 – Johnstown, NY – Color Guard Competition

March 18, 2017 – Endicott, NY – Color Guard Competition

April 5 – 9, 2017 – Dayton, OH. – WGI World Championship

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

*Approval for ED&D Class
to participate in a Robotics
Competition on January 2,
2017*

Request Approval for Engineering Design & Development Class to Participate in a Robotics Competition in Somers, New York on January 2, 2017

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the Engineering Design & Development Class to participate in a Robotics Competition in Somers, New York on Monday, January 2, 2017. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approval for Girls' Varsity
Bowling Team to
participate in tournament
on January 7, 2017*

Request Approval for Girls' Varsity Bowling Team to Participate in a Tournament in Poughkeepsie, NY on Saturday, January 7, 2017

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Girls' Varsity Bowling Team to travel to Poughkeepsie, New York to compete in the 12th Annual Ralph DeStefano Bowling Tournament on Saturday, January 7, 2017. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Business/Personnel
*Approval Benetech, Inc. as
Third Party Administrator
for Flexible Spending Plan*

Request Approval of the Benetech, Inc. as Third Party Administrator for the Flexible Spending Plan

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Benetech, Inc. as third Party Administrator for a two-year term of January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018 at a continued cost of \$4.10 per participant/per month. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 5, 2016 Board of Education Meeting. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve the following Financial Reports: The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Warrant #5P – November 30, 2016

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #413	\$	1,286,614.00
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #83	\$	5,455.72
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #42	\$	1,935,922.77
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #180	\$	1,169,176.03
TOTAL – Warrant #5P		\$	4,397,168.52

Warrant #6 – December 15, 2016

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #414	\$	169,392.50
Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #5	\$	52,936.63
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #84	\$	43,123.29
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #43	\$	1,351,698.27
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #181	\$	2,733,658.64
TOTAL – Warrant #6		\$	4,350,809.33

Approval of Personnel Recommendations

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

Appointments

Megan Peck, 10 Woodside Drive, Burnt Hills, NY 12027

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: October 13, 2016
Expiration Date: Close of business January 11, 2017 *(amended from the October 17, 2016 agenda)*
Certification Status: Childhood Education Gr. 1-6, Initial; Students with Disabilities Gr. 1-6, Initial; Literacy B-6, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Nicole Hanna, 1344 Evergreen Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver
Effective Dates: December 6, 2016
Salary: \$16.48/hour

Kelly Collier, 1073 Manas Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective Dates: December 12, 2016
Salary: \$10.25/hour

Relocation Work – Per MTA Contract

Name	Date	# Hours
Rebecca Shea	TBD	3.5

Resignations

Nicole Hanna, 1344 Evergreen Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business December 5, 2016

Leaves of Absence

Christine Baumann, 12 Amy Marie Court, Albany, NY 12205

Assignment: Elementary Education
Effective Dates: January 3, 2017 – April 3, 2017
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Krista Zajesky, 6 Swatling Drive, Mechanicville, NY 12118

Assignment: Special Education
Effective Dates: December 1, 2016 – January 11, 2017 (*amended from the November 21, 2016 agenda*)
Reason: Family Medical Leave

Michele Whitley, 28 Bayberry Drive, Malta, NY 12020

Assignment: Academic Administrator on Special Assignment
Effective Dates: December 20, 2016 – March 13, 2017 (*Family Medical Leave*)
 March 14, 2017 – March 31, 2017 (*Unpaid Leave of Absence*)
Reason: Family Medical Leave/Unpaid Leave of Absence

Megan Peck, 10 Woodside Drive, Burnt Hills, NY 12027

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective Dates: October 13, 2016 – January 11, 2017 (*amended from the October 17, 2016 agenda*)
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Removal from Service

Heather Lanaro, 446 Duglin Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective Date: December 20, 2016

Patricia Brennan, 2239 16th Street, A-1, Troy, NY 12180

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant

Effective Date: December 20, 2016

Joseph Pugliese, 14 Crestwood Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant

Effective Date: December 20, 2016

Executive Session

Motion made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that an executive session be convened at 7:30 PM for the purpose of contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti seconded by Ms. Young, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:30 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk