



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, April 16, 2018
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Gaglioti, at 5:30 PM. Mrs. Gaglioti requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Deborah Escobar, Lisa Gaglioti, Stacy MacTurk, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan and Pamela Young*

Board Members Absent: *Chad McFarland*

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

Others in Attendance:

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that an Executive Session be convened for the purpose of contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 6:30 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

The public session was called to order by the President, Mrs. Gaglioti, at 6:32 PM. Mrs. Gaglioti requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Deborah Escobar, Lisa Gaglioti, Stacy MacTurk, Robert Piccirillo, Patrick Ryan and Pamela Young*

Board Members Absent: *Chad McFarland*

Administrators Present: *Dr. Kathleen Spring, Chris Ruberti, Lisa Cutting, Lisa Carnibucci, 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), Karen Nerney (Communications Specialist), approximately 45 faculty members, and 3 students. Kris Lanchantin (School Attorney) arrived at approximately 7:30 pm.*

Communications - Superintendent

Drawing of Names for Ballot Placement

Dr. Spring reported that there were three open seats on the Board of Education and at this time we will select the order for them to appear on the ballot. Dr. Spring asked one of the student representative to draw names for ballot placement. Based on the drawing, placement will be as follows:

1.	Morgan Beach
2.	Pamela Young
3.	Wade Abbott
4.	Patrick Ryan

Dr. Spring gave an update on the state testing. She mentioned that the first phase of the ELA testing has been finished and this year the computer-based testing was used for 5, 6, 7, and 8th grade. She talked about the glitches with these tests and commended the teachers, students and administrators for keeping things calm during this time.

She also explained the importance of why students were wanded at the middle school.

Dr. Spring then turned the meeting over to Mr. Ruberti to give a presentation on the 2018-19 Proposed Budget Adoption.

**Mr. Ruberti - 2018-19
Budget Summary**

Mr. Ruberti gave a presentation on the 2018-2019 budget. The total budget to be adopted is \$53,065,000. He reported that this is a budget increase of \$2,125,000 (or 4.17%) and a tax levy increase of \$850,146 (or 3.21%). The 2018-19 Tax Levy Limit is 3.21% which is within the calculated limit. He then reviewed the Rollover and Working Budget, talked about different steps in bridging the gap and the reductions that are necessary as the District is facing a \$1,000,000 budget gap. He compared the projected class size in grades K-6 and also explained the importance of the fund balance and its usage. He then talked about the proposed budget's projected impact on taxpayers and the proposed bus purchases. He reported that there are three open seats to be filled for three-year terms and four candidates have turned in petitions. He explained contingent budget rules. At this time, Mr. Ruberti answered some questions from the Board.

**Student
Representatives**

Student Representatives, Noelle Levasseur and Emily Bascom gave a power point presentation on events and activities within Bradt, Pinewood, Draper and the High School. They also showed a video from the Math Madness Day with Math Honor Society at Bradt. They gave a report on sports and mentioned some upcoming events.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

Mrs. MacTurk noted that she went to the PTO Talent show and that there were a lot of great, confident, young students at Bradt and Pinewood.

Ms. Young mentioned that the student representatives are doing a great job.

Mrs. Gaglioti reminded everyone that the safety event is being held tomorrow (April 17th) at 6:30.

**Public Privilege of the
Floor**

Ms. Anna Sherman, a student residing at 1100 Fourth Street in Schenectady, read three statements from the New York State Social Studies Standards in Grades 9-12. She spoke regarding the walk-out and compared the statements to the last walk-out. She related those standards to the nationwide student walk-out planned for Friday, April 20th to honor the 19th anniversary of the Columbine School Shooting. She continued to report on the intent of the walk-out and how it can help moving forward by encouraging young men and women to get registered to vote in the next election to help change gun control laws. She asked for the Board's support on the up-coming walk-out. Mrs. Gaglioti told her they would have an answer before the 20th. She then answered some questions from the Board.

Mr. Wade Abbott, and his son, Tim, who reside at Fiero Avenue in Schenectady, reported on the ELA state tests. Tim, a 6th grader, explained that he had to wait for

about ½ hour because of the issues with the computer-based version test. He said they then went into the Library where they read for the remainder of the scheduled testing time. He felt that making the students re-take the test on a normal day is very upsetting and should not overlap with teaching time.

Mr. Abbott shared his thoughts and opinions on the computer-based testing. He also shared his concerns about his child being wanded.

Mr. Ryan thanked them both for coming and expressing their concerns.

Ms. Jennifer Langlais, a parent of a student-athlete at Mohonasen who resides on Curry Road in Schenectady, had some questions regarding the change in athletics from Suburban Council to Colonial Council. She had several concerns including whether there would be as many scouts at Colonial Council games and whether there would be the same number of teams and levels in the Colonial Council. She also showed interest in a town meeting to talk about a pros/cons list of why the district moved to the Colonial Council. She indicated that there is a petition going around with the athletes, parents, athletic director, etc. to get some answers. She asked if there were any parents or grandparents on the Board that have athletes. The Board discussed some of her concerns.

Ms. Lauren Neale, a fourth-grade teacher who resides at 3008 Williamsburg Drive in Schenectady, reported on the impact of the budget and position cuts. She felt that there was not a heads-up regarding the cuts. She asked Mr. Ruberti about some questions regarding state aide, and also asked what the district is doing to prevent this from happening again next year and in future years. Mr. Ruberti answered those questions and explained to her that the health insurance is one of the largest factors in the increased cost and that we are looking into different ways to possibly reduce these costs. Dr. Spring and Mrs. Gaglioti also spoke explaining why there was less notification regarding the layoffs than in other years. Mrs. Escobar reinforced that it is always a great idea to reach out to assemblymen and senators to discuss fully funding foundation aid.

Mr. Piccirillo commended Ms. Neale for advocating for her colleagues.

Mr. Ryan also mentioned that it was a challenging budget this year and they will work at getting better communication.

**New Business -
Instructional**

*Special Education
Recommendations and
Student Placements*

*Approval of
Developmental Skills
Class field trip to
Moreau State Park*

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

MOTION made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Ms. Young, 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 January 12, February 1, 16, 27, 28, March 2, 6, 7, 9, 16, 19, 21, 22, 26, 28, 29, and April 11, 2018. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request Approval for Developmental Skills Class Field Trip to Moreau State Park in Gansevoort, New York on June 11, 2018

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Developmental Skills class to attend a trip to The Moreau State Park in Gansevoort, New York on Thursday, June 14, 2018. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Approval of French 4 Classes field trip to the Clark Art Institute (Revised Date)

Request Approval for Students in French 4 Classes to Participate in a Field Trip to the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts – Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – REVISED DATE.

MOTION made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve French 4 classes to participate in a field trip to the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Approval of Expedition Club field trip to Camp Fowler

Request Approval for Expedition Club Field Trip to Camp Fowler in Lake Pleasant, NY on April 27-28, 2018

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the Expedition Club field trip to Camp Fowler, Lake Pleasant, New York on April 27-28, 2018. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Approval of Girls' Outdoor Track & Field Team Track and Field Invitational

Request Approval for Girls' Outdoor Track & Field Team to Participate in Penn State Relays Track and Field Invitational

MOTION made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the request for the Girls' Track and Field team to participate in the Penn State Relays on April 25-26, 2018 at the University of Pennsylvania. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

New Business – Business/Personnel

Approval of Adoption of Proposed 2018-2019 School Year Budget

Request Approval of Resolution to Adopt the Proposed 2018-2019 Schol Year Budget.

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution to adopt the 2018-2019 school year budget:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District, towns of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, and Colonie and Guilderland, Albany County, New York, be authorized to expend the sum of fifty-three million sixty-five thousand dollars (\$53,065,000) for school purposes during the 2018-2019 school year and levy the necessary tax therefore.

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

Approval of NYLAF and Heartland Financial USA, Inc. (and its subsidiary Dubuque Bank & Trust Company) as Official Depositories for School Funds

Request Approval of the New York Liquid Asset Fund (NYLAF) and Heartland Financial USA, Inc. (and its subsidiary Dubuque Bank & Trust Company) as Official Depositories for School District Funds

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education designate New York Liquid Asset Fund (NYLAF) and Heartland Financial USA, Inc. (and its subsidiary Dubuque Bank & Trust Company) as official depositories for school district funds for the 2017-2018 school year. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of March 19, 20, and April 2, 11, 2018.

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

Approval of Bids

Kontrol, LLC. –
Payment and
Management Services

Request to Enter into an Agreement with Kontrol LLC. For Payment and Management Services

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the request for the District to enter into the Payment Management & Services Agreement with Kontrol, LLC.

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

Cooperative Waste
Removal Services Bid

Request for Approval to Participate in Cooperative Waste Removal Services Bid

MOTION made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education approve the participation of the district in the cooperative bid for Waste Services led by Scotia-Glenville Central Schools for the years 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21.

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

Contract Addendum
with Plank, LLC

Request for Approval of Contract Addendum with Plank, LLC.

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the contract addendum between the District and Plank, LLC. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Approved Personnel Recommendations

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

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

Appointments

Kristy Hood, 1853 Rensselaer Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303

Appointment: Long-Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: January 16, 2018
Expiration Date: Close of business May 9, 2018 *(amended from the March 5, 2018 agenda)*
Certification Status: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Gr. 1-6, Permanent
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits, pro-rated

William Mottola, 29 Dublin Drive, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)
Effective Date: March 15, 2018
Salary: \$10.40/hour

Eric Walter, 2839 Curry Road, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)
Effective Date: May 1, 2018
Salary: \$10.40/hour

2017-2018 Intramurals

NAME	BUILDING
Nikki Steele	High School
Thomas Geddes	Bradt

2017-2018 PM School Tutoring (\$25/Hour)

NAME	
Kathy Holoboski	Tutor

Spring Coaches - 2018

Position	Coach	Step/Stipend
Boys' Modified Track	Joshua Whipple	Step 7

Winter Color Guard Appointments – 2017-2018

Advisor	Classification	Stipend
Daniel Jones	Director – Indoor Guard (1.0)	\$1,379.00
Julian Williams	Instructor – Indoor Guard (.67)	\$ 919.00
Preston Coppage	Instructor – Indoor Guard (.67)	\$ 919.00
Khrystin Comerford	Instructor – Indoor Guard (.5)	\$ 545.00
Brittany Plano	Instructor – Indoor Guard (.33)	\$ 455.00
Shaun Edwards	Instructor – Middle School Color Guard (.5)	\$ 545.00
Kari Ross	Instructor – Pinewood Color Guard (.67)	\$ 919.00
Jocelyn Spencer	Instructor – Indoor Guard (.33)	\$ 455.00
Nafis Wright	Volunteer	N/A

Resignations

Kathryn McTiernan, 173 Tallowood Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065

Assignment: Humanities Administrator
Effective Date: Close of business June 30, 2018

Diamanto Ktenas, 71 Paradowski Road, Scotia, NY 12302

Assignment: ESL Teacher
Effective Date: August 31, 2018

Robert Baldwin, 235 Juniper Drive, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: .4 Business
Effective Date: Close of business April 13, 2018

Lisa Dufek, 148 Putnam Road, Schenectady, NY 12306

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide
Effective Date: Close of business March 29, 2018

Resignations (Cont.)

Bryan Rafferty, 1041 Horvath Street, Schenectady, NY 12303

Assignment: CleanerEffective Date: Close of business April 11, 2018**Leaves of Absence**

Heather Hill, 155 Hague Blvd., Unit F, Glenmont, NY 12077

Appointment: Science (.8)Effective Dates: April 9, 2018 – June 11, 2018Reason: Family Medical Leave**Executive Session**

Motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Young, that an executive session be convened at 8:19 PM for the purpose of discussion of the employment of a particular person. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Piccirillo, seconded by Ms. Young, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:30 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:30 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Christopher J. Ruberti, District Clerk