

FARNSWORTH TECHNOLOGY CENTER
2072 CURRYROAD
SCHENECTADY, NY 12303

FEBRUARY 8, 2021
*EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM
BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM

AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**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 – Emily Gandrow, Michael Jurgelon, Caitlin Pusz
 - b. Kindergarten to 12th Grade Writing – Craig Chandler, Rick Arket, Jason Thompson, Leslie Smith, Tara Halliday, Marissa Gordon, Erin Degnan, and Kristen Vachon
 - c. Rollover Budget and Tax Cap – Chris Ruberti
 - 2. Board of Education
 - 3. Public (Privilege of the Floor)
 - E. Old Business
 - F. New Business
- Instructional
- 1. Request for Approval of Recommendations of the Committees on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education
 - 2. Request for Approval of High-Risk Sports

Business/Personnel

- 1. Request for Approval of the Annual Fire Inspection Reports
- 2. Request for Approval of First Reading and Adoption of Board Policies
- 3. Request for Approval to Enter into a Service Agreement with Capital Region BOCES
- 4. Request to Establish 2020-21 Non-Resident Tuition Rates
- 5. Request Approval for Tax Refund – 1245 Kings Road Realty, LLC
- 6. Request Approval for Tax Refund – Michael and Paul Gordon, LLC

Appointment of District Officers, Other Appointments, Designations, Authorizations, Bonding of Personnel and Other Items (Amended from BOE Meeting held on 7/7/2020)

- 1. Appointment of an Additional Independent Evaluator
 - Maria McCabe; McCabe Psychology

After completing an evaluation by district personnel and upon receipt of a letter requesting an independent evaluation, the district will underwrite the cost up to the amount of \$2,000.00.

G. Other Items

1. Approval of Minutes (January 25, 2021)
2. Personnel

H. Proposed Executive Session (*if needed*)

I. Adjournment

ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

F. INSTRUCTIONAL #2

February 8, 2021

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Request for Approval of High-Risk Sports

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Governor of New York State authorized that interscholastic, high-risk sports could begin on February 1, 2021.

EVALUATION/ANALYSIS

In order for a district to participate in high-risk sports several criteria needed to be met at both the county and school levels. These include 7 day rolling positivity rates and hospital bed capacity as well as sport specific preparedness plans, approval of the school physician and informed consent from parents and student athletes. The county and the District have met all of these requirements and now needs the approval of the Board of Education in order to officially resume high-risk sports.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Governor of New York authorized interscholastic High Risk sports to begin on February 1, 2021 at the discretion of County Public Health Departments; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Departments of both Saratoga County and Schenectady County have authorized interscholastic High Risk Sports to resume under certain circumstances including the creation of sport specific preparedness plans for each High Risk Sport which are approved by the district's school physician/medical director, obtaining informed consent from parents/guardians, medical clearance from the student-athlete's healthcare provider, and approval by district Boards of Education for each High Risk Sport; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Departments of both Saratoga County and Schenectady County also identified community CoVid-19 metrics that must be met in order for interscholastic High Risk Sports to resume including a rolling seven day positivity rate for CoVid-19 under 4% within the county and hospital bed capacity in excess of 15% in the capital region; and

WHEREAS, the Mohonasen Central School District obtains both informed consent from parents and student-athlete medical clearance with its Family ID registration program; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools, in coordination with the Athletic Director, created sport specific preparedness plans for each High Risk Sport which have been reviewed by the school physician; and

WHEREAS, the school physician, Dr. Silverman, has at this time approved the preparedness plans for boys basketball, girls basketball, cheerleading, wrestling, and ice hockey; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that interscholastic sports are an important component of a student's experience; Now, therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mohonasen Central School District, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby authorizes the resumption of Boys Varsity Basketball, Boys Junior Varsity Basketball, Boys Modified Basketball; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mohonasen Central School District, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby authorizes the resumption of Girls Varsity Basketball, Girls Junior Varsity Basketball and Girls Modified Basketball; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mohonasen Central School District, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby authorizes the resumption of Varsity Cheerleading and Junior Varsity Cheerleading; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mohonasen Central School District, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby authorizes the resumption of Varsity Ice Hockey; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mohonasen Central School District, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby authorizes the resumption of Varsity Wrestling and Modified Wrestling; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mohonasen Central School District, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby authorizes the resumption of Varsity Volleyball, Junior Varsity Volleyball and Modified Volleyball for the Fall 2 season; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mohonasen Central School District, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby authorizes the resumption of Varsity Football and Modified Football for the Fall 2 season.

SCS/CJR:kb

ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

F. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #2

February 8, 2021

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of First 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 the District Policy Committee 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 approve the first reading and adoption of the following policies:

- 3420 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the District
- 3421 Title IX and Sex Discrimination
- 1330 Appointments and Designations by the Board
- 5670 Records Management
- 1620 Annual Organizational Meeting
- 1640 Absentee Ballots
- 5681 School Safety Plans
- 6411 Use of Email in the District
- 7420 Sports and Athletic Program

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Attachment

ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

F. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #1

February 8, 2021

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of the Annual Fire Inspection Reports

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

All facilities owned or operated by the school district must be inspected on an annual basis for compliance with NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. The school facilities must also be inspected for compliance with regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Part 155.8.

EVALUATION/ANALYSIS

On January 20, 2021 all facilities owned by the school district were inspected. A copy of the fire safety report has been submitted to the State Education Department, and Certificates of Compliance/occupancy are displayed at all of our facilities when they are received from the State Education Department Facilities Planning. The district has also placed a notice on our website and a legal notice in the Daily Gazette that all buildings are in compliance and that copies of the reports are available for public inspection.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve the Annual Fire Inspection Reports for all facilities owned by the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District.

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ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

E. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #3

February 8, 2021

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Enter into a Service Agreement with Capital Region
BOCES

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The District purchases a variety of services each year through Capital Region (Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga) BOCES. It is now required that multi-year commitments be separately approved by each entities' Boards of Education.

EVALUATION/ANALYSIS

The District has determined that a multi-year agreement for copier leases through Capital Region BOCES is beneficial. This service is listed as an Administrative Computer Service in Co-Ser 604.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve the attached resolution and service agreement with Capital Region BOCES related to Administrative Computer Services in Co-Ser 604.

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ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

F. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #4

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Request to Establish 2020-21 Non-Resident Tuition Rates

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Other than court-ordered and foster care placed students, the Board of Education is the sole determiner as to whether or not non-residents shall be allowed to attend schools of the Mohonasen Central School District. At the current time the Board of Education is not accepting tuition paying students. Should the Board determine that non-resident students will be permitted to attend our schools, parents or guardians of these children shall pay tuition charges, as indicated in Board policy. Tuition rates are also utilized in determining charge-backs to school districts of origin for court-ordered and foster care students placed in the district.

EVALUATION/ANALYSIS

Part 174 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education establishes the basis of computing non-resident tuition charges. Such charges cannot exceed the cost of educating pupils who are district residents. The district has followed the formula included in Part 174 of the Commissioner's Regulations, which resulted in the following non-resident tuition rates for the 2020-21 school year.

	Tuition for Regular Ed. <u>Pupil</u>	Tuition for Special Ed <u>Pupil</u>
Grades K-6	\$7,032	\$24,498
Grades 7-12	\$9,831	\$27,297

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approve the following tuition rates for use during the 2020-21 school year:

	Tuition for Regular Ed. <u>Pupil</u>	Tuition for Special Ed <u>Pupil</u>
Grades K-6	\$7,032	\$24,498
Grades 7-12	\$9,831	\$27,297

ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

F. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #5

February 8, 2021

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Request Approval for Tax Refund – 1245 Kings Road Realty, LLC

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The district has received a Stipulation and Order of Settlement regarding property owned by 1245 Kings Road Realty, LLC.

EVALUATION/ANALYSIS

1245 Kings Road Realty, LLC filed an appeal for review of their assessment for tax year 2020. The proposed a Settlement of the case that reduces the assessed value for the property located at 1245 Kings Road (28.2-3-15.2) from \$825,00.00 to \$686,250.00. This reduction would result in a total tax refund of \$4,306.40.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education authorize the change in assessment for 2020 to \$686,250 and a total tax refund of \$4,306.40.

SCS/CJR:kb

ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

F. BUSINESS/PERSONNEL #6

February 8, 2021

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Request Approval for Tax Refund – Michael and Paul Gordon, LLC

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The district has received a Consent and Order of Judgement regarding property owned by Michael and Paul Gordon, LLC.

EVALUATION/ANALYSIS

Michael and Paul Gordon, LLC., filed an appeal for review of their assessment for tax year 2020. The Judgement proposes a settlement of the case that reduces the assessed value for the property located at 3075 Broadway (48.19-5-30) from \$750,000.00 to \$258,800. This reduction would result in a total tax refund of \$9,489.50.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education authorize the change in assessment for 2020 to \$258,800 and a total tax refund of \$9,489.50.

SCS/CJR:kb

ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

G3. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

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. Tenure**
- B. Appointments**
- C. Resignations**
- D. Leaves of Absence**

A. Tenure

Jason Thompson
Appointment: K-12 Principal
Effective Date: March 17, 2021

Daniella Deluca
Appointment: K-12 Assistant Principal
Effective Date: March 3, 2021

B. Appointments

Rebecca Pauley
Appointment: Long Term Substitute
Assignment: High School Guidance Counselor
Date of Commencement: February 5, 2021
Expiration Date: June 30, 2021
Salary: Step 5 plus Graduate Credits

Rachel Mitchell
Appointment: P/T Cafeteria Aide
Date of Commencement: February 3, 2021
Salary: \$12.50

Lorrie Adams
Appointment: Bus Driver
Date of Commencement: February 1, 2021
Salary: \$18.91 per hour

Melissa Conaway
Appointment: Substitute Cafeteria Aide
Date of Commencement: February 8, 2021
Salary: \$12.50 per hour

Robert Martin
Appointment: Substitute Cafeteria Aide
Date of Commencement: February 8, 2021
Salary: \$12.50 per hour

Mary Walsh-Pacifico
Assignment: Teaching Assistant
Effective Date: February 9, 2021
Salary: Step 1

Robert Martin
Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Effective Date: February 9, 2021
Salary: \$12.50/hr

Kim Luke
Assignment: Substitute Cleaner (Transportation)
Effective Date: February 3, 2021
Salary: \$12.50/hr

Patricia Ulenski
Assignment: Substitute Cleaner (Transportation)
Effective Date: February 3, 2021
Salary: \$12.50/hr

Joseph Angerami
Assignment: Substitute Cleaner
Effective Date: February 8, 2021
Salary: \$12.50/hr

Joseph Angerami
Assignment: Substitute Monitor
Effective Date: February 8, 2021
Salary: \$14.00/hr

Curriculum Work 2020-2021 - \$186.50/day *(Amended from meeting on 1/11/2021)*

Name	Number of Days
John Winters	1
Nicole Battisti	1

Name of Group	Advisor
Peers for Peace/No Place for Hate	Diane Blinn

2020-2021 High School PM School TASC/AHSEP Tutor (\$34.61/Hour)

Name:	
Patricia Burciaga	TASC/ASHEP Tutor

2020-2021 Student Teacher

Name	Building	Assignment	Dates
Emma Piraino	Bradt	Teacher Grade K	1/4/21 - 5/5/21

2020-2021 School Improvement Tutoring/PM School ESSA CSI

Name:	Rate
Amanda Kuhn	\$34.61/hr

2020-2021 Shadow Hours

Name	Building	Assignment	Dates
Molly Hay	Bradt	Nurse	2/9/21 - 6/25/21

Winter Coaches 2020-2021 *(Begins February 1, 2021)*

Sport	Name	Step
Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach	Matt Poodiack	3
Unpaid Boys' Modified Cross-Country Coach	Wade Abbott	Unpaid

C. Resignations

Kevin Sheremata

Assignment: Substitute Cleaner

Effective Date: January 8, 2021

Karen Spring

Assignment: Teacher Assistant

Effective Date: Close of Business January 29, 2021

Cody LaBadia

Appointment: Teacher Assistant

Effective Date: Close of business February 12, 2021

Michele Lajeunesse

Appointment: TASC Tutor

Effective Date: Close of business February 2, 2021

Jack Guarneri

Appointment: Monitor

Effective Date: Close of business February 19, 2021

D. Leaves of Absence

Danielle Conway

Appointment: High School Guidance Counselor

Effective Dates: February 1, 2021 – April 30, 2021 (Family Medical Leave)
May 3, 2021 – June 30, 2021 (Unpaid Leave of Absence)

Reason: Family Medical Leave/Unpaid Leave of Absence

Erika Pangburn

Appointment: Secondary English

Effective Dates: *(Amended from the January 25, 2021 BOE Meeting)*
January 14, 2021 – April 14, 2021 (Family Medical Leave)
April 15, 2021 – June 25, 2021 (Unpaid Leave of Absence)

Reason: Family Medical Leave/Unpaid Leave of Absence

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR
ROTTERDAM-MOHONASEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District (hereinafter referred to as the "District") desires to enter into a five year service agreement with the Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereinafter referred to as "CR BOCES") in order for the CR BOCES to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to New York State Education Law §1950(4)(jj), those services being Administrative Computer Services (Copier Lease) in Co-Ser 604.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District agrees to enter into a contract with the CR BOCES for the provision of said services to the District and not to exceed in total over the life of this agreement the total amount of \$8,059.80 and associated CR BOCES charges with such amount to include annual CR BOCES support costs and applicable taxes and surcharges, and with such support costs and applicable taxes and surcharges included at the current rate and subject to change as established in the CR BOCES budget or mandated by any federal, state or local authority.

This amount may be amended with the approval of both parties. The District will be liable to CR BOCES for early cancellation or withdrawal from this agreement to the same extent that CR BOCES is liable to any vendor(s) of these services, including liability for applicable penalties or liquidated damages, and the District will also be liable for costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements, incurred by CR BOCES as consequence of any such early cancellation or withdrawal. The District further agrees to indemnify, defend and hold BOCES, its elected officials, its employees, and agents, harmless from any and all liability, claims including bodily injury or property damage, causes of action, damages and expenses, including attorney fees, which may arise out of the negligent actions of the District, its elected officials, employees, agents, invitees, and volunteers while using this service.

Payment will be made as part of a regular annual CR BOCES contract for services. Further, this agreement is subject to the approval of the Board of Education of CR BOCES. This contract will be for a maximum period of 5 years commencing on or about April 2021 and continuing through March 2026.