



# Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, December 4, 2017  
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

## **Call to Order**

The Board meeting was called to order by the District Clerk, Mr. Ruberti, at 6:00 PM. Mr. Ruberti requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** *Deborah Escobar, Stacy MacTurk, Chad McFarland, Robert Piccirillo, and Patrick Ryan*

**Board Members Absent:** *Lisa Gaglioti and Pamela Young*

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

**Others in Attendance:**

## **Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that an Executive Session be convened for the purpose of discussing 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**

In the absence of the Board President and Vice President, Mr. Ruberti, District Clerk, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. He then turned the meeting over to former President and Senior Board Member, Mr. Piccirillo, at 7:05 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, Stacy MacTurk, Chad McFarland, Robert Piccirillo, and Patrick Ryan*

**Board Members Absent:** *Lisa Gaglioti and Pamela Young*

**Administrators Present:** *Dr. Kathleen Spring, Chris Ruberti, Lisa Cutting, Lisa Carnibucci, Karla Empie, Kevin Warren, William, Whitty, Daniella De Luca, Richard Arket, Kristy Goergen, Jason Thompson, Thomas O'Connor, Leslie Smith, William Vacca, Makensie Bullinger, Kathryn McTiernan, Jason Friesen, Deborah Kavanaugh and Michele Whitley*

**Others in Attendance:** *Emily Bascom and Noelle Levasseur (Student Representatives), approximately 15 faculty members, 2 district residents, and 3 students.*

## **Communications – Superintendent**

Dr. Spring introduced Mr. Friesen who reported on scholar athletes that have met state requirements. There were 7 scholar athlete teams that have met the requirements of a 90 GPA or above and 64 individual students who had a 90 GPA or above.

At this time, Dr. Spring gave an overview of the next presentation and then introduced the building principals to give presentations on restorative practices. The principals, Leslie Smith - Bradt, Jason Thompson - Pinewood, Richard Arket -

Draper, Kevin Warren - High School and Lisa Carnabucci - Center for Advanced Technology, discussed the overall philosophy of restorative practices and how they are implemented in each building. They discussed the importance of having a district-wide K-12 vision for implementation as well as the importance of the buy-in from the staff in order for it to be successful. They closed by acknowledging that this is a multi-year plan and will not happen overnight, but that they are collaborating with other "user groups" throughout the area to share knowledge and experiences.

**Student  
Representatives -**

Student Representatives, Emily Bascom and Noelle Levasseur gave updates on previous, current and upcoming events. Some of the previous events were the Semi-Formal, music festivals, the play, "The Odd Couple", the craft fair and some sporting events.

Some of the current events mentioned were the Spring musical auditions for the play, "Guys and Dolls", the transition/job fair at the CAT building, some winter sports events, and honor society fundraisers. A few upcoming events are the winter music concert to be held on December 14 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter interim report.

**Communications -  
Board of Education**

Mr. Piccirillo thanked the administration for their great presentation and Mr. Friesen for recognizing the student athletic academic achievements and also the teachers and MTA for coming to tonight's meeting.

**Public Privilege of the  
Floor**

Mrs. Darcy Brem, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Pinewood School residing on Guilderland Avenue in Schenectady, shared some of the things that are being done in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. She talked about the geography unit and the use of chromebooks. She also mentioned that math workshops are under way and the class is having a great time.

Mindy Holland, the Pinewood Librarian residing on Ruffner Road in Niskayuna, thanked the Board and Administration for their support with providing both Pinewood and Bradt to full time librarian positions. She reported some of the positive outcomes at Pinewood that have come from having a full time Librarian. She talked about lunch passes and the adding of a 5<sup>th</sup> grade project time.

Jennifer Groth, a Kindergarten teacher at Bradt School residing on Beechwood Drive in Burnt Hills, talked about how her class has worked on ways to help the community. They did *Boxes of Love* to help families during the Thanksgiving holiday and recently did *Letters to Santa* to help support a child and raise money for his charity. Currently they are working on *Pennies for Paws*.

**New Business -  
Instructional  
Special Education  
Recommendations and  
Student Placements**

**Request for Approval and Arrangement of Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements and Committee on PreSchool Special Education**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve and arrange for the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Committee on PreSchool Special Education for meetings held on October 10, 12, 18, 26 and November 8, 9, 14, 15, 17, and 27, 2017. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approval of Boys'  
Indoor Track Team to*

**Request Approval for Boys' Indoor Track Team to Participate in a track Meet at the Tim St. Lawrence Invitational at the Armory Track and Field Center in**

*attend a track meet in New York on December 15, 2017*

**New York, New York on Friday, December 15, 2017**

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Boys' Indoor Track team to participate in a Track Meet on Friday, December 15, 2017 at the Armory Track and Field Center in New York. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approval of Girls' Indoor Track Team to attend competitions In New York in December 2017 and January 2018*

**Request Approval for Mohonasen HS Varsity Wrestling Team Trip to Bristol, CT. on January 6, 2018**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the Mohonasen High School Varsity Wrestling trip to Bristol, Connecticut on Saturday, January 6, 2018. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approval of Girls' Indoor Track Team in Springfield College League Invitational on January 7, 2018*

**Request Approval for the Girls' Indoor Track Team to Participate in the Springfield College League Invitational on Sunday, January 7, 2018 in Springfield, MA.**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Girls' Indoor Track team to participate in a Track Meet on Sunday, January 7, 2018 in Springfield, MA. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approval of Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track Team to participate in the Yale University Invitational in January, 2018*

**Request Approval for the Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track Team to Participate in the Yale University Invitational in January, 2018**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track Team to participate in the Yale Invitational on January 19-20, 2018 in New Haven, Connecticut.

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

*Approval of Boys' & Girls Indoor Track & Field Team to attend an Invitational at Utica University on February 3, 2018*

**Request Approval for the Boys' & Girls' Indoor Track & Field Team to Participate in an Invitational at Utica University on Saturday, February 3, 2018**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Boys' & Girls' Indoor Track & Field Team to participate in an Invitational on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Utica University in Utica, New York.

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

**New Business – Business/Personnel**

*Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Guilderland Central School District*

**Request Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Guilderland Central School District**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with Guilderland Central School District, in the total amount of \$16,616.25 for the 2017-2018 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approval of Contract with Kimberly Banker Jefferson, Speech/Language Pathologist – September 1, 2017-June 30, 2018*

**Request Approval to Enter into a Contract with Kimberly Banker Jefferson, Speech/Language Pathologist, effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education enter into a contract with Kimberly Banker Jefferson to provide Speech/Language services to a district resident student at a cost of \$125.00 per 60 minute session for the period of September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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

*Approval of Agreement with Wayne Bertrand for Consultant Services for 2017-2018*

**Request for Approval of Agreement with Wayne Bertrand for Consultant Services for 2017-2018**

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Mr. Wayne Bertrand to provide consultant services to the Mohonasen Central School District at a rate of \$350 per day, not to exceed eight (8) days, for all services provided, for the period of August 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

**Approved Minutes**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of November 20, 2017.

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

**Approval of Bids**

Request for Approval of the following bids:

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the following bids:

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

*James H. Maloy, Inc.*

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Change Orders #B07-01 through B07-06 for James H. Maloy, Inc. as follows:

Original Contract sum:	\$3,739,000.00
#B07-01	\$168,000.00
#B07-02	(\$3,000.00)
#B07-03	\$2,930.86
#B07-04	(\$18,330.00)
#B07-05	(8,000.40)
#B07-06	(\$7,874.15)
<b>Final Contract Amount</b>	<b>\$3,872,726.31</b>

*Condor Fire Sprinkler Co., LLC.*

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Change Orders #B09-01 for Condor Fire Sprinkler Co., LLC. as follows:

Original Contract sum:	\$146,000.00
#B09-01	(\$26,448.48)
<b>Final Contract Amount</b>	<b>\$119,551.52</b>

*Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating, Inc.*

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Change Orders #B10-13 for Tri-Valley Plumbing & Heating, Inc.. as follows:

Original Contract sum:	\$680,000.00
#B10-13	\$28,525.27
#B10-13 Credit for unused contingency	(\$271.23)
<b>Final Contract Amount</b>	<b>\$708,254.04</b>

*DiGesare Mechanical, Inc.*

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Change Orders #B11-01 through B11-04 for DiGesare Mechanical, Inc. resulting in the following:

Original Contract sum:	\$1,927,600.00
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#B11-01	(\$1,647.00)
#B11-02	\$(149.00)
#B11-03	(\$46,079.00)
#B11-04	\$4,764.00
<b>Final Contract Amount</b>	<b>\$1,884,489.00</b>

*A.E. Rosen Electrical Co., Inc.*

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Change Orders #B12-23 through B12-30 for A.E. Rosen Electrical Co., Inc. as follows:

Original Contract sum:	\$1,817,865.00
Total of #B12-01 through #B12-22	\$125,712.00
Total of #B12-23 through #B12-30	\$24,361.17
<b>Final Contract Amount</b>	<b>\$1,967,938.17</b>

*Plank Construction Co., LLC.*

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Change Orders #B27-01 through #B27-05 for Plank Construction Co., LLC.. as follows:

Original Contract sum:	\$2,967,500.00
#27-01	\$28,790.00
#27-02	(\$1,917.00)
#27-03	(\$1,247.00)
#27-04	\$85,106.00
#27-05	(\$58,305.14)
<b>Final Contract Amount</b>	<b>\$3,019,926.86</b>

*Eckert Mechanical, LLC.*

Eckert Mechanical, LLC.  
Change Orders #B29-01 and #B29-02 for Eckert Mechanical, LLC... as follows:

Original Contract sum:	\$355,500.00
#29-01	\$6,400.00
#29-02	(\$16,966.27)
<b>Final Contract Amount</b>	<b>\$344,933.73</b>

*DiGesare Mechanical, Inc.*

DiGesare Mechanical, Inc.  
Change Orders #B30-01 through #B30-02 for DiGesare Mechanical as follows:

Original Contract sum:	\$641,700.00
#30-01	\$48,000.00
#30-02	(\$46,777.00)
<b>Final Contract Amount</b>	<b>\$643,323.00</b>

*Flex Electric, LLC.*

Flex Electric, LLC.  
Change Orders #B31-01 through #B31-09 for Flex Electric Co., Inc. as follows:

Original Contract sum:	\$713,000.00
#B31-01	1,200.00

#B31-02	(\$211.87)
#B31-03	\$20,813.00
#B31-04	\$1,455.00
#B31-05	(\$28,943.68)
#B31-06	\$1,135.00
#B31-07	\$4,089.00
#B31-08	(\$8,600.00)
#B31-09	(\$20,000.00)
<b>Final Contract Amount</b>	<b>\$683,426.45</b>

**Approved Personnel Recommendations**

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

**Appointments**

Heather McDonough

Appointment:

Long-Term Substitute

Assignment:

School Counselor

Date of Commencement:

November 2, 2017 (amended from the November 20, 2017 agenda)

Expiration Date:

Close of business February 14, 2018

Certification Status:

School Counselor, Initial

Salary:

Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Lisa Wiedeman

Appointment:

Probationary

Assignment:

Elementary Education

Date of Commencement:

September 1, 2016

Expiration Date:

December 31, 2019 (1 semester Jarema Credit)  
(amended from the June 13, 2016 agenda)

Certification Status:

Students with disabilities Gr. 1-6, Initial; Childhood Education Gr. 1-6, Initial

Salary:

Step 2 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

John Gage

Assignment:

Substitute Monitor

Effective Date:

December 4, 2017

Salary:

\$13.50/hour

Michelle Budka

Assignment:

Substitute Bus Driver

Effective Dates:

November 27, 2017

Salary:

\$16.00/hour

Gail Lockwood

Assignment:

Substitute Food Service Helper

Effective Date: November 20, 2017  
Salary: \$10.40/hour

Georgianna Pennacchia

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper (Café Aide)  
Effective Date: December 4, 2017  
Salary: \$10.40/hour

Zoe Williams

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper (Café Aide)  
Effective Date: December 4, 2017  
Salary: \$10.40/hour

**Removal from Service**

Thomas Culbert

Assignment: Substitute Monitor  
Effective Date: December 4, 2017

Joseph Insero, Jr.

Assignment: Substitute Monitor  
Effective Date: December 4, 2017

Dana Payton

Assignment: Substitute Monitor  
Effective Date: December 4, 2017

**Executive Session**

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that an executive session be convened at 8:27 PM for the purpose of discussion of contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:10 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

**Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:10 PM. The motion passed unanimously, five members present and voting.