



# Mohonasen Central School District

## *Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education Monday, June 5, 2017, Farnsworth Technology Center*

*The Board meeting was preceded by a Retiree/Tenure Recognition Reception at 6:00 PM in the High School Art Wing.*

### **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, Lisa Gaglioti, Chad McFarland, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan and Pamela Young*

**Board Members Absent:**

**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, Deborah Kavanaugh, Thomas O'Connor, Loretta Cozza, Leslie Smith, Makensie Bullinger, Jennifer Russo, Kathryn McTiernan, Jason Thompson, Matthew Stein, Michele Whitley, Student Representative; Jonathan Adamec, next year's Student Representatives; Emily Bascom and Noelle Levasseur, approximately 14 Faculty/Staff members, 3 district residents, and 1 student.*

### **Communications - Student Representatives**

Johnathan Adamec started his report by thanking the Board of Education for allowing students to have their voices heard through the role of Student Representatives. He reported on senior prank day, the senior sports award banquet, and senior picnic and senior walk through on June 8<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned that June 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Senior breakfast and then they will go to Proctors for graduation rehearsal and on to graduation on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Adamec also reported on their plans after graduation. Gianna will be attending Siena for Social Work and he will be attending RPI as a Biology major.

At this time, he introduced the two new student representatives for next year: Emily Bascom and Noelle Levasseur.

They reported on the college caravan on May 16<sup>th</sup>, the prom and afterglow held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Academic Awards Ceremony and the Memorial Day parade.

Other topics that were discussed were the Strawberry Festival that was held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, the collection of gently used school supplies in French Honor Society to donate for future students to use, and the important impact the May 26<sup>th</sup> Save a Life Tour assembly had on students. Lastly, they talked briefly about Regents Exams.

### **Communications - Superintendent**

Dr. Spring introduced Mr. Stein, to give a presentation on Athletic and League Affiliation Study. Mr. Stein presented data on a Participation Study that he did two years ago and where we stand for the future. He talked about a 30% increase in our league wins over the past two years. He also talked about competitive balance and scheduling.

He explained a follow-up from a survey that he did two years ago to determine why students continue or give up sporting events. He compared

the participation rates from then to now.

Mr. Stein emphasized that he would recommend that Mohonasen explore the possibility of another league. What is best for the kids should go above the importance of the passion for the league was his recommendation.

Mr. Stein took a moment to thank the School Board, Dr. Spring, Lisa Cutting, Chris Ruberti, Staff, Coaches, Students, Parents, Community – He thanked all for the opportunity he has had at Mohonasen. He then answered some questions.

Mrs. del Prado asked thanked Mr. Stein for all the hard work he has done over the last few years and the creative opportunities to explore.

At this time, Dr. Spring introduced Maria Pacheco, a Mohonasen Teacher and the Mohonasen Teachers' Association President, who expressed her thanks to the members of the Board and Administration for their hard work and to show their appreciation, they passed out small gifts.

Ms. Pacheco also noted that they will continue to have more members attend the meetings and give good news within the classrooms.

Mr. McFarland assured her that it has not gone unnoticed and has been very much appreciated.

**Communications -  
Board of Education**

Mr. Piccirillo read a certificate that was presented to Mr. McFarland for completing a Board training.

Ms. Young thanked Mrs. del Prado for all of her years of service with the Board.

**Public Privilege of the  
Floor**

Maureen Geagan, a French Teacher who resides on Fairlawn Drive in Castleton, thanked the Board and Administration for approving the Montreal overnight trip on May 12-13<sup>th</sup>. The trip consisted of 33 8<sup>th</sup> graders and 11 high school students. She talked about some of the highlights of the trip.

Mr. William Sherman, A Mohonasen track and cross-country coach who resides on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Schenectady, wanted to commend Mr. Stein and also update the Board on the invitational, The Futures at Mohon. There were 28 teams that participated. There were over 600 athletes and over 1,000 events and 65 parent volunteers. He wanted to mention some staff members and volunteers – Leisha Sherman, Ron Berube, Matt Stein, Chuck Devito, Kate Streeter, Matt Rider, and Ray Kearney. He also wanted to give thanks to Joe Mayo and his team: Joe Ziobrowski, Mike Capullo, Scott Bank, John Galluzzo, and Kevin Hart. He gave recognition to Mr. Ruberti for his support and guidance with his staff.

**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. McFarland, 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 November 7, 2016, January 13, 2017, May, 3, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 22, and 23, 2017. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Business/Personnel**

*Approval of Annual Fire  
Inspection Reports*

**Request Approval of Annual Fire Inspection Reports.**

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the Annual Fire Inspection Reports for all facilities owned by the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District.. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Budget  
Reappropriation 2016-17  
Special Legislative Grant*

**Request Approval of Budget Reappropriation – 2016-17 Special Legislative Grant**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education amend the 2016-2017 budget as follows:

Increase A510	Estimated Revenue	\$50,000
Increase A3289	Other State Aid	\$50,000
Increase A960	Appropriations	\$50,000
Increase A2110.201-00-0000	Equipment-Grant in Aid	\$50,000

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

*Approval of MSSA  
Bargaining Agreement*

**Request for Approval of Mohonasen Supervisors Association Collective Bargaining Agreement**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve the collective bargaining agreement between the district and the Mohonasen Central School District Supervisors Association, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022 and authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement.

The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Teacher Aide  
Summer School Salary  
Schedule*

**Request Approval of Teacher Aide Summer School/Summer Programs Salary Schedule**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the teacher aide summer school salary schedule for Special Education Programs and AIS Classes Aide Support from 2017-2021 as follows:

Step	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Step 1	\$12.30	\$12.55	\$12.80	\$13.05
Step 2-4	\$12.61	\$12.86	\$13.12	\$13.38
Step 5-10	\$14.04	\$14.32	\$14.60	\$14.89

The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Nomination of Area 7 Director of the NYSSBA*

**Request Approval of Nomination for Area 7 Director of the New York State School Boards Association**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the nomination of Catherine Lewis as Area 7 Director of the New York State School Boards Association for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2018.

Mrs. del Prado thanked the Board for nominating Catherine Lewis for this position.

The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of Videoconferencing for Board Members unable to attend meeting*

Request for Approval of videoconferencing for Board Member unable to attend meeting

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the option of allowing attendance and participation of members via videoconferencing one time per school year given reasonable justification for inability to attend such as illness, military deployment, out of town business or personal reasons. The Superintendent and Board President must be notified of this request and the appropriate public notice must be able to be issued.

The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Approval of Minutes**

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the May 22, 2017 and May 31, 2017 Board of Education Meetings.

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

**Approval of Bids**

*Athletic Supplies*

**Request for Award of Athletic Supplies Bid**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. del Prado, that the Board of Education award contracts to furnish athletic supplies for the 2017-18 school year to the lowest bidder, meeting specifications as noted:

Bidder	Total Amount
Riddell/ All American	\$1,642.23
Stadium Systems	646.50
Aluminum Athletic Equipment	840.00
Morleys Athletic Supplies	8,920.11
Scholastic Sports Sales	884.80
MFAC, LLC	471.00
TOTAL	\$13,404.64

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

**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, seven members present and voting.

***Retirement***

Todd Shafer, 102 University Street, Selkirk, NY 12158

Assignment: Custodian  
Effective Date: Close of business July 3, 2017

***Appointments***

William Vacca, 162 Fieldstone Drive, Niskayuna, NY 12304

Appointment: Probationary  
Tenure Area: K-12 Assistant Principal  
Date of Commencement: July 1, 2017  
Expiration Date: June 30, 2021  
Certification Status: School Building Leader, Initial; Childhood Education Gr. 1-6, Professional  
Salary: \$75,000

Christie Lee, 3139 East Road, Boonville, NY 13309

Appointment: Probationary  
Tenure Area: Mathematics 7-12  
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2017  
Expiration Date: August 31, 2021  
Certification Status: Pending  
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits

Elizabeth Munger, 2271 Sweetbrier Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309

Appointment: Probationary  
Tenure Area: Elementary Education  
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2017  
Expiration Date: August 31, 2021  
Certification Status: Childhood Education Gr. 1-6, Professional  
Salary: Step 7 plus graduate credits

Brandon Guthrie, 220 Exchange Street, Albany, NY 12205

Appointment: Part-Time  
Assignment: Physical Education (.7)  
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2017  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2018  
Certification Status: Physical Education, Initial  
Salary: Step 4 plus graduate credits

Thomas Geddes, 33 Sunset Boulevard, Colonie, NY 12205

Appointment: Long-term Substitute  
Assignment: Physical Education (1.0)

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2017  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2018  
Certification Status: Physical Education, Professional  
Salary: Step 6 plus graduate credits

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 June 23, 2017 *(amended from the May 8, 2017 agenda)*  
Certification Status: School Counselor, Provisional  
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

**Spring Coach**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Step</b>
Freshman Baseball	Bob Hartman (.5)	7
Freshman Baseball	Rick Caruso (.6) <i>(amended from the February 27, 2017 agenda)</i>	3

**Fall Coaches - 2017**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Step</b>
Varsity Football Head	Scott Sabourin	Step 7
Varsity Football Assistant	Keith Pollizatto	Step 7
Varsity Football Assistant	Paddy Bailey	Step 2
J.V. Football Head	Joseph Emma	Step 7
J.V. Football Assistant	Tom Geddes	Step 5
J.V. Football Assistant	Jim Huggins	Step 7
Modified Football Head	Josh Whipple	Step 7
Modified Football Assistant	Matt Rider	Step 7
Modified Football Assistant	Greg Massaroni	Step 5
Cross Country - Varsity	Jeff Hayes	Step 4
Cross Country - Varsity	Bill Sherman	Step 7
Cross Country - Modified	Heather Hill	Step 2
Boys' Varsity Soccer	Robert Sgueglia	Step 2
Boys' Varsity Assistant	OPEN	Step
Boys' J.V. Soccer	Clint DeMyer	Step 3
Boys' Modified Soccer	OPEN	Step
Girls' Varsity Soccer	OPEN	Step
Girls' Varsity Assistant	Bob DiBella	Step 3
Girls' J.V. Soccer Coach	OPEN	Step
Girls' Modified Soccer	Katie Bartone	Step 5
Boys' Varsity Volleyball	OPEN	Step
Boys' JV Volleyball	OPEN	Step
Girls' Varsity Volleyball	Matt Lopez	Step 7
Girls' JV Volleyball Coach	Christopher Abel	Step 7

**Fall Coaches - 2017**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Coach</b>	<b>Step</b>
Girls' Modified Volleyball	Jordan Cotton	Step 3
Boys' Varsity Golf	Bill Mottola	Step 3
Girls' J.V. Tennis	Maria Pacheco	Step 7
Girls' Varsity Swimming	Katie Streeter	Step 6
Girls' Varsity Diving Assistant	OPEN	Step
Varsity Cheerleading	Jessica Couball	Step 5
J.V. Cheerleading	Rochelle Obie	Step 2

**Strength & Conditioning - Football**

<b>Coach</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
Scott Sabourin	\$350.00
Joseph Emma	\$350.00
Keith Pollizatto	\$350.00
Jim Huggins	\$350.00
Tom Geddes	\$350.00
Paddy Bailey	\$350.00
<b>Strength &amp; Conditioning - All Sports</b>	
Raymond Kearney	Step 7

**Spring Coaches - 2017**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Coach/Advisor</b>	<b>Step/Stipend</b>
Unified Basketball	Ben Pierson, Coach	\$1,000
Unified Basketball	Diane Blinn, Advisor	\$1,000

**2016-2017 Intramurals**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building</b>
Jim Huggins	High School

**Summer Work - Guidance Counselors (10 Days Each)**

<b>Counselor</b>	<b>Building</b>
Kyra Grimsley	Draper Middle School
Angie Santabarbara	Draper Middle School
Deborah Wood	Draper Middle School

**Draper Success Indicator Support - May 1, 2017 - June 23, 2017  
(\$34.27/hour)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Hours</b>
John Winters	Substitute only up to 2.25 hours/week

**2017 Draper Success Indicators Summer School - July 5 - August 15, 2017**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Step</b>
Fred Saccocio	Success Indicator Teacher	July 5 - August 15	9
Maureen Geagan	Success Indicator Teacher	July 5 - August 15	10
Julian Williams	Teaching Assistant	July 5 - August 15	2

**2017 Bradt AIS Summer School – July 5 – July 27, 2017 (3 hrs. per day/Mon. – Thurs.)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Step</b>
Amanda Brousseau	Jump Start	July 5 – July 27	10
Lindsey Shepler	Jump Start	July 5 – July 27	4
Kristen Taylor	Teacher	July 5 – July 27	4
Susan Yates	Teacher	July 5 – July 27	7
Alysia Hladik	Teacher	July 5 – July 27	3
Colleen Palleschi	Teacher	July 5 – July 27	2
Sandra McDuffee	Reading	July 5 – July 27	1
TBD	SPED	July 5 – July 27	

**2017 Pinewood AIS Summer School – July 5 – August 10, 2017 (3 hrs. per day/Mon. – Thurs.)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Step</b>
Marie Furlong	Teacher	July 5 – August 10	1
Michelle Howard	Teacher	July 5 – August 10	2
Meghan Peck	Teacher	July 5 – August 10	1
Rebecca Pollick	Teacher	July 5 – August 10	8
Marina Strang	Teacher	July 5 – August 10	2
Kim Trestick	Teacher	July 5 – August 10	10
Mindy Holland	Library Media Specialist	July 5 – August 10	9
Kevin Cummings	Math	July 5 – August 10	10
Kristen Taylor	Math	July 5 – August 10	3
Elizabeth Rocco	Reading	July 5 – August 10	5
Michelle Getman	SPED	July 5 – August 10	4

**Resignation**

Thomas Merritt, 1966 Westside Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306

**Assignment:** P/T Bus Driver

**Effective Dates:** April 11, 2017 – June 26, 2017 (*amended from the April 25, 2017 agenda*)

**Dates:** *agenda*

**Reason:** Family Medical Leave

**Rescind Leave of Absence**

Dennae Hughes, 88 East Road, Troy, NY 12180

**Assignment:** Social Studies

**Effective Dates:** June 13, 2017-June 30, 2017

**Reason:** Unpaid Leave of Absence

**Leave of Absence**

Kyra Grimsley, 9 Forest Avenue, Cohoes, NY 12047

**Assignment:** School Counselor

**Effective Dates:** June 12, 2017-June 26, 2017

**Reason:** Family Medical Leave



***Removal from Service***

Jason Bailey, 1138 Van Curler Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12308

Assignment: Substitute Monitor

Reason: June 6, 2017

Stanley Boyark, Sr., 114 Cherry Blossom Court, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver

Reason: June 6, 2017

Rene Martin, 4 Keator Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver

Reason: June 6, 2017

Kristen Bender, 325 Duanesburg Road, #37, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper

Reason: June 6, 2017

Elizabeth Gollinger, 296 Robb Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper

Reason: June 6, 2017

Mary Hartman, 2852 Curry Road Extension, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper

Reason: June 6, 2017

Miranda MacGregor, 834 Curry Road, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper

Reason: June 6, 2017

Brittany Gabriel, 1137 St. Jude Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper (Café Aide)

Reason: June 6, 2017

Michelle Canning, 6 Maple Street, Rensselaer, NY 12144

Assignment: Substitute Typist

Reason: June 6, 2017

Toni DiLorenzo, 27 Miles Standish Road, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Substitute Typist

Reason: June 6, 2017

Lynn Vincent, 2704 Maida Lane, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: Water Safety Instructor, Lifeguard, Lifeguard Water  
Training Instructor

Reason: June 6, 2017

Mr. Piccirillo recognized Mr. Brandon Guthrie as a new Physical Education teacher in September and welcomed him to Mohonasen.

**Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that an executive session be convened at 8:16 PM for the purpose of contract negotiations and Superintendent Evaluation. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION was made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the executive session be adjourned at 10:00 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mrs. del Prado, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk