

FARNSWORTH TECHNOLOGY CENTER
2072 CURRYROAD
SCHENECTADY, NY 12303

DECEMBER 7, 2020
*EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM
BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM

AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

****Purposed Executive Session at 6:00 PM for the purpose of tenure review***

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Communications
 - 1. Superintendent
 - a. Student Representatives
 - b. Mohonasen Media Specialist - Christina Matthieu
 - c. Library K-12 – Tasha Anderson and Library Staff
 - d. English as a New Language (ENL) presentation – Tasha Anderson and ENL Teachers
 - 2. Board of Education
 - 3. Public (Privilege of the Floor)
- E. Old Business
 - 1. Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies
- F. New Business
 - Instructional
 - 1. Request for Approval of Recommendations of the Committees on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education
 - Business/Personnel
 - 1. Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Niskayuna Central School District
 - 2. Request for Acceptance of Uncollected Tax Report
 - 3. Request for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Teachers' Association
 - 4. Request for Approval of Amendment to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement that Governs the New York Liquid Asset Fund (NYLAF)
 - 5. Request for Acceptance of Monetary Donation from the Mohonasen Foundation for Excellence
- G. Other Items
 - 1. Approval of Minutes (November 16, 2020)
 - 2. Personnel
- H. Proposed Executive Session (*if needed*)
- I. Adjournment

ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

F. OLD BUSINESS #1

DECEMBER 7, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A major responsibility of the Board of Education is to adopt formal policies for governing the educational practices and operations of the school district. To ensure that these policies are appropriately updated for compliance with required laws and regulations, the Board of Education has utilized the Board Policy Service offered by the Erie I BOCES.

EVALUATION/ANALYSIS

Appropriate revised and new policies developed by this Board Policy Service have been reviewed by district administration and forwarded to the Board of Education with a recommendation for adoption. A first reading approval is required at a regular or special meeting of the Board, followed by a second reading approval and formal adoption at a subsequent meeting of the Board in order for the policies to become effective.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the following Policies and By-Laws:

- #3520 Extraordinary Circumstances
- #5676 Privacy and Security
- #6550 Leaves of Absence
- #6570 Remote Working
- #7150 Remote Learning
- #8241 Patriotism

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ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

F. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #4

December 7, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Amendment to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement that Governs the New York Liquid Asset Fund (NYLAF)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The District is currently approved to use various depositories in order to manage day to day operations and to receive the best interest rates on their funds.

EVALUATION/ANALYSIS

The New York Liquid Asset Fund (NYLAF) has been a valuable tool in maximizing interest earnings. Recently NYLAF's Governing Board changed their Investment Advisor from RBC Global Asset Management (US), Inc, (RBC GAM-US) to PMA Asset Management, LLC and changed their Marketing agent from RBS Capital Markets, LLC to PMA Securities, LLC. An affiliate of these companies, PMA Financial Network, LLC currently serves as the Administrator for NYLAF. In order for this amendment to take effect each participant must adopt a resolution approving such amendment within 60 days of the adoption of the Governing Board's resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve the Amendment to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement that Governs the New York Liquid Asset Fund (NYLAF) as per attached resolution.

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ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

F. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #2

DECEMBER 7, 2020

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Request for Acceptance of Uncollected Tax Report

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the beginning of the tax collection period, warrants are issued by the Board of Education. These warrants contain the total tax dollars that are to be collected by the Tax Collectors during the collection period, and subsequently turned over to the school district. At the end of the collection period a comparison of the total amount collected vs. the amount contained on the warrant is made. This calculation then indicates the amount of uncollected taxes. By law, uncollected taxes are sent to the respective county treasurer, who in turn provides reimbursement in full to the school district. This reimbursement is paid on April 1, 2021.

EVALUATION/ANALYSIS

The school district 2020 tax warrants, after adjustments, are as follows (less STAR):

Rotterdam	\$ 23,451,940.92
Guilderland	\$ 1,306,191.81
Colonie	\$ 1,129,650.38

At the end of the collection period, a review of our records indicates the following amount of uncollected taxes:

Rotterdam	\$ 955,875.78
Guilderland	\$ 26,348.76
Colonie	\$ 54,961.83

Uncollected tax reports must now be filed with the appropriate County Treasurer. All uncollected taxes must be paid to the school district on April 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education accept the Uncollected Tax Report as follows:

Rotterdam	\$ 955,875.78
Guilderland	\$ 26,348.76
Colonie	\$ 54,961.83

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ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

G3. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

DECEMBER 7, 2020

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Shannon C. Shine, 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. Appointments**
- B. Resignations**
- C. Leave of Absence**

A. Appointments

Gregory Collins
Appointment: Lifeguard
Date of Commencement: November 2, 2020
Salary: \$12.50/per hour

John Cook
Appointment: Substitute Cleaner
Date of Commencement: December 8, 2020
Salary: \$12.50/per hour

Ronni Edwards
Appointment: Clerk
Date of Commencement: December 8, 2020
Salary: \$30,792

Erica Toth
Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Date of Commencement: December 21, 2020
Salary: \$12.50/per hour

Victoria Rickard
Appointment: P/T 19 A Trainer
Date of Commencement: December 1, 2020
Salary: \$20.91/hour individual training \$35.00/hour group training
(amended from 11/16/20 BOE)

2020-2021 Student Teachers

Name	Bldg.	Assignment	Dates
Sara Wright	Bradt/Highschool	Music	1/20/21 - 5/5/21
Richard Jimenez	Pinewood	Music	1/20/21 - 3/12/21
Jacob Hernandez	Draper/High School	Music	3/16/2021 – 05/12/21
Jake LaBate	Pinewood/Draper/ High School	Music	1/13/21 - 5/12/21

2020-2021 Student Council Advisors (\$710 each)

Name	Organization
Kristen Vachon	Student Council
Colleen Guse	Student Council
Jodi Scalise	Student Council
Rebecca Shea	Student Council
Danielle Hunt	Student Council
Dawn Aulita	Student Council
Priscilla Perry	Student Council

Autumn Wallace	Student Council
Tara Halliday	Student Council

2020-2021 Mohonasen Media Specialist

Name	Stipend
Christina Mathieu	\$2,500

2020-2021 High School PM School Tutoring (\$34.61/Hour)

Name:	
Katie Bartone	Tutor
Mary Beth Becker	Tutor

2020-2021 High School PM School Tutoring (\$29.61/Hour)

Name:	
Gerard Smith	Tutor

2020-2021 Tutor Pinewood (\$34.61/Hour)

Name:	Assignment
Susan Detwiler	Tutor

Pinewood After School AIS 2020 - 2021 (12/15/20-6/25/21)

Name	Assignment	Time	Rate
Emily Felter	AIS	2 hrs./week	\$34.61
Marsha Elliot	AIS	2 hrs./week	\$34.61
Emily Gibson	AIS	2 hrs./week	\$34.61
Susan Detwieler	AIS	2 hrs./week	\$34.61
Amie Tannuzzo	AIS	2 hrs./week	\$34.61
Mary Gradoni	AIS	2 hrs./week	\$29.61
Melissa Williams	AIS	3 hrs./week	\$29.61

Bradt After School AIS 2020 - 2021 (12/14/20-6/25/21)

Name	Assignment	Time	Rate
Krista Zajesky	AIS Math	1.25 hrs./week	\$34.61
Melissa Antonini	AIS Reading	1.25 hrs./week	\$34.61
AnnMarie O'Brien	AIS Math	1.25 hrs./week	\$34.61
Sarah Rames	AIS Reading	1.25 hrs./week	\$34.61
Amanda Moore	AIS Math	1.25 hrs./week	\$29.61
Heather McDonough	AIS Reading	1.25 hrs./week	\$29.61

Winter 2020-2021 Coach Appointments (amended from 11/16/2020)

Name	Sport/Level	Salary Step
Cody Labadia	Boys Modified Basketball	1
Rick Caruso	Boys Varsity Bowling	1

B. Resignations

Ronni Edwards

Appointment: Information Processing Specialist 1

Date of Commencement: December 7, 2020

ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

F. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #5

DECEMBER 7, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request for Acceptance of Monetary Donation from the Mohonasen Foundation for Excellence

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Education Policy Section 5240 stipulates the Board may accept donations, which will add to the overall welfare of the District. The Mohonasen Foundation for Excellence is a certified 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote excellence in education in the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District by generating and distributing financial and other resources to the district for innovative programs that enhance the quality of education by providing educational opportunities for all students, supporting staff development, and promoting school-community partnerships.

EVALUATION/ANALYSIS

The Board of Education is being asked to accept a \$20,000 donation from the Mohonasen Foundation for Excellence to support students and their educations during the COVID-19 pandemic. This donation will allow the District to purchase innovative technology and other equipment to improve virtual and on-site learning for students.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve the donation of \$20,000 from the Mohonasen Foundation to support virtual learning technology.

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ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

F. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #1

DECEMBER 7, 2020

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Shannon c. Shine, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Niskayuna Central School District

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 912 of the Education Law permits a school district to enter into a contract for the purpose of providing health and welfare services for children residing in a school district, and attending non-public schools located in a different school district.

EVALUATION/ANALYSIS

A review of district records indicates 1 student residing in the Mohonasen Central School District has received health and welfare services from Niskayuna Central School District. The cost of these services was \$724.83 per student for the 2019-20 school year, at a total of \$724.83. The district should now enter into a contract with Niskayuna Central School District, in the total amount of \$724.83.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with Niskayuna Central School District, in the total amount of \$724.83 for the 2019-20 school year.

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