



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, February 26, 2018
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Ms. Young, at 5:30 PM. Ms. Young 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 Pamela Young*

Board Members Absent: *Lisa Gaglioti and Patrick Ryan*

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

Administrators Absent:

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mr. Piccirillo, 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 Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 6:30 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

The public session was called to order by the Vice President, Ms. Young, at 6:32 PM. Ms. Young 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 Pamela Young*

Board Members Absent: *Lisa Gaglioti and Patrick Ryan*

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

Administrators Absent:

Others in Attendance: *3 Faculty members, 1 Community Member/Coach, 9 District Residents, and 10 students*

Communications – Superintendent

Dr. Spring introduced Ms. Kathleen Derochie and Ms. Nicole Gabriel (Director and Music Director of Mohon Masque). They introduced students of Mohon Masque to perform selections from the play, “Guys and Dolls”. Students sang and acted out scenes from this musical and performed three different scenes. Tickets are available now and the show will be held March 16-18.

Budget Planning

Dr. Spring then turned the meeting over to Mr. Ruberti who gave a presentation on the Tax Levy Limit Calculation, Use of Debt Service and information about the Proposed Bus Proposition. He reviewed where we currently stand with the working 2018-2019 budget and the roll-over. He explained the calculations of the tax levy limit, which for Mohonasen is *calculated* to be 4.63%. However, he went on to discuss proposed use of Debt Service to reduce the calculation to 3.21%. He went over the impact on taxpayers of the 3.21% and reported on the proposed bus purchase. Mr. Ruberti then announced there are petitions available in the district

office for three Board vacancies. The next Board meeting will be March 5th and the budget topic will be Operations & Maintenance, and Transportation. Adoption of the budget will be April 16th and the annual budget vote and BOE Election will be May 15, 2018.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

No Comments were made.

**Public Privilege of
the Floor**

Mr. William Sherman of 4th Street in Rotterdam, shared some exciting news regarding the track program and sectional championships. He stated that the track team competed against 14 other schools and won the championship for the first time in Mohonasen history. They also won the sectional championship and they scored in all 16 events. He also gave mention to some of the individual champions: Bailey DeCocco, Kate Sherman, and Lena Calkins. He also reported that Lena Calkins and Emily Racana made it to the New York State Championships and will compete in Staten Island on Saturday. He then thanked district leadership and the Board of Education for their support.

Mr. Anthony Savignano of Cindy Crest Drive in Rotterdam, a parent of a Kindergartner, spoke of concern in the recent school violence situation and had some questions. He asked both building and district level questions, including if the district could have permanent school resource officers at every school. Dr. Spring told Mr. Savignano that we continually look at all these things and mentioned that we have drills, safety committees, a safety director, as well as a resource officer, and training for staff.

Mr. Ruberti explained to Mr. Savignano how our lock-down system works and Board members welcomed him to come back and follow-up and suggested he contact his assemblymen as well.

**New Business -
Instructional**

*Science Students to
attend Field Trip to
Great Escape on May
31, 2018*

Request for Approval for Science Students to Attend a Field Trip to Six Flags Great Escape in Lake George, New York on May 31, 2018

MOTION made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the request for science students to attend a field trip to Six Flags Great Escape in Lake George, New York on May 31, 2018. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approval of 8th Grade
students to attend Field
Trip to Boston on May
22, 2018*

Request Approval for 8th Grade Students to Participate in a Field Trip to Boston, Massachusetts on Tuesday, May 22, 2018

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Macturk, that the Board of Education approve the request for 8th grade students to participate in a field trip to Boston, Massachusetts on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

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

*Approval of Varsity
cheerleaders Field Trip
to Virginia from March
9-March 12, 2018*

Request Approval for Varsity Cheerleaders Field Trip to Virginia Beach, Virginia from March 9 - March 12, 2018

MOTION made by Mr. MacFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the Mohonasen Varsity Cheerleaders trip to Virginia Beach, Virginia to attend a National Cheer Competition from Friday, March 9 through Monday, March 12, 2018.

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

New Business – Business/Personnel

Approval to Enter into a Contract with LaSalle School

Request for Approval of Contract with LaSalle School from December 17, 2017 – June 30, 2018

MOTION made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve a contract with LaSalle School for the period of December 17, 2017 through June 30, 2018 at a rate of \$3,580.40 per month. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval of Health & Welfare Contract with Scotia-Glenville Central School District

Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Scotia-Glenville Central School District

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mr. Piccirillo, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the Scotia-Glenville Central School District, in the total amount of \$17,049.42 for the 2017-18 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval of Independent Consultant for Professional Development Services

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

MOTION made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve this agreement with the independent consultant listed below to provide professional development services to the Mohonasen Central School District:

	Comprehensive Developmental School Counseling/Guidance Program regulation requirements	Gloria Jean	Not to exceed \$1,000
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The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval of First Reading of Board Policies

Request for Approval of First Reading of Board Policies

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approves the first reading of the following policies:

	3120	School District Standards and Guidelines for Web Page Publishing
	5321	Use of District Credit Card
	5640	Smoking/Tobacco Use
	5660	School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast)
	5741	Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers and Other Safety-Sensitive Employees
	6110	Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Personnel
	6215	Probation and Tenure
	6410	Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources
	7222	Diploma or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities
	7240	Student Records: Access and Challenge
	7313	Suspension of Students
	7320	Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and Other Substances
	7330	Searches and Interrogations of Students
	7420	Sports and the Athletic Program
	7513	Administration of Medication
	7520	Accidents and Medical Emergencies
	7521	Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions
	7530	Child Abuse & Maltreatment
	7550	Dignity for All Students
	7553	Hazing of Students

	7670	Due Process complaints: Selection and Board Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers
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The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval of Health and Welfare with South Colonie Central School District

Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with South Colonie Central School District

MOTION made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the South Colonie Central School District, in the total amount of \$11,516.48 for the 2017-18 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approval of Resolution of Intent to Act as Lead Agency Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for Solar Array Project

Request Resolution of Intent to Act as Lead Agency Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for Solar Array Project, SED Project Control #53-05-15-06-0-013-002

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mr. Piccirillo, that the Board of Education acting as Lead Agency adopt the following resolution:
 WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Mohonasen Central School District (“Board”) is proposing to undertake a project consisting of the construction of a solar array located on land previously purchased by the District and located at 1036 Serafini Drive, Schenectady, New York (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder require the Board to undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts, if any, associated with the project before approving same; and

WHEREAS, this project is a Unlisted action within the meaning of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, a Long Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared and reviewed in connection with the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Education Department (NYSED), as an involved agency, has consented in writing to the Board acting as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.7 requires a lead agency to issue a written determination of significance with respect to any proposed Unlisted action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed Project, as set forth in the Long Environmental Assessment Form prepared with respect to such action, and makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves the construction of a solar array located on land previously purchased by the District.
2. The proposed action is classified under SEQRA as a Unlisted action.
3. Upon consideration of the action, review of the Long Environmental Assessment Forms, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and all other supporting information, the Board identifies the following relevant areas of environmental concern, as set forth hereafter, and analyzes whether the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
4. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, any substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or

surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels, or a substantial increase in solid waste production, or a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching, or drainage problems.

5. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, a substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, impacts on any significant habitat area, substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat thereof, or other significant adverse impacts to nature resources.

6. The project is not located within a designated Critical Environmental Area.

7. The proposed project will not create a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.

8. The proposed project will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of any important historical, archeological, or aesthetic resources, or of existing community or neighborhood character.

9. The proposed project will not result in any major, adverse, change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy. The proposed project is intended to result in a beneficial impact to the environment by reducing the use of conventional energy, and reducing the pollution and emissions associated therewith.

10. The proposed project will not result in the creation of a hazard to human health.

11. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space, or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support such uses.

12. The proposed action will not result in the encouragement or attraction of a large number of people to the site as compared to the number of people that would come absent the action.

13. The proposed action will not result in a material demand for other actions, will not result in changes to two or more elements of the environment which together would result in a substantial adverse impact, and will not cumulatively result in a substantial adverse impact when considered with any related actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is an Unlisted action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.2(ak); and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon consideration of the foregoing, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed action, SED Project Control #53-05-15-06-0-013-002.

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

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of February 5, 2018.
The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approved Financial Reports**Request to Approve Financial Reports**

MOTION made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the following Financial Reports:
After several questions were asked and answered, the motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Warrant #7P – February 1, 2018

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #455	\$	363,846.09
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule	\$	
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #112	\$	5,570.60
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #70	\$	19,834.71
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #209	\$	1,202,296.27
TOTAL		\$	1,591,547.67
TOTAL – Warrant #7P		\$	1,591,547.67

Warrant #8 – February 15, 2018

General Fund	Warrant Schedule	\$	300,389.12
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #6	\$	65,297.61
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #113	\$	\$8,685.90
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #71	\$	\$401.95
Trust & Agency	Warrant Schedule #210	\$	\$1,803,235.40
TOTAL		\$	\$2,178,009.98
TOTAL – Warrant #8		\$	\$2,178,009.98

Approved Personnel Recommendations

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, 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: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: February 15, 2018
Expiration Date: Close of business June 22, 2018
Salary: Step 2, pro-rated

Brianna Valente

Assignment: Water Safety Instructor Supervisor
Effective Date: March 3, 2018
Salary: \$15.50/hour

Hope Wilson

Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective Date: February 26, 2018
Salary: \$10.40/hour

Spring Coaches - 2018

Position	Coach	Step/Stipend
Strength and Conditioning	Raymond Kearney	Step 2
Varsity Baseball	Kevin Sheremeta	Step 7
Varsity Baseball Assistant	Bobby Krogh	Step 7
Varsity Volunteer Assistant	Dave Demarco	N/A
JV Baseball	Mark DeNicola	Step 4
JV Baseball Volunteer Assistant	Jamie Dilbone	N/A
Freshman Baseball (.5)	Rick Caruso	Step 7
Freshman Baseball (.5)	Robert Hartman	Step 7
Modified Softball	Jim Huggins	Step 7
Varsity Softball	Jeff Mattice	Step 7
Varsity Softball Assistant	Bianca Bojarczuk	Step 3
JV Softball	Rachel Jackson	Step 3
Modified Softball	Shannon Grier	Step 1
Boys' Varsity Tennis	Robert Stranahan	Step 1
Boys' Varsity Outdoor Track	Tara Halliday	Step 7
Boys' Track Assistant	Jeff Hayes	Step 4
Boys' Track Assistant	Thomas Geddes	Step 6
Boys' Modified Track	Fred Saccocio	Step 7
Girls' Varsity Outdoor Track	Bill Sherman	Step 6
Girls' Track Assistant (.5)	Verrol Jackson	Step 7
Girls' Track Assistant	Tom Howley	Step 7
Girls' Track Assistant (.5)	Joe Emma	Step 7
Girls' Modified Track	Kate Murnane	Step 7
Girls' Modified Track	Nikki Steele	Step 7
Unified Basketball	Patrick Petty	\$1,000.00
Unified Basketball	Graham Macbeth	\$1,000.00

Resignations

Jennifer Santabarbara
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective Date: Close of business February 23, 2018

David Hallenbeck
Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business February 16, 2018

Removal from Service

Michael Schoppe
Assignment: Substitute Cleaner
Effective Date: February 6, 2018

Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that an executive session be convened at 7:45 PM for the purpose of discussing the superintendent contract. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting. MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. Piccirillo, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:30 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mr. McFarland , that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk