

FARNSWORTH TECHNOLOGY CENTER  
2072 CURRY ROAD  
SCHENECTADY, NY 12303

JANUARY 8, 2018  
EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 – 6:30 PM  
BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM

## AGENDA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

\*Proposed Executive Session at 6:00 PM for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Communications
  - 1. Superintendent
    - a. School Report Card – Lisa Cutting
    - b. Overview of 2018-19 Budget Presentation Calendar – Chris Ruberti
  - 2. Student Representatives
  - 3. Board of Education
  - 4. Public (Privilege of the Floor)
- E. Old Business
- F. New Business
  - Instructional
    - 1. Request for Approval and Arrangement for the Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements and Committee on Pre-School Special Education
    - 2. Request Approval for Orchestra Students to Attend Field Trip to see the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in New York City on May 4, 2018
    - 3. Request Approval for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to WonderWorks in Syracuse, New York on Tuesday, June 18, 2018
  - Business/Personnel
    - 1. Request Approval of Tax Refund – Judicial Review
    - 2. Request Approval of Tax Refund – Stipulations of Settlement
- G. Other Items
  - 1. Approval of Minutes (December 18, 2017)
  - 2. Personnel
- H. Proposed Executive Session
  - 1) Discussion of contract negotiations
- I. Adjournment

**ROTTERDAM MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

F. INSTRUCTION I

Date: 01/08/18

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Kathleen A Spring, Ph. D., Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request for Approval and Arrangement for the Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements and Committee on Pre-School Special Education

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Procedures and definitions pertaining to Special Education are embodied under Part 200 of Commissioners' Regulations and Article 89 of New York Education Law. They mandate that Boards of Education provide appropriate education programs and services for pupils with handicapping conditions upon receipt of recommendations and student placements from the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) on 10/10/17, 11/03/17, 11/14/17, 12/01/17, 12/06/17, 12/11/17, 12/13/17, 12/15/17, 12/18/17, 12/19/17, 12/20/17.

**EVALUATION/ANALYSIS**

5582918	5578092	5578181	5582723	005579245	5579532
005578743	5581329	5581125	5580999	5583294	5582623
5583850	5582963	5582846	5584186	5582438	5577989
5579511	5583856	5581007	5581263	5581871	5583961
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All students are residents of Mohonasen Central School district; all parents are in agreement with the recommendations, and all recommendations are for the least restrictive environment based on students' educational needs. All mandated members were present at the CSE and CPSE meetings.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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 10/10/17, 11/03/17, 11/14/17, 12/01/17, 12/06/17, 12/11/17, 12/13/17, 12/15/17, 12/18/17, 12/19/17, 12/20/17.

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Attachment

**ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**F. INSTRUCTION #3**

**JANUARY 8, 2018**

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Kathleen A. Spring, Ph.D., Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Request Approval for Grade 5 Field Trip to WonderWorks in Syracuse, New York on Tuesday, June 18, 2018

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The adopted district goals speak to the need to provide students with innovative and effective instructional opportunities, as well as a wide array of quality extra-curricular activities and programs. To that end, there has been a concerted effort to plan and organize trips that will provide students true immersion opportunities that correlate and are consistent with learning standards and curriculum content.

**ANALYSIS/EVALUATION**

The Pinewood School principal is requesting Board approval for a 5th grade end-of-the-year field trip to WonderWorks in Syracuse, NY on Tuesday, June 18, 2018. Students will experience "STEM at Play" with over 100 hands-on exhibits supported by the Common Core Standards. Buses will depart from Pinewood School at approximately 8:30 AM and return at approximately 4:30 PM. Transportation will be provided by Yankee Trails. Fifth grade students, teachers and approximately 45 chaperones will be participating in this trip.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education approve the request for a Grade 5 field trip to WonderWorks in Syracuse, New York on Tuesday, June 18, 2018.

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**ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**F. INSTRUCTION #2**

**JANUARY 8, 2018**

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Kathleen A. Spring, Ph.D., Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Request Approval for Orchestra Students to Attend Field Trip to see the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in New York City on May 4, 2018

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The adopted district goals speak to the need to provide students with innovative and effective instructional opportunities, as well as a wide array of quality extra-curricular activities and programs. To that end, there has been a concerted effort by clubs and advisors to plan and organize trips that will provide students true immersion opportunities that correlate and are consistent with learning standards and curriculum content.

**EVALUATION/ANALYSIS**

The High School Orchestra Director is requesting Board approval for the Mohonasen Middle and High School students to participate in a field trip to New York City to see a performance of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and a trip to the MET Art Museum. Students would depart from the high school at approximately 7:00 AM on Friday, May 4, 2018 and return at approximately 9:30 PM the same day. Cost of the trip will be \$85 per student and will include transportation through Wade Tours, admission into the concert, and the MET Art Museum. Approximately 50 students will be attending this trip, as well as faculty members and six chaperones. Fundraisers have been made available for students throughout the year to help with costs.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education approve the request for the middle school and high school students to attend a field trip to New York to see the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and the MET Art Museum on Friday, May 4, 2018.

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# ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

F. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #1

JANUARY 8, 2018

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Kathleen A. Spring, Ph.D., Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Request Approval for Tax Refund – Judicial Review

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The District has received the results of a Judicial Review of an assessment for a district property. The review was for parcel 59.9-4-4 located at 23 Priscilla Lane. The Review was received after taxes were paid which means that the owners of this property are due a refund from the District.

## **EVALUATION/ANALYSIS**

The Judicial Review states the following reduction:

Parcel 59.9-4-4, 23 Priscilla Lane was reduced from \$245,000 to \$215,000. This reduction results in a refund of \$535.85.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education authorize the following payment:

\$535.85 to Steven Shubiak, 23 Priscilla Lane, Rotterdam, New York, 12306

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## **ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**F. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #2**

**JANUARY 8, 2018**

**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Kathleen A. Spring, Ph.D., Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Request Approval for Tax Refunds – Stipulations of Settlement

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The District has received Stipulations of Settlement for two district properties. These stipulations are for the parcel 58.11-3-8 located at 1322 Sunrise Boulevard and for the parcel 59.13-1-30 located at 2 White Birch Court. These stipulations were received after taxes were paid which means that the owners of these properties are due refunds from the District.

### **EVALUATION/ANALYSIS**

The Stipulation of Settlements are as follows:

Parcel 58.11-3-8, 1322 Sunrise Boulevard was reduced from \$189,000 to \$177,000. This reduction results in a refund of \$214.34.

Parcel 59.13-1-30, 2 White Birch Court was reduced from \$175,000 to \$164,900. This reduction results in a refund of \$180.40.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education authorize the following payments:

\$214.34 to Mark and Shiela Bowers, 1322 Sunrise Boulevard, Rotterdam, New York, 12306

\$180.40 to Tim and Linda Starin, 2 White Birch Court, Rotterdam, New York, 12306

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**ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**G2. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**JANUARY 8, 2018**

**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Kathleen A. Spring, Ph.D., Superintendent  
**SUBJECT:** Personnel Recommendations

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The attached document represents personnel recommendations for the District, which have been processed through appropriate departments and brought forward by the Superintendent.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Education approves the attached personnel recommendations:

- A. Retirements**
- B. Appointments**
- C. Resignations**
- D. Leaves of Absence**

**A. Retirements**

Judith Clapp

Assignment: 10-Month School Nurse  
Effective Date: Close of business February 23, 2018

**B. Appointments**

Katherine Daggett

Appointment: Probationary  
Tenure Area: Special Education  
Date of Commencement: January 2, 2018  
Expiration Date: January 1, 2022  
Certification Status: Students with Disabilities Gr. 1-6, Initial; Childhood Education Gr. 1-6, Initial  
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Robert Stranahan

Appointment: Probationary  
Tenure Area: Health Education  
Date of Commencement: January 28, 2018  
Expiration Date: January 27, 2022  
Certification Status: Physical Education, Initial; Health Education, Initial  
Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Michael Williams

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: Social Studies  
Date of Commencement: September 5, 2017  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 22, 2018 (*amended from the August 7, 2017 agenda*)  
Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12, Initial  
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Edda Sacco

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: School Counselor  
Date of Commencement: November 3, 2017  
Expiration Date: Close of business March 28, 2018 (*amended from the November 6, 2017 agenda*)  
Certification Status: School Counselor, Initial  
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

Valerie Perkins

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
Date of Commencement: November 2, 2017  
Expiration Date: Close of business March 28, 2018 (*amended from the November 6, 2017 agenda*)  
Salary: Step 1, pro-rated



Sara Bach  
Assignment: 6<sup>th</sup> Class (Technology)  
Effective Dates: January 29, 2018 – June 22, 2018  
Salary: 12% of contract salary, pro-rated

Patricia Robertson  
Appointment: 10-Month School Nurse  
Effective Date: February 1, 2018  
Salary: Step 12

Farrah Daviero  
Appointment: 12-Month School Nurse  
Effective Date: February 8, 2018  
Salary: Step 13

Zoe Williams  
Assignment: P/T Food Service Helper (Café Aide)  
Effective Date: January 2, 2018  
Salary: \$10.69/hour

Richard Dunsmore  
Assignment: Substitute Monitor  
Effective Date: January 8, 2018  
Salary: \$13.50/hour

Kayla Fountain  
Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
Effective Date: January 4, 2018  
Salary: \$10.40/hour

**2017-2018 Intramurals**

Name	Building
Raymond Kearney	High School

**2017-2018 Pinewood School Relocation Work – Per MTA Contract**

Name	Date	# Days
Christina Patterson	TBD	2.5

**Winter 2017-2018 STEM Enrichment Class**

Class	Instructor(s)	Dates	Time/Location	Rate
Mission Control	Liesha Sherman	January 9, 16, 2018	Pinewood 3:00-4:00 pm	\$35/hour
	Lisa Smith	January 23, 2018	MiSci 3:00-6:00 pm	

**C. Resignations**

Brianna Babowicz

Assignment:

Athletic Trainer (Contracted Appointment)

Effective Date:

Close of business January 26, 2018

Nicholas Fiore

Assignment:

P/T Bus Aide

Effective Date:

Close of business January 2, 2018

**D. Leaves of Absence**

Amy Stannard

Assignment:

Guidance Counselor

Effective Dates:

January 12, 2018 – March 28, 2018

Reason:

Family Medical Leave

Dennae Hughes

Assignment:

Social Studies

Effective Dates:

January 19, 2018 – June 30 2018

Reason:

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Edda Sacco

Assignment:

P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Effective Dates:November 3, 2017 – March 28, 2018 (*amended from the November 6, 2018 agenda*)Reason:

Unpaid Leave of Absence