



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, February 8, 2021
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

<p><u>Call to Order</u></p>	<p>The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Gaglioti, at 6:00 PM. Mrs. Gaglioti requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.</p>
<p><u>Roll Call</u></p>	<p>Board Members Present: <i>Wade Abbott, Lisa Gaglioti, Stacy MacTurk, and Chad McFarland</i> Board Members Attending Virtually: <i>Patrick Ryan and Pam Young</i> Board Members Absent: <i>Deborah Escobar</i> Administrators Present: <i>Shannon Shine, Chris Ruberti, Laurel Logan-King, Leslie Smith, Jason Thompson, Richard Arket and Sara Lewis. Ms. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Arket and Ms. Lewis left the Executive session at 6:30pm.</i></p>
<p><u>Executive Session</u></p>	<p>MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. Abbott, that an Executive Session be convened for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.</p> <p>MOTION made by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 7:15. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.</p>
<p><u>Return to Public Session</u></p>	<p>The Public Session was called to order by the President, Mrs. Gaglioti, at 7:18 PM. Mrs. Gaglioti requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.</p>
<p><u>Roll Call</u></p>	<p>Board Members Present: <i>Wade Abbott, Lisa Gaglioti, Stacy MacTurk, and Chad McFarland</i> Board Members in Attendance Virtually: <i>Patrick Ryan and Pam Young</i> Board Members Absent: <i>Deborah Escobar</i> Administrators Present: <i>Shannon Shine, Chris Ruberti, and Laurel Logan-King</i> Others In Attendance: <i>Chris Patterson (MTA President), Marissa Gordon, Erin Degnan, Tasha Anderson, Emily Gandrow, Tara Halliday, Leslie Smith, Rick Arket, Craig Chandler and Kristen Vachon and virtually in attendance Bill Vacca, Dave Bertram, Sara Lewis, Daniella Deluca, Kristy Goergen, and Deborah Kavanaugh</i></p>
<p><u>Communications - Superintendent</u></p>	<p>Student representative, Emily Gandrow, updated the Board on activities taking place at each of the schools. Bradt School students are making Valentines for Vets to be distributed at the VA hospital in Albany; Pinewood held their annual career day for 5th graders where Mr. Shine,</p>

<p><u>Communications - Board of Education</u></p>	<p>Mrs. Lewis and other volunteers answered students' questions about their occupations; Draper Middle School students have received positive behavior referrals and had the opportunity to win prizes; the High School anticipates being able to resume some high risk sports and have begun practices.</p> <p>Principals, Leslie Smith, Craig Chandler, Rick Arket, and Jason Thompson and teachers, Marissa Gordon, Erin Degnan, Tara Halliday, and Kristen Vachon gave the Board an overview on enhancements made to the Mohonasen writing program for Kindergarten through 12th grade. Improvements include increased partnership between schools to develop cohesive programs as the students advance through the grades, the use of RAPP (Restate, Answer, Prove and Prove) in all grade levels, having students write about issues that engage them along with increasing frequency of writing and expanded professional development for teachers.</p> <p>Mr. Ruberti provided the Board with an update on the budget and discussed the tax cap for the upcoming year. He indicated that even though District expenses were projected to be lower than normal for 2021-22 there would still be a deficit due to such small revenue increases. He explained that the revenue for the District comes mainly from State Aid and the tax levy. Mr. Ruberti discussed the fact that Foundation Aid would be at the same level as the past two years and that the District's Tax Levy Limit Calculation was estimated to be 1.38%. He then projected out operating deficits for the next five years under various scenarios, including exceeding the tax cap for 2021-22. The BOE discussed the options and the fact that exceeding the tax cap by itself would not solve the financial issues facing the District, there would also need to be additional support from the state. Mr Ruberti indicated that the initial Tax Cap Calculation is due to the state by March 1, 2021, but can be updated prior to the Board of Education adopting the budget.</p> <p>Mr. Abbott reported that he attended a virtual NYSSBA conference. He noted that the legislators in attendance were concerned on how education budget cuts would affect students long term and they would like to see funding restored. He also mentioned several other items of interest to the BOE. including the importance of advocating for more school funding.</p>
<p><u>Public Privilege of the Floor</u></p>	<p>No attendees wished to speak</p>
<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <p><u>New Business - Instructional</u> <i>Approval of Recommendations of the</i></p>	<p>There was no old business to discuss</p> <p>Request for Approval of Recommendations of the Committees on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education approve and arrange for the recommendations of the</p>

<p><i>Committees on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education</i></p> <p><i>Approval of High Risk Sports</i></p> <p><u>New Business - Business/Personnel</u> <i>Approval of Annual Fire Inspection Reports</i></p> <p><i>Approval of First Reading and Adoption of Board Policies</i></p> <p><i>Approval to Enter into a Service Agreement with Capital Region BOCES</i></p> <p><i>Establish 2020-21 Non-Resident Tuition Rates</i></p> <p><i>Approval for Tax Refund – 1245 Kings Road Realty, LLC</i></p> <p><i>Approval for Tax Refund – Michael and Paul Gordon, LLC</i></p> <p><u>Appointment of</u></p>	<p>Committee on Special Education and the Preschool Special Education for meetings held on January 13, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27 and February 2, 3, and 4. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.</p> <p>Request for Approval of High-Risk Sports MOTION made by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education approve the resumption of high-risk sports. After some discussion the motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.</p> <p>Request for Approval of the Annual Fire Inspection Reports MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve the Annual Fire Inspection Reports. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.</p> <p>Request for Approval of First Reading and Adoption of Board Policies MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve the First Reading and Adoption of Board Policies 3420, 3421, 1330, 5670, 1620, 1640, 5681, 6411, 7420. After some discussion, the motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.</p> <p>Request for Approval to Enter into a Service Agreement with Capital Region BOCES MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Chad McFarland that the Board of Education approve entering into a service agreement with Capital Region BOCES. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.</p> <p>Request to Establish 2020-21 Non-Resident Tuition Rates MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Abbott that the Board of Education approve the establishment of 2020-2021 non-resident tuition rates. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.</p> <p>Request Approval for Tax Refund – 1245 Kings Road Realty, LLC MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve the tax refund for 1245 Kings Road Realty, LLC. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.</p> <p>Request Approval for Tax Refund – Michael and Paul Gordon, LLC MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. Abbott that the Board of Education approve the tax refund for Michael and Paul Gordon, LLC. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.</p> <p>Appointment of an Additional Independent Evaluator</p>
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<p><u>District Officers, Other Appointments, Designations, Authorizations, Bonding of Personnel and Other Items (Amended from BOE Meeting held on 7/7/2020)</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. Abbott that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Maria McCabe of McCabe Psychology. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
<p><u>Approved Minutes</u></p>	<p>MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education approve the minutes of January 25, 2021. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.</p>
<p><u>Approved Personnel Recommendations</u></p> <p><i>Tenure</i></p> <p><i>Appointments</i></p>	<p>MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations: The motion was passed, six members present, five members voting yes, Mr. Abbott abstained from the vote.</p> <p>Jason Thompson Appointment: K-12 Principal Effective Date: March 17, 2021</p> <p>Daniella Deluca Appointment: K-12 Assistant Principal Effective Date: March 3, 2021</p> <p>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</p> <p>Rachel Mitchell Appointment: P/T Cafeteria Aide Date of Commencement: February 3, 2021 Salary: \$12.50</p> <p>Lorrie Adams Appointment: Bus Driver Date of Commencement: February 1, 2021 Salary: \$18.91 per hour</p> <p>Melissa Conaway Appointment: Substitute Cafeteria Aide Date of Commencement: February 8, 2021 Salary: \$12.50 per hour</p> <p>Robert Martin</p>

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, 1425 Fern Ave., Schenectady, NY 12306
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

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

Name	Number of Days
John Winters	1
Nicole Battisti	1

Extra-curricular Groups 2020-2021

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	Assignment
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
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	Executive Session be adjourned at 10:00 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
<u>Adjournment</u>	MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:01 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business