



# Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, March 20, 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, and Pamela Young*

**Board Members Absent:** *Nancy del Prado and Patrick Ryan*

**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 to discuss contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Ms. Young, that the executive session be adjourned at 7:00 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five 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, and Pamela Young*

**Board Members Absent:** *Nancy del Prado and Patrick Ryan*

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

**Administrators Absent:**

**Others in Attendance:** *Matthew Stein, 7 faculty members, 2 district residents, and 5 others*

## **Communications – Superintendent**

Dr. Spring gave a brief description of the budget presentation and then turned the meeting over to Mr. Ruberti and Mrs. Cutting. Mr. Ruberti discussed the status of the overall working budget, including the fact that there is currently a “gap” between revenues and expenses of \$545,000. Mr. Ruberti identified the major changes in revenues and expenses from the 2016-17 budget that resulted in this “gap”. He then introduced Mrs. Cutting who discussed specific staffing items and projected class sizes for 2017-18. Mr. Ruberti then discussed the potential use of fund balance and reserves to partially reduce the current “gap” in the budget. He finished the presentation by reviewing the tax levy calculation, bus proposition, contingent budget rules and important upcoming dates in the budget process.

## **Communications – Board of Education**

Mr. Piccirillo recognized the faculty who would be receiving their Tenure appointments later in the evening: Matthew Stein, Melissa Antonini, Kathleen Sacks and Erika Pangburn.

Mrs. Gaglioti reminded everyone that the school play, Grease, would be this weekend.

**Public Privilege of the Floor**

Mr. William Sherman, a Mohonasen Coach who resides on 4th Street in Rotterdam, commended Mr. Stein for all his support to his staff and students. He mentioned many of the things that Mr. Stein has brought to Mohonasen and the impact he has made on student athletes and thanked him for all his hard work.

**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 Mrs. Gaglioti, 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 February 27, 28, March 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11, 2017. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approval of French Class trip to Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, MA.*

**Request Approval for Students in French 4 Classes to Participate in a Field Trip to the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve French 4 classes to participate in a field trip to the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approval of Varsity Baseball Team to travel to NY on March 24-26, 2017*

**Request Approval for Varsity Baseball Team to Travel to Massapequa, Hauppauge, and Commack, New York on March 24-26, 2017**

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Boys' Varsity Baseball Team to travel to Massapequa, Hauppauge, and Commack, New York on March 24-26, 2017. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

**Business/Personnel**

*Approval to Authorize Expenditures for School Buses*

**Request Approval of Resolution to Authorize Expenditures for School Buses**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution to be put forth as a proposition to the voters on May 16, 2017:

**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, is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses of and for said School District, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$420,000.00) and providing for the levy of a tax therefore to be collected in installments, with obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$420,000.00).

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

*Approval of Tax Refund – Rotterdam Associates, LLC.*

**Request for Approval for Tax Refund – Rotterdam Associates, LLC.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education authorize the change in assessment for 2013 and 2015 to \$350,000 and change the assessment in 2016 to \$200,000.

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

*Approval of Boundary Determination*

**Request of Boundary Determination**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve a the following:

Be it resolved that, the Board of Education of the Mohonasen Central School District hereby agrees and acknowledges that the property commonly known as 2713 Maida Lane, and tax parcel 48.14-5-5, is wholly located within the boundaries of the Schalmont Central School District and agrees that, effective with the 2017-18 school year, school taxes levied on this property and collected by the Town of Rotterdam Assessor, shall be paid to the Schalmont Central School District.

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

*Approval with Independent Consultant*

**Request for Approval of Agreement with Independent Consultant for Professional Development Services**

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve this agreement with the independent consultants listed below to provide professional development services to the Mohonasen Central School District.

Program(s)	Instructor(s)	Rate
Writing Workshop	Shelly Fenton	Not to exceed \$1,400
Training Institute for Gender, Relationships, Identity, & Sexuality (TIGRIS)	Acey Mercer, LMSW	Not to exceed \$400

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

*Approval of Diane McIver to work under Section 211 of the Retirement & Social Security Law*

**Request Approval to Authorize Employment of Diane McIver as Elementary Principal/Administrator on Special Assignment under Section 211 of the Retirement & Social Security Law**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education authorize the appointment of a retiree, Diane McIver, as Elementary Principal/Administrator on Special Assignment under Section 211 of the Retirement and Social Security Law for the period of January 5, 2017 through August 31, 2017 at a salary of \$73 per hour (up to 6 hours/day).

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

*Approval of Loretta Cozza to work under Section 211 of the Retirement & Social Security Law*

**Request Approval to Authorize Employment of Loretta Cozza as Long-Term Substitute K-12 Assistant Principal under Section 211 of the Retirement & Social Security Law**

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education authorize the appointment of a retiree, Loretta Cozza, as a Long-Term Substitute K-12 Assistant Principal under Section 211 of the Retirement and Social Security Law for the period of December 5, 2016 through August 31, 2017 at a salary of \$350 per day.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 6, 2017 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 #8P – February 28, 2017**

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #422	\$	406,409.74
Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #	\$	
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #89	\$	12,550.00
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #48	\$	723,586.97
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #186	\$	1,157,747.64
TOTAL		\$	2,300,294.35
TOTAL – Warrant #8P		\$	2,300,294.35

**Approval of Personnel Recommendations**

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

**Tenure Appointments**

Matthew Stein, 4027 Buckingham Drive, Schenectady, NY 12304

Assignment: Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics  
Effective Date: August 18, 2017

Melissa Antonini, 858 Charlton Road, Charlton, NY 12019

Assignment: Elementary Education  
Effective Date: September 1, 2017

Kathleen Sacks, 56 Brookline Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Assignment: Home Economics  
Effective Date: September 1, 2017

Erika Pangburn, 23 Haviland Drive, Glenville, NY 12302

Assignment: English  
Effective Date: September 25, 2017

**Appointments**

Loretta Cozza, 226 Shereen Court, Schenectady, NY 12304

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: K-12 Assistant Principal  
Date of Commencement: December 5, 2016  
Expiration Date: Close of business May 3, 2017 (*amended from the February 6, 2017 agenda*)  
Certification Status: School District Administrator, Permanent  
Salary: \$350/day (per diem)

**(Appointments Cont.)**

Joanne Perry, 1922 Woodlawn Street, Schenectady, NY 12306

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: Mathematics  
Date of Commencement: March 20, 2017  
Expiration Date: Close of business TBD  
Certification Status: Mathematics 7-12, Permanent  
Salary: Step 7 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Kristy Hood, 1853 Rensselaer Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: Elementary Education  
Date of Commencement: February 27, 2017  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 23, 2017 *(amended from the March 6, 2017 agenda)*  
Certification Status: Pre-K, K, and Gr. 1-6, Permanent  
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits, Pro-rated

Michelle Getman, 24 Loralee Drive, Albany, NY 12205

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: Special Education (.5)  
Date of Commencement: March 21, 2017  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 23, 2017  
Certification Status: Childhood Education Gr. 1-6, Initial  
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Tracey Freemantle, 15 Praise Lane, Scotia, NY 12302

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: Extracurricular Treasurer  
Date of Commencement: April 1, 2017  
Expiration Date: June 30, 2017  
Salary: \$585 stipend

Marcelino Andino, 806 Cutler Street, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: P/T Bus Driver  
Effective Dates: February 28, 2017  
Salary: \$16.81/hour

Darcy McCooey, 1002 Spry Lane, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: School Attendance Clerk (10-Month)  
Effective Dates: April 3, 2017  
Salary: \$21,261

***(Appointments Cont.)***

Daniel Giacumo, 1175 Fort Hunter Road, Apt. #118, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Computer Help Desk Specialist, Permanent

Effective Date: February 21, 2017

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

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide

Effective Date: March 13, 2017

Salary: \$10.25/hour

Sandy Huether, 1026 Princetown Road, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Teacher Aide

Effective Date: March 13, 2017

Salary: \$10.25/hour

Katherine Streeter, 1145 N. Westcott Road, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Typist

Effective Date: March 21, 2017

Salary: \$13.25/hour

**Winter Color Guard Appointments – 2016-2017**

<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Daniel Jones	Director – Indoor Guard (1.0)	\$1,379.00
Julian Williams	Instructor – Indoor Guard (.67)	\$919.00
Preston Coppage	Instructor – Indoor Guard (.67)	\$919.00
Kari Ross	Instructor – Indoor Guard (.67)	\$919.00
Brittany Plano	Instructor – Middle School Color Guard (.67)	\$730.00
Stephanie Palazeke	Instructor – Middle School Color Guard (.33)	\$360.00

**Draper Success Indicator Support –  
February 6, 2017-June 23, 2017 (\$34.27/hour)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Melissa Gregg (to replace Fred Saccocio)	Up to 1.5 hours/week
Diana Ktenas	Substitute as needed up to 2.25 hours/week
Mary Frances Manno	Substitute as needed up to 2.25 hours/week

**2016-2017 Intramurals**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building</b>
Karolyn Devito	Bradt
Kevin Olsen	Bradt

**Adult Education Instructors – Spring 2017**

***The current pay rate for instructors is \$16.00 per hour for regular classes and \$30.00 per hour for computer-related classes.***

Rick Anthony  
1 Alton Road  
Albany, New York 12203

Joanne Darling  
2862 Rynex Corners  
Rd

Jack Hochmuth  
771 Mudge Road  
Delanson, NY 12053

**LIFE INSURANCE**

Suzanne Amsler  
631 Currybush Connection  
Schenectady, NY 12306  
**REIKI/HUNA**

Janice Simpson  
**55 ALIVE/AARP**

Pattersonville, NY  
12137

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING**

Jen Layton  
  
Schenectady, NY  
12305

**COED VOLLEYBALL**

**BOATING SAFETY**

Dave Battaglia  
2049 Greenpoint  
Avenue  
Schenectady, NY 12303

**BASKETBALL**

*An agreement has been made to pay these instructors 60% of the total for this course and we receive 40%. A claim form will be submitted after the classes are completed.*

Jean Sefcovic  
232 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Schenectady, NY 12306  
**YOGA**

Joni Bonilla  
1231 Ferry Road  
Schenectady, NY 12309  
**DOG TRAINING**

Katie Manning-Hilton  
2049 Patton Drive  
Schenectady, NY 12303  
**PSYCHIC AWARENESS**

Jill Boyd  
3736 Carmen Road, Apt. 2  
Schenectady, NY 12303  
**WELLNESS**

Lynn Circe  
103 Stacey Crest Drive  
Schenectady, NY  
12306

**OS PAINT/CROCHET**

Rafael Rojas  
1042 Bill Road  
Schenectady, NY  
12303

**BALLROOM/SWING**

Peggy Porter  
  
Schenectady, NY  
**PAINTING**

Kelly Charland  
492 12<sup>th</sup> Street

**STYLIST**

Jenny Marcotte  
903 Bedford Road  
Schenectady, NY 12308  
**CREATIVE VOICE**

Laurie Zinnershine  
1129 Fayette Drive  
Schenectady, NY 12303  
**ZUMBA**

Michelle Guzzo  
  
Schenectady, NY  
**HULA HOOP EXERCISE**

*An agreement has been made to pay these instructors 75% of the total for this course and we receive 25%. A claim form will be submitted after the classes are completed.*

Susan Kaupelis  
233 State Highway 29A  
Gloversville, NY 12078  
**COUNTRY LINE DANCE**

**Resignations**

Lisa Patierne, 1935 Oakland Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12308

Assignment: High School Principal

Effective Date: Close of business June 24, 2017

Jennifer Russo, 327 Jatski Drive, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Assignment: K-12 Assistant Principal

Effective Date: Close of business June 23, 2017

***(Resignations Cont.)***

Marcelino Andino, 806 Cutler Street, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver

Effective Date: Close of business February 27, 2017

Michael Dymes, 1642 Warners Lake Road, Altamont, NY 12009

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver

Effective Date: Close of business March 17, 2017

***Leaves of Absence***

Daniella DeLuca, 1465 Siver Road, Guilderland, NY 12084

Assignment: K-12 Assistant Principal

Effective Dates: February 16, 2017 – May 1, 2017 (amended from the February 6, 2017 agenda)

Reason: Family Medical Leave

Marina Strang, 42 Merritt Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Elementary Education

Effective Dates: April 11, 2017 – June 30, 2017

Reason: Family Medical Leave

Karolyn Devito, 63 Kellog Road, Stillwater, NY 12137

Assignment: Physical Education

Effective Dates: March 15, 2017 – June 30, 2017

Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

***Removal from Service***

Kimberly Reohr, 216 Gina Marie Court, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant

Effective Dates: March 20, 2017

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

Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant

Effective Dates: March 20, 2017

**Executive Session**

Motion made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that an executive session be convened at 7:53 PM for the purpose of contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar seconded by Ms. Young, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:15 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.



**Adjournment**

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

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Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk