



# Mohonasen Central School District

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

## **Call to Order**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Gaglioti, at 6:30 PM. Mrs. Gaglioti requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** *Wade Abbott, Lisa Gaglioti, and Chad McFarland*

**Board Members Attending Virtually:** *Patrick Ryan, Pam Young and Deborah Escobar*

**Board Members Absent:** *Stacy MacTurk*

**Administrators Present:** *Shannon Shine, Chris Ruberti, and Laurel Logan-King*

## **Executive Session**

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

MOTION made by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 7:04. 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 7:07 PM. Mrs. Gaglioti requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

## **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** *Wade Abbott, Lisa Gaglioti and Chad McFarland*

**Board Members in Attendance Virtually:** *Deborah Escobar, Patrick Ryan and Pam Young*

**Board Members Absent:** *Stacy MacTurk*

**Administrators Present:** *Shannon Shine, Chris Ruberti, and Laurel Logan-King*

**Others In Attendance:** *Chris Patterson (MTA President) and Lori Giattino and virtually in attendance Bill Vacca, Leslie Smith, Dave Bertram, Jason Thompson, Kristy Goergen, Deborah Kavanaugh, Tasha Anderson, Daniella DeLuca, Matthew Hubbell, Tom O'Connor, Rick Arket, Sara Lewis and Craig Chandler.*

## **Communications - Superintendent**

Student representative, Emily Gandrow reported on activities happening at each of the schools. At Bradt, a virtual STEAM night was held where students engineered the perfect chocolate chip cookie. Students at Pinewood made a "Dreams for the World" display that featured kindness, anti-bullying and a world where COVID did not exist. Draper Middle School highlighted student Lucas Avery who has authored four books and

was featured on Spectrum News. At the High School, students have formed a 2021 Covid Task Force to find ways to celebrate their senior year in a safe and positive way.

Mr. Ruberti explained the District residency requirements, process and investigating of possible out-of-district students. Students are required to prove their residency in the District prior to being registered. The District uses two retired Rotterdam Police Officers to do the investigations. Mr. Riberti also clarified that there are certain exceptions made for students who are considered homeless as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act..

Mr. Ruberti provided the Board with an update on the state budget and discussed BOCES, benefits, and general support. Mr. Ruberti began by discussing that the final tax levy calculation submitted to the Comptroller was 1.10%. However, he emphasized that if there was a change in the eventual adopted budget by the BOE that this number could be updated and resubmitted. He then discussed in detail three components of the budget; General Support, BOCES Services and Employee Benefits. He highlighted any significant changes from year to year, but pointed out that overall there would be relatively flat costs. He specifically discussed the various components of Employee Benefits and the fact that TRS and health insurance costs were much lower than an average year. He emphasized that this would be helpful when it came time to adopt the budget for 2021-22, but also that these costs can be volatile and that future years could result in increases.

Mr. Shine asked the Board their thoughts on holding the annual meet and greet with teachers and staff, "Coffee and Conversation". After some discussion it was determined that most Board members would like Coffee and Conversation to take place in-person versus virtual, however, perhaps at a later date would be better when it can be held outside. The issue will be discussed again at the April 12th Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Shine reported that a CAT Futures Committee is being formed to develop recommendations for possible new uses of the CAT building when BOCES is no longer leasing the space. Mr. Shine proposed that two Board members sit on the committee and Mrs. Gaglioti accepted one of the positions. The committee will be led by Mrs. Logan-King.

Mr. Abbott expressed his concern with students taking the Regents this spring without having been as properly prepared as they would have been in Non-Covid years. He expressed similar concerns about grades 3-8 testing and previous issues with computer based testing coordinated by the state. Christina Patterson, MTA President, also added that NYSUT is advocating for the reduction of testing requirements as well.

**Communications -  
Board of Education**

Mrs. Gaglioti congratulated students Lucas Avery on authoring four books and Breanna MacTurk on designing a Peers for Peace t-shirt. She also

reminded the Board that the District is holding a food drive on March 20th and encouraged involvement.

**Public Privilege of the Floor**

No attendees wished to speak

**Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss

**New Business - Instructional**

*Approval of Recommendations of the Committees on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education*

**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 Mr. Abbott that the Board of Education approve and arrange for the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Preschool Special Education for meetings held on January 27, February 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 25, 26, and March 1 and 2.

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

**New Business - Business/Personnel**

*Approval of the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar*

**Request Approval of the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 school year calendar.

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

*Approval for Designation and Appointment of Civil Rights Compliance Officers*

**Approval for Designation and Appointment of Civil Rights Compliance Officers**

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve for designation and appointment of Civil Rights Compliance Officers.

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

*Approval for the Designation and Appointment of Title IX Coordinators*

**Request Approval for the Designation and Appointment of Title IX Coordinators**

MOTION made by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve for the designation and appointment of Title IX Coordinators.

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

*Approval of 2021 Capital Project, State Environmental Quality Review Act – Bradt Primary School*

**2021 Capital Project, State Environmental Quality Review Act – Bradt Primary School**

MOTION made by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve the 2021 Capital Project, State Environmental Quality Review Act – Bradt Primary School

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

*Approval of 2021 Capital Project, State Environmental Quality Review Act – Pinewood Intermediate School*

**2021 Capital Project, State Environmental Quality Review Act – Pinewood Intermediate School**

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve the 2021 Capital Project, State Environmental Quality Review Act – Pinewood Intermediate School

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

*Approval of 2021 Capital Project, State Environmental Quality Review Act – Draper Middle School*

**2021 Capital Project, State Environmental Quality Review Act – Draper Middle School**

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve the 2021 Capital Project, State Environmental Quality Review Act – Draper Middle School  
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Approval of Shared Services Agreement with Duanesburg Central School District for 2020-21*

**Request for Approval of Shared Services Agreement with Duanesburg Central School District for 2020-21**

MOTION made by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve the shared Services Agreement with Duanesburg Central School District for 2020-21.  
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Acceptance of a Donation to Bradt Library and Budget Re-appropriation*

**Request for Acceptance of a Donation to Bradt Library and Budget Re-appropriation**

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education accept a donation to Bradt Library and budget re-appropriation.  
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with North Colonie Central School District*

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

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare contract with North Colonie Central School District.  
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

**Approved Minutes**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Abbott that the Board of Education approve the minutes of February 22, 2021.  
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

**Approved Personnel Recommendations**

MOTION made by Ms. Young, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations:  
The motion was passed, six members present and voting.

*Retirements*

Virginia DelGallo  
Assignment: Teaching Assistant  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 25, 2021

*Appointments*

Shane McBride  
Assignment: Cleaner  
Effective Date: March 8, 2021  
Salary: \$26,400

Brian Cuomo  
 Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver  
 Effective Date: March 1, 2021  
 Salary: \$17.00

David Greklek  
 Assignment: Substitute Bus Driver  
 Effective Date: March 5, 2021  
 Salary: \$17.00

**Enhanced Principal Leadership F2110.150-21**

Name	Position	Stipend
Rick Arket	Draper Principal	\$2,000

**Coaches 2020-2021 (Start date 2/22/2021)**

Coach	Team	Step/Stipend
Richard R. Caruso	Boys' Modified Basketball	Volunteer
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**Coaches 2020-2021 (start date 3/7/2021)**

Coach	Team	Step/Stipend
Duane Wood	Girls' Modified Soccer	Step 7
Taylor Wood	Girls' Modified Soccer	Volunteer
Diane Blinn	Unified Bowling	\$300.00
Ben Pierson	Unified Bowling	\$1,000

*Resignations*

Shane McBride  
 Appointment: Substitute Cleaner  
 Effective Date: March 7, 2021

Margaret Hurne  
 Appointment: Substitute Typist  
 Effective Date: February 25, 2021

**Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Young, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:33 PM.  
The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

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Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business