



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, April 12, 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, Stacy MacTurk and Deborah Escobar

Board Members in Attendance Virtually: Patrick Ryan

Board Members Absent: Pamela Young

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 discussing personnel matters. 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 7:02. 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 7:10 PM. Mrs. Gaglioti requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

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Board Members in Attendance Virtually: Patrick Ryan

Board Members Absent: Pamela Young

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

Others In Attendance: Chris Patterson (MTA President), Sara Lewis, Kelly Fahrenkopf, Krista Zajesky and virtually in attendance Bill Vacca, Leslie Smith, and Jason Thompson, Craig Chandler, Kristy Goergen, Tasha Anderson, Deborah Kavanaugh, Tom O'Connor, Rick Arket, Matt Hubbell, and Dave Bertram.

Communications - Superintendent

Student representatives Caitlin Pusz and Michael Jurgelon reported on activities taking place at each of the schools. At Bradt, the students

celebrated Dr. Suess' birthday by having a character spirit week; Pinewood students participated in a reading fundraiser and raised over \$4,000 for the Ronald McDonald House; at Draper Middle School the Peers for Peace club organized donation baskets to be delivered to the City Mission; Mohonasen High School was recognized by the National Association of Musical Merchants (NAMM) as an outstanding leader in musical education.

Mrs. Sara Lewis gave the Board an overview on Student Support Services with current statistics, goals, and policies. Mrs. Lewis began by talking about how the majority (63%) of Mohonasen special education students are educated in the least restrictive environment 80% of the time. The department's goals for the coming school year include exploring more professional development options, increasing data collection, and establishing a structure for regular communication on individual student progress.

Mrs. Kelly Fahrenkopf and Mrs. Krista Zajesky presented on the Wilson Reading System. They indicated that both had completed an extensive, year long training 10 years ago to become certified. They indicated that this intensive, small group intervention is very successful and engages students in improving their reading levels. They also discussed lower tier interventions, including FUNdations and Just Words, which can be used at various grade levels. Both Mrs. Fahrenkopf and Mrs. Zajesky strongly endorsed the program as a tool to help students achieve their desired reading levels.

Mr. Ruberti provided the Board with an update on the results of the adopted New York State Budget and its impact on Mohonasen. He indicated that the District received an additional \$1.369 million in Foundation Aid, close to a 10% increase, in the final state budget. He also indicated the state's intention to fully fund Foundation Aid over the next two years. However, he stated that although this was great news, it was still important to remain cautious and not depend on these funds in future years. He also indicated that the District received approximately \$6.7 million in "one-time" funds through grants related to the federal stimulus packages. Mr. Ruberti then reviewed class size projections and highlighted items in the expense and revenue projections which were impactful on the final proposed budget. He indicated the anticipated tax impact of the proposed 1.10% tax levy increase, approximately \$23 on a \$150,000 home, and briefly covered the bus proposition and capital project proposition that will also be on the ballot at the May 18, 2021 budget vote. Finally, he reminded the board that they would be voting on adopting the proposed budget later in the meeting. Mr. Ruberti, Mr. Shine and the Board of Education members engaged in several discussions throughout the presentation.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

Mr. Abbott stated that while he is pleased with the current state funding for education it does not mean advocacy should end. He

suggested that the Board invite state legislators to Mohonasen to say thank you for their support of increasing foundation aid. After some discussion, Mr. Abbott agreed to contact Senator Hinchey's office to extend the invitation.

Public Privilege of the Floor

No attendees wished to speak.

Old Business

The discussion regarding Coffee and Conversation was revisited and it was decided that Mr. Shine will contact school principals about possible dates for the Board to visit the schools.

Mr. Abbott made a motion under the Old Business portion of the meeting to table the financial reports from the March 22, 2021 meeting until the April 21, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. McFarland.

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 Mrs. MacTurk 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 March 11, 16, 17, 19, 22, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, and 31.

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

New Business Business/Personnel

Acceptance of a Donation from Price Chopper

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MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education accept a donation from Price Chopper.

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

Acceptance of a Donation from the Albany's Woman's Club and the Bookhouse

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MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Albany Woman's Club and the Bookhouse.

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

Acceptance of a Donation from an Anonymous Family

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MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education accept a donation from an anonymous family.

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

Acceptance of a Donation to MohonCARES from Stewart's

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MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education accept a donation from Stewart's.

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

Approval of Contract with St. Colman's Home Inc. for the 2020-2021 School Year

Request Approval of Contract with St. Colman's Home Inc. for the 2020-2021 School Year

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education approve a contract with St. Colman's Home Inc for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Request for Approval of the Establishment of the Victor Mikovich Memorial Scholarship

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MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education approve the establishment of the Victor Mikovich Memorial Scholarship.

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

Request to Implement a Bus Driver Referral Incentive Program

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MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. Abbott that the Board of Education approve the implementation of a bus driver referral incentive program.

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

Request for Approval to Adopt the Proposed 2021-22 School Year Budget

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MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education approve to adopt the proposed 2021-2022 school year budget.

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

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education approve the minutes of March 22, 2021.

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

Approved Personnel Recommendations

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 and voting.

Appointments

Paul Derby

Appointment: Long Term Substitute

Assignment: Art

Date of Commencement: April 15, 2021

Expiration Date: May 24, 2021

Certification Status: Art

Salary: Step 5

David Kolakoff

Appointment: Substitute Bus Driver

Date of Commencement: April 12, 2021

Salary: \$17.00/ per hour

2020-2021 School Improvement Tutoring/PM School ESSA CSI

Name	Rate
Taylor Fournier	\$34.61/hour

Coaching Off-Season Training (\$23.40 per hour)

Name	Sport	Compensation
Duane Wood	Girls' Soccer	\$234.00

Extracurricular Activities

Name	Activity	Stipend
Nicole Gabriel	MohonMasque workshop Wednesdays	\$500
Kathleen Derochie	MohonMasque workshop	\$500
Jamie Murray	Bradt Art Club	\$367
Bianca Bojarczuk	Pinewood Art Club	\$367

Resignations

Jamie Smolyn
Appointment: Teacher Assistant
Effective Date: Close of business June 30, 2021

Rick Viall
Appointment: Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business April 12, 2021

Delores Mannato
Appointment: Cafeteria Aide
Effective Date: Close of business March 18, 2021

Victoria Rickard
Appointment: Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business April 9, 2021

David Kolakoff
Appointment: Bus Driver
Effective Date: April 9, 2021

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Abbott, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:10 PM. The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business

