



Mohonasen Central School District

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education Monday, February 6, 2017, 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, Lisa Cutting and Chris Ruberti*

Administrators Absent:

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mr. McFarland, 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 7:02 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, Lisa Cutting and Chris Ruberti*

Administrators Absent:

Others in Attendance: *Lisa Carnibucci, Lisa Patierne, Kevin Warren, Richard Arket, Kristy Goergen, Deborah Kavanaugh, Thomas O'Connor, Leslie Smith, Makensie Bullinger, Kathryn McTiernan, Matthew Stein, Student Representatives: Gianna DiGregorio and Jonathan Adamec, 17 Faculty/Staff members, and 2 district residents*

Communications - Superintendent

Dr. Spring announced that there would be two presentations tonight and turned the meeting over to Lisa Cutting who gave an explanation of what a Library Media Specialist was then turned the meeting over to the three librarians to explain their roles and responsibilities in their individual buildings.

Mindy Holland, Mary Manno, and Lisa Backman each gave detailed reports as to what their library program and lessons are that they do in their buildings, along with resources provided for both students and faculty. Mindy Holland expressed that she works in the Bradt library 6 hours per week and she is at Pinewood the rest of the week.

Mary Manno mentioned how she teaches a computer skills class in addition to her Librarian responsibilities, as well as an advisor for the yearbook and the Draper Book Club.

Lisa Backman talked about her roles and also discussed databases and passed out a database card that students use as well.

It was mentioned that there is a bill pending to make elementary librarians a requirement. It was requested by Mrs. Escobar to find out the name of that website as she would like to support that bill.

Mr. Piccirillo thanked the Librarians and asked what their request would be from the Board. Their answer was to have there be a full-time Librarian in each school.

At this time, Mr. Ruberti gave a presentation on the Rollover Budget and where we stand with state aide numbers. Mr. Ruberti reported that there is approximately a \$900,000 increase in the rollover budget. He explained the major factors including increases and reductions that make up this figure, as well as the other revenue considerations. When these all go together, we are at approximately \$143,000 Gap right now.

**Student
Representatives**

Gianna Digregorio reported on the upcoming talent show at the end of March. She also reported on the blood drive that was held last Friday and said the school earned a \$250 scholarship from the blood drive that will be awarded to a student. She stated that the A Cappella group came in 2nd out of 9 groups. They won a specialty award for best choreography and they are qualified to go to Boston in March where the top three teams will advance to the Northeast Semi Finals.

Jonathan Adamec reported on the National Honor Society Induction preparation for new members that will be on March 2nd in the LGI. He also reported that the regent's week went well and talked about the February break coming up. He mentioned the Winter Guard home show being February 25th.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

Mrs. Escobar updated everyone on the coffee & conversation visits with the schools.

Mr. Piccirillo added to that and thanked everyone for their hospitality. He wanted to recognize Ms. Young, Mr. McFarland, Mrs. Gaglioti and Dr. Spring for meeting on Saturday, January 28 to work on some of the policies.

Mr. Piccirillo also congratulated Coach Sherman and Coach Halliday and mentioned that the freshman girls track team won the Suburban Council championship.

Public Privilege of the Floor

Heidi Depiero, and Gina Ralston, Reading Specialists at Pinewood, reported on some special events that took place at Pinewood over the past few weeks. They reported on several events: On January 26th they had a Read-In and it was well attended - over 100 people attended.

Staff members all wore purple recently and had their pictures taken to support a staff member whose daughter has Cystic Fibrosis.

Mrs. Sherman took her after school MiSci children on a trip to learn about the international space station.

Board members came on the 31st to have coffee and bagels in the morning. February 3rd the 5th graders had Career Day and the children loved to see wide variety of different jobs.

Liesha Sherman, a Science teacher at Pinewood, Darcy Brem, a third grade teacher at Pinewood, and Ann-Marie O'Brien, a second grade teacher at Bradt, who are part of the Science Committee, spoke about the planning of their annual Mohonasen Elementary Science Fair to be held on February 15th at 5:30-7:00 at Pinewood and she invited to Board to attend. There are 150 students signed up to present their projects.

Maria Pacheco, a teacher at Draper Middle School and MTA President, reported that NYSUT and the MTA have been working with a company called First Books that donate books to students. Teachers have come to help sort through the books and can take as many as they need. They get over 40,000 books a truckload – they have a team that goes through these books.

She also expressed her concern for public education and the new secretary of education, Betsy DeVos. She asked the Board to join with them in fighting for public education.

She also had some personal requests regarding minority students and asked for attention to this be spoken about as well as a letter sent home to parents with specific requested information.

Ryan Smithson, 1825 Cassella Road, a parent of a Bradt student, reported concern that his child only had a librarian two days a week. He stated his concerns with a lack of literacy, mostly with boys, and also offered some opinions and suggestions. One of the things he would like to do is start a Guys Read field office at Pinewood Elementary. Guys Read is a web-based literacy program for boys and its mission is to help boys become self-motivated, life-long readers. He passed out “The Guys Read Charter” for the Board to review.

Mr. Piccirillo addressed that it be publicly noted that the Mohonasen School Board is vehemently opposed to the nomination of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education.

**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. McFarland, 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 December 21, 2016, January 9, 12, 17, 19, 20, 23, and 30, 2017. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Business/Personnel
*Approval of Non-Resident
Tuition Rates*

Request to Establish 2016-17 Non-Resident Tuition Rates

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the following tuition rates for use during the 2016-17 school year:

	Tuition for Regular Ed. <u>Pupil</u>	Tuition for Special Ed <u>Pupil</u>
Grades K-6	\$5,923	\$16,918
Grades 7-12	\$8,353	\$19,348

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

*Approval of District Level
Lead Evaluators for APPR*

Request Approval of District Level Lead Evaluators for APPR

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve the following as they have been properly trained:

Kathleen Spring	Leslie Smith	Lisa Patierne
Lisa Cutting	Jennifer Russo	Makensie Bullinger
Diane McIver	Thomas O'Connor	Kevin Warren
Michele Whitley	Karla Empie	Deborah Kavanaugh
Richard Arket	Kristy Goergen	Danielle DeLuca
Kathryn McTiernan	Matthew Stein	Lisa Carnibucci

Lead Evaluators of School Leaders

Kathleen Spring
Lisa Cutting

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

*Approval of Health &
Welfare Contract with
South Colonie Central
School District*

Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with South Colonie Central School District

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with South Colonie Central School District, in the total amount of \$13,073.33 for the 2016-17 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Approval of Health & Welfare Contract with North Colonie Central School District

Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with North Colonie Central School District

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the North Colonie Central School District, in the total amount of \$6,566.67 for the 2016-17 school year.

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

Approval with Lerner-Center Initiatives, Ltd. For the 2016-17 School Year

Request for Approval to Enter into a Contract with Lerner-Center Initiatives, Ltd. For the 2016-2017 School Year

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approves a contract with Lerner-Center Initiatives, Ltd. For onsite coaching and phone conferences for a total amount of \$6,000.00

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

Approval of Minutes

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 and January 23, 2017 Board of Education Meetings.

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

Approval of Financial Reports

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the following Financial Reports:

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

Warrant #6P – December 30, 2016

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #416	\$	217,268.83
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #85	\$	4,374.00
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #44	\$	347,633.37
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #182	\$	1,244,743.65
TOTAL – Warrant #6P		\$	1,814,019.85

Warrant #7 – January 15, 2017

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #418	\$	394,715.50
Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #6	\$	51,346.23
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #86	\$	2,251.00
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #45	\$	513,131.38
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #183	\$	1,650,323.00
TOTAL – Warrant #6		\$	2,611,767.11

Approval of Personnel Recommendations

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations:

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

Appointments

Victoria Lazor, 319 Wellington Road, Delmar, NY 12054

Appointment: Part-Time
Assignment: Special Education (.5)
Date of September 1, 2016
Commencement:
Expiration Date: Close of business February 28, 2017
Certificatio Status: Students with Disabilities Gr. 1-6, Permanent
Salary: Step 4 plus graduate credits

Loretta Cozza, 226 Shereen Court, Schenectady, NY 12304

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: K-12 Assistant Principal
Date of December 5, 2016
Commencement:
Expiration Date: Close of business March 20, 2017 (*amended from the January 9, 2017 agenda*)
Certification School District Administrator, Permanent
Status:
Salary: \$350/day (per diem)

Christine Daigle, 7 Timberlane Drive, Ganesvoort, NY 12831

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of February 6, 2017
Commencement:
Expiration Date: Close of business May 26, 2017
Certification Literacy B-Gr. 6, Initial; Childhood Education Gr. 1-6, Initial
Status:
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Jayne Salerno, 131A Horstman Drive, Glenville, NY 12302

Assignment: Information Processing Specialist 1 (10-month), Permanent
 (Subject to a probationary period according to Civil Service Rules)
Date of February 6, 2017
Commencement:
Salary: \$20,175/year

Appointments (cont.)

Maria Frisone, 1017 Anthony Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Home Tutor
Effective Date: January 23, 2017
Salary: \$25.00/hour

Mark Hitchcock, 1132 Outer Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective Date: February 2, 2017
Salary: \$11.80/hour

Marcelino Andino, 806 Cutler Street, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: February 6, 2017
Salary: \$15.75/hour

Jennifer Badalucco, 708 Draper Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: February 7, 2017
Salary: \$10.00/hour

Winter 2016-2017 STEM Enrichment Class

Class	Instructor	Dates	Time/Location	Rate
Mission Control	Liesha Sherman	January 11, 18, January 25	Pinewood 3:00-4:00 pm MiSci 3:00-6:00 pm	\$35/hour

Extracurricular Advisors - 2016-17 - Mohonasen High School	
Extracurricular Club/Organization	Advisor/Co-Advisor
<i>The following are amendments from the 7/5/16 agenda and will become effective 1/30/17:</i>	
Class of 2017	Priscilla Perry/Autumn Wallace
Class of 2018	Autumn Wallace/Priscilla Perry
Student Senate	Autumn Wallace/Priscilla Perry
Totem - Co-Advisor	Stephanie Arnold
History Club	Tara Halliday/Autumn Wallace
<i>The following amendment is from the 7/5/16 agenda and will become effective 9/1/16:</i>	
Science Club	Jennifer Gribben/Rebecca Shea

Resignations

Diane Boehne, 124 Sylvia Lane, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper
Effective Date: Close of business January 3, 2017

Resignations (cont.)

Jennifer Farnsworth, 1157 Outer Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Effective Date: Close of business January 20, 2017

Corinne Torpey, 135 Church Street, Saratoga, NY 12866

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Effective Date: Close of business February 3, 2017

Mallory Collier, 1073 Manas Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Effective Date: Close of business February 8, 2017

Melissa Williams, 108 Chelsea Drive, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant

Effective Date: Close of business February 6, 2017

Andre Velazquez, 124 Country Walk Road, Schenectady, NY 12306
(Resignation Acceptance & Agreement Approval)

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver

Effective Date: Close of business February 3, 2017

Leaves of Absence

Jennifer Guy, 5226 Bridle Pathway, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: 12-Month School Nurse

Effective Dates: January 27, 2017 – February 20, 2017

Reason: Family Medical Leave

Daniella DeLuca, 1465 Siver Road, Guilderland, NY 12084

Assignment: K-12 Assistant Principal

Effective Dates: February 16, 2017-March 15, 2017

Reason: Family Medical Leave

Amie Tannuzzo, 5230 Bridle Pathway, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Elementary Education

Effective Dates: February 27, 2017-May 26, 2017

Reason: Family Medical Leave

Denise Cooper, 1349 Lawn Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver

Effective Dates: February 6, 2017

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that an executive session be convened at 8:22 PM to discuss portfolio reviews. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the executive session be adjourned at 10:10 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:10 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk