



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, May 8, 2017, Farnsworth Technology Center*

Budget Hearing & Meet the Candidates

A Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidates forum was held at 6:00 PM prior to the Board meeting.

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Piccirillo, at 7:00 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, Chad McFarland, Robert Piccirillo, and Patrick Ryan*

Board Members Absent: *Lisa Gaglioti and Pamela Young*

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

Administrators Absent:

Others in Attendance: *Lisa Carnibucci, Karla Empie, Kevin Warren, Daniella De Luca, Richard Arket, Kristy Goergen, Thomas O'Connor, Loretta Cozza, Leslie Smith, Jennifer Russo, Makensie Bullinger, Jason Thompson, Kathryn McTiernan, Matthew Stein, Michele Whitley, Joseph Mayo, Student Representatives; Jonathan Adamec and Gianna DiGregorio, Communications Specialist; Karen Nerney, approximately 9 Faculty/Staff members, 4 district residents, and 7 students.*

Communications - Superintendent

Dr. Spring introduced Mr. Matthew Stein who gave recognition to Douglas Hallberg, a Physical Education Teacher at Draper, for his many accomplishments. His most recent being National Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year. Mr. Stein presented him with a plaque that he received at the convention, along with a certificate of excellence from Mohonasen School District. He also thanked Doug's family for their support over the years.

Mr. Douglas Hallberg thanked Mr. Stein as well as many people that he felt should also be recognized for this award. He mentioned Nicole Schaap, Ray Kearney, Kevin Daviero, Jamie Dilbone, Deb Male, Matt Stein, the students of Draper Middle School from the last twenty years -and their parents, the other faculty staff members of Draper Middle School, the Mohonasen School District, and his family.

Dr. Spring introduced Christina Mathieu, along with her students who competed in the Olympics of the Visual Arts competition. Ms. Mathieu passed along a binder for the Board to review of some of the work her students had done. They came in first place in the competition out of 18 other teams. She reminded everyone that the district art show is Tuesday, May 16th, the day of the budget vote. The students then performed their presentation, which was themed: Carousel.

Gianna DiGregorio reported that the 11th Grade U.S. History Classes

**Student
Representatives**

participated in an in-school field trip, Selma. After the presentation, they were able to speak with guest speakers and a Siena Professor.

Jonathan Adamec reported on the graduation speaker contest. The three speakers chosen to speak at graduation are: Matt Janke (Keynote), Dan Cole, and Jonathan Adamec.

Mr. Adamec reported on the induction ceremonies for the French and Spanish Honor Societies. He talked about the Science Honor Society Demo Day. Students went to Pinewood and put on Science experiments for the younger classes.

Mr. Adamec also reported that Seniors wrote letters to teachers that inspired them throughout their school years. Mr. Adamec said he wrote his to Mr. Higgins and Ms. DiGregorio wrote hers to Mrs. Hughes. He mentioned about taking the AP Exams and the bitter-sweet feeling of taking them.

Ms. DiGregorio reported on the Sr. Citizen's Prom that was held last Friday. She said there was a good turn out and Assemblyman Santabarbara and Senator George Amedore were both there.

Some of the other topics discussed were upcoming events: May 16th College Caravan, Prom tickets on sale, the Tri M Music and Award Ceremony on May 18th, The Strawberry Festival on May 21st, High School Academic Awards Ceremony on May 23rd at 6:30, and Save a Life Tour on May 26th.

Mr. Ryan reported that Mr. McFarland and he attended the PTO sponsored talent show at the elementary school and there was a phenomenal turn out.

Mrs. del Prado mentioned how lucky Mohonasen is to have someone like Mr. Hallberg and that his achievement is well-deserved.

Mr. Piccirillo echoed Ms. DiGregorio's comments about the Sr. Citizen's prom and thanked all the administrators, teachers, and students who helped to make their evening special. He also congratulated Mr. Hallberg and thanked Mrs. MacTurk for running for a Board seat.

No comments were made.

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**Communications -
Board of Education**

Old Business

Approval of Second Reading/Approval of Board Policies

Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies
 MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies:

- 5684 Use of Surveillance Cameras/School & Buses
- 6111 Testing Misconduct & Mandatory Reporting Requirements
- 6551 Family & Medical Leave Act
- 7616 Pre-referral Intervention Strategies
- 8211 Prevention Instruction

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

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. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Ryan, 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 April 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 24, and May 3, 8, 2017. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Business/Personnel

Approval of Annual Organizational Meeting Date

Request Approval of Annual Organizational Meeting Date.

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve setting the date of the annual organizational meeting for the 2017-2018 school year for Monday, July 10, 2017.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that this date (July 10, 2017) would be approved as a “tentative” date at this time and subject to change if needed.

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

Approval of Salary Schedules for Management/Confidential Employees

Request Approval of Salary Schedules for Management/Confidential Employees.

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the salary increase for Management/Confidential employees for the 2017-18 school year in alignment with the attachment to the MSSA contract.

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

Approval to Appoint Personnel for May 16, 2017

Request for Approval to Appoint Permanent Chairman, Assistant Clerks and Voting Machine Inspectors

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education appoint the following individuals to assist in the implementation of the voting on May 16, 2017:

	Permanent Chairman	Wayne Calder
	Custodian of Machines	Eli McNett
	Assistant Clerks & Inspectors:	
	Judy Andi	Tina George
	Raymond Andi	Cheryl Hitchcock
	Nancy Brassard	Judy Kazakavich

	Deb Bush-Suflita	Marta Longo
	Janine Carroll	Kris Malinowski
	Louisa Dalton	Ruth Martino
	Patricia Dergosits	Faith Perry
	Meg Fountain	Jane Perry
	Tracey Freemantle	Nancy Reilly
	Terrie Furbeck	Tracy VanBlarcom

The motion passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval to fund reserve accounts

Authorization to Fund Reserve Accounts

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District hereby authorizes the funding of the District’s approved reserves with the excess of 4% from the unassigned fund balance at June 30, 2017, after the designated amount for tax reduction has been set. The allocation of such excess fund balance will be determined subsequent to June 30, 2017 and prior to setting the tax levy.

The motion passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 25, 2017 Board of Education Meeting.

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

Approval of Personnel Recommendations

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations:

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

Mr. Piccirillo recognized Mrs. Cozza who was appointed tonight as this year’s summer school principal.

Appointments

Loretta Cozza, 226 Shereen Court, Schenectady, NY 12304

Assignment: HS/MS Summer Principal - 2017

Salary: \$350/day

Nicole Battisti, 23 O’Neil Avenue, Johnstown, NY 12095

Appointment: Probationary

Assignment: Technology

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2016

Expiration Date: Close of business August 31, 2020

Certification Status: Technology Education, Initial

Salary: Step 1, plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Edda Sacco, 170 Dahlia Street, Schenectady, NY 12306

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: School Counselor
Date of Commencement: April 24, 2017
Expiration Date: Close of business TBD
Certification Status: School Counselor, Provisional
Salary: Step 1, plus graduate credits, pro-rated

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

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education
Date of Commencement: April 11, 2017
Expiration Date: Close of business May 5, 2017 *(amended from the April 3, 2017 agenda)*
Certification Status: Childhood Education Gr. 1-6, Initial; Students with Disabilities Gr. 1-6, Initial; Literacy B-Gr. 6, Initial
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Erin Bridgers, 118 Harmony Mills Lofts, Cohoes, NY 12047

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Art
Date of Commencement: March 22, 2017
Expiration Date: Close of business May 2, 2017 *(amended from the April 3, 2017 agenda)*
Certification Status: Visual Arts, Initial
Salary: Step 3, pro-rated

Maria Lanaro, 25 Keator Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper (Café Aide)
Effective Date: May 9, 2017
Salary: \$10.00/hour

Wendy Spezza, 412 Meghan Boulevard, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper (Café Aide)
Effective Date: May 9, 2017
Salary: \$10.00/hour

Padraic Bailey, 810 Vischer Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Swim Club Coach
Effective Dates: May 22, 2017 – June 30, 2017
Salary: \$600/Season
Effective Dates: July 3, 2017 – August 6, 2017
Salary: \$600/Season

Lauren Finke, 1007 Anthony Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Swim Club Coach
Effective Dates: May 22, 2017 – June 30, 2017
Salary: \$500/Season
Effective Dates: July 3, 2017 – August 6, 2017
Salary: \$500/Season

Laurel Hallberg, 242 Salsburg Road, Delanson, NY 12053

Assignment: Swim Club Coach
Effective Dates: May 22, 2017 – June 30, 2017
Salary: \$650/Season
Effective Dates: July 3, 2017 – August 6, 2017
Salary: \$650/Season

Noelle Levasseur, 110 Rockwood Lane, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Swim Club Coach
Effective Dates: May 22, 2017 – June 30, 2017
Salary: \$375/Season
Effective Dates: July 3, 2017 – August 6, 2017
Salary: \$375/Season

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

Assignment: Swim Club Coach
Effective Dates: May 22, 2017 – June 30, 2017
Salary: \$400/Season
Effective Dates: July 3, 2017 – August 6, 2017
Salary: \$400/Season

Andrew Sweeney, 5075 State Rt. 10, Cobleskill, NY 12043

Assignment: Swim Club Coach
Effective Dates: May 22, 2017 – June 30, 2017
Salary: \$500/Season
Effective Dates: July 3, 2017 – August 6, 2017
Salary: \$500/Season

Lydia Ware, 2002 Michael Lane, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Swim Club Coach
Effective Dates: May 22, 2017 – June 30, 2017
Salary: \$500/Season
Effective Dates: July 3, 2017 – August 6, 2017
Salary: \$500/Season

Alison Miller, 128 Monmouth Way, Halfmoon, NY 12065

Assignment: Home Tutor
Effective Date: May 8, 2017
Salary: \$25.00/hour

2016-2017 Intramurals

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building</u>
Nikki Steele	Mohonasen High School
Lori Moore	Mohonasen High School

Summer Work – Guidance Counselors (10 Days each)

<u>Counselor:</u>	<u>Building:</u>
Danielle Gaudio	High School
Amy Huszar	High School
Rebecca Pauley	High School
Duane Wood	High School

Extracurricular Advisors – 2016-17 – Mohonasen High School

<u>Extracurricular Club/Organization</u>	<u>Advisor/Co-Advisor</u>
<i>Resigned as Co-Advisor effective 4/5/17:</i>	
Science Club	Rebecca Shea

A. Leaves of Absence

Marina Strang, 42 Merritt Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Elementary Education
Effective Dates: April 11, 2017 – June 26, 2017 *(amended from the April 25, 2017 agenda)*
Reason: Family Medical Leave

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

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective Dates: April 10, 2017 – May 5, 2017 *(amended from the April 3, 2017 agenda)*
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

B. Removal from Service

Gary Hebert, 352 Ward Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12304

Assignment: P/T Motor Vehicle Operator

Effective May 3, 2017

Date:

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that an executive session be convened at 7:28 PM for the purpose of contract negotiations. The motion passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

MOTION was made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:20 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:20 PM. The motion passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk