



# Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, June 7, 2021  
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

## **Call to Order**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Gaglioti, at 7:05 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, Pam Young, Deborah Escobar, Patrick Ryan and Stacy MacTurk

**Board Members Absent:** None

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

**Others In Attendance:** Christina Patterson (MTA President), Dave Bertram, Bill Vacca, Jamie Dilbone, student representatives - Caitlin Pusz, Michael Jurgelon, and Emily Gandrow, Ericka Montagino, Julie Power, 4 faculty/staff members and 15 members of the community. In attendance virtually, Tasha Anderson, Rick Arket, Criag Chandler, Daniella DeLuca, Renee Gandrow, Rachel Geracitano, Marissa Gordon, Kristy Goergen, Matt Hubbell, Sara Lewis, Thomas O'Connor, Leslie Smith and Jason Thompson.

## **Communications - Student Representatives**

Mr. Shine presented student representatives, Kaitlin Pusz, Michael Jurgelon and Emily Gandrow with certificates and pins and thanked them for keeping him and the Board of Education up to date on all of the schools. The Board congratulated them and wished them luck on their futures. The representatives then updated the Board on activities taking place at each of the schools. High school seniors received lawn signs and had a car parade to the other schools and throughout Rotterdam to celebrate the start to their graduation season. Over 125 Draper students received positive behavior referrals which is a new record. At Pinewood, students made signs for their older brothers and sisters who are seniors to cheer them on in the parade. Bradt 1st and 2nd graders were very excited to have their field days this year.

## **Communications - Superintendent**

Mr. Shine welcomed newly-elected Board members, Ericka Montagino and Julie Power to the meeting.

Christine Patterson, MTA President, thanked the Board for their hard work and assistance during the school year and handed out a bag of goodies to each member.

Athletic Director, Dave Bertram, reported on the athletic seasons of the 2020-2021 school year. Despite the unusual and difficult circumstances, Mr. Bertram counts the year as a successful one. Several athletic teams were named Colonial Council Champions, participation in the Scholar-Athlete program has increased, and the Student Athletic Council donated their time to several programs that assist people in need.

**Communications -  
Board of Education**

Mrs. Gaglioti thanked Mr. Ryan and Ms. Young for their service to their community as Board members. Mr. McFarland and Mr. Abbott expressed their concern and disappointment that New York State has not removed the mask mandate on schools yet, especially with the recent hot and humid weather.

**Public Privilege of the  
Floor**

Ruth McFarland, Becky Ryan, Lynn Nuzback and John and Crystal Martin voiced their displeasure that children in schools have to continue to wear face coverings. They urged the Board to ask the State to overturn the mandate. Mrs. Gaglioti urged the parents to continue their advocacy of the issue and said the Board would continue to lobby the state as well.

Bob Godluski thanked Mr. Shine and District staff for their support and assistance of the Covid Victim Scholarship Fund. He announced that the first recipient of the scholarship is Caitlin Puiz, who is a student representative to the Board.

**Old Business**

*Approval of Second  
Reading of Board Policies*

**Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. Abbott that the Board of Education approve the second reading and approval of Board policies.

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

**New Business -  
Instructional**

*Approval of  
Recommendations of the  
Committees on Special  
Education and Committee  
on Preschool Special  
Education*

**Request for Approval of Recommendations of the Committees on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. McFarland 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 29 and April 14, 26, 28, 29, 30 and May 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, and June 1, 2021.

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

**New Business**  
**Business/Personnel**

*Request for Acceptance of the District's Professional Development Plan*

*Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with East Greenbush Common School District*

*Acceptance of a Monetary Donation from International Paper*

*Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Teachers' Association*

*Approval to Enter into a Service Agreement with Capital Region BOCES*

*Approval of a Lease Agreement with TSL Adventures*

**Request for Acceptance of the District's Professional Development Plan**

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education accept the District's professional development plan.

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

**Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with East Greenbush Common School District**

MOTION made by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Ms. Young that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with East Greenbush Common School District.

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

**Request for Acceptance of a Monetary Donation from International Paper**

MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education accept the monetary donation from International Paper.

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

**Request for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Teachers' Association**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Mohonasen Teachers' Association - Summer Curriculum rate.

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

**Request for Approval to Enter into a Service Agreement with Capital Region BOCES**

MOTION made by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education approve entering into a service agreement with Capital Region BOCES.

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

**Request for Approval of a Lease Agreement with TSL Adventures**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve a lease agreement with TSL Adventures.

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

*Approved Minutes (May 10, 2021 and May 18, 2021)*

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan that the Board of Education approve the minutes of May 10, 2021 and May 18, 2021.

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

**Approved Personnel Recommendations**

Motion made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations:

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

*Retirements*

Clayton McBride

Appointment: P/T Cleaner

Effective Date: Close of business June 25, 2021

*Appointments*

Jeffrey Abrey

Appointment: Probationary

Position: Technology Teacher

Tenure Area: Industrial Arts

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2021

Expiration Date: August 31, 2025

Certification Status: Technology Education, Professional

Salary: Step 12 plus Graduate Credits

Amanda Bartolotta

Appointment: Probationary

Position: SPED Teacher

Tenure Area: Education of children with handicapping conditions-general special education tenure area

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2021

Expiration Date: August 31, 2025

Certification Status: Students W/Disabilities 7-12 Generalist Initial Certificate, Mathematics 5-6 Extension Annotation, Mathematics 7-12 Initial Certificate

Salary: Step 4 plus Graduate Credits

Erica Toth

Appointment: Long Term Substitute

Assignment: Special Education

Date of Commencement: April 12, 2021

Expiration Date: June 25, 2021

Certification Status: Special Education Permanent

Salary: Step 1 plus Graduate Credits

Megan Bender

Appointment: Long Term Substitute

Assignment: Elementary Education

Date of Commencement: May 10, 2021

Expiration Date: June 25, 2021 (amended from May 10, 2021 agenda)

Certification Status: Childhood Education Grades 1-6, Initial Certificate

Salary: Step 1 plus Graduate Credits

Paul Derby

Appointment: Long Term Substitute

Assignment: Art

Date of Commencement: April 15, 2021

Expiration Date: May 21, 2021 (amended from April 12, 2021)

Certification Status: Art

Salary: Step 5

Danielle Tyler

Appointment: PT/ Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Assignment: Pinewood

Date of Commencement: May 24, 2021

Salary: Step 2

Rebekah Valachovic

Assignment: Food Service Leader – Mohonasen High School Cafeteria

Effective Dates: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Salary: Per MSSA Contract

Laurie Sefcovic

Assignment: Food Service Leader – Pinewood Intermediate School Cafeteria

Effective Dates: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Salary: Per MSSA Contract

Deanna Francisco

Assignment: Food Service Leader – Bradt Elementary School Cafeteria

Effective Dates: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Salary: Per MSSA Contract

Marion Lotano

Assignment: Food Service Leader – Draper Middle School Cafeteria

Effective Dates: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Salary: Per MSSA Contract

Amanda Jurgelon  
 Assignment: Lifeguard (Level 1)  
 Effective Date: June 7, 2021  
 Salary: \$12.50/hour

Melissa Roggio  
 Appointment: Teaching Assistant  
 Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
 Date of Commencement: September 1, 2021  
 Salary: Step 2

Amy Chevalier  
 Appointment: Teaching Assistant  
 Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
 Date of Commencement: September 1, 2021  
 Salary: Step 6

Shaleana Disorbo  
 Appointment: Teaching Assistant  
 Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
 Date of Commencement: July 6, 2021  
 Salary: Step 2

**2021 Student Support Services Summer Work July 1–August 31,  
 2021 F2250-151-22- S611**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Step</b>
Michelle Fraser	Assistive Technology	50 hrs	3
Cassandra Gaeta	CPSE Psych	60 hrs	2
Betty Young	Psych	15 hrs	3
Lori Burke	OT Evaluations	10 hrs	4

**2021-2022 APEX 07/12/21 - 08/05/21 (Monday - Thursday)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Step</b>
Amanda Brooks	Teacher	2
Kelly Fahrenkopf	Teacher	3
Jennifer Fahsel	Teacher	1
Amanda Jasinski	Teacher	1

Renee Powers Thorpe	Teacher	1
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**2021-2022 Summer Academy 07/19/21 - 08/12/21(Monday - Thursday) F2110.150-21**

Name	Assignment	Step
Lauren Berezowski	Teacher	1
Jen McGuire	Teacher	5
Lydia Albano	Teacher	1
Taylor Fournier	Teacher	1
Lisa Hecht	Teacher Assistant	1
Sabrina Charafeddine	Teacher	1
Michael Atkinson	Teacher	1

**Summer Academy Coordinator F2110.150-21**

Name	Position	Stipend
Lauren Berezowski	Draper Teacher	\$2,000

**Pinewood before School AIS 2020 - 2021**

Name	Assignment	Dates	Time	Rate
Lauren Neale	AIS	05/03/21- 6/25/21	2 hrs./week	\$34.61

**2021 Bradt Summer Stars/Jump Start - July 6 - July 29, 2021 - 3 hrs. per day/Mon. - Thurs.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Step</b>
Amanda Brousseau	Teacher Jump Start	July 6 – July 29	10
Chloe Bellcourt	Teacher Jump Start	July 6 – July 29	1
Susan Yates	Teacher Summer Stars	July 6 – July 29	10
Brittney Provencher	Teacher Summer Stars	July 6 – July 29	1
Michele Hackett	Teacher Summer Stars	July 6 – July 29	4
Paige Natole	Teacher Summer Stars	July 6 – July 29	1
Ashley Ferraro	Teacher Summer Stars	July 6 – July 29	1
Elizabeth Rocco	Teacher Reading Specialist	July 6 – July 29	9
Phyllis DelVecchio	Teacher Assistant	July 6 – July 29	6
Heather McDonough	Teacher Assistant	July 6 – July 29	4
Shannon Herholz	Teacher Assistant	July 6 – July 29	10

**2021 Bradt Summer Stars/ESY - July 6 – August 13, 2021 – 3 hrs. per day/Mon. - Friday**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Step</b>
Melissa Antonini	Teacher	July 6 – August 13	10

**2021 Pinewood Summer Stars – July 6 – July 29, 2021 – 3.5 hrs.**



**per day/Mon. - Thurs.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Step</b>
Michelle Gaffney	Teacher	July 6 - July 29	3
Sarah Appell	Teacher	July 6 - July 29	1
Akra Scott	Teacher	July 6 - July 29	1
Sarah Kransler	Teacher (4 days)	July 6 - July 29	1
Lisa Smith	Teacher	July 6 - July 29	3
Sarah Rames	Teacher	July 6 - July 29	1
Marsha Elliott	Teacher	July 6 - July 29	1
Megan Bender	Teacher	July 6 - July 29	1
Amanda Gauvin	Teacher	July 6 - July 29	2
Holly Powell	Teacher	July 6 - July 29	1
Liesha Sherman	Teacher	July 6 - July 29	3
Bryttni Doak	Teacher	July 6 - July 29	5
Mary Gradoni	Teacher Assistant	July 6 - July 29	2
Tiffany Varma	Teacher Assistant	July 6 - July 29	1
Melissa Roggio	Teacher Assistant	July 6 - July 29	1

**2021 (Bradt) Summer Curriculum Work - \$188.55/Day July 1 - August 31, 2021**

Name	# Days
Michele Hackett	4
Rachel Schlude	5
Laurie Dennis	5
Amy Varano	2
Shylo Mosier	2
Anna Dagostino	2
Melissa Goard	6
Sharon Bershlinger	4
Ashley Ferraro	3
Brittney Provencher	3
Paige Natole	2
Rita McGuire	1
Jessica Filarecki	2
Marianne Masick	1
Christine Baumann	3

*Resignations*

Susan Yates	2
Chloe Bellcourt	2
Kerrienne Pace	2
Andrea Pigliavento	2
Jen Hurst	1
Jen Groth	1
Amber Newman	1
Amanda Brousseau	1
Melissa Antonini	1
Carmella Fusco	1
Elizabeth Rocco	1
Ashley Geyer	4
Laura Eggleston	1
Jessica Rau	2
Marybeth Gunn	2
Sabrina DePaolo	2
Betsy Vachon	2

*Leave of Absence*

Dina Gianatasio	2
Krista Zajesky	3
Sarah Urbanski	3
Demetria Hand	3
Kelly LaRue	3
Joanne Berning	3
Amy Serafini	3
Shannon Herholz	3
Kitty Sansone	3
Lori Lynch-TA	3
Colleen Palleschi	1
Cassandra Gaeta	1

Lisa Wiedeman  
Appointment: 3rd Grade Teacher  
Effective Date: Close of business August 31, 2021

Tia Lomax-Driscoll  
Appointment: School Psychologist  
Effective Date: Close of business August 30, 2021

Heather Capobianco  
Appointment: Teacher Assistant  
Effective Date: Close of business June 25, 2021

Marissa Gordon  
Appointment: 6th Grade Teacher

Effective Date: Close of business June 30, 2021

Zoila Nova

Appointment: Teacher Assistant

Effective Date: Close of business May 7, 2021

Shannon Lemus-Rodriguez

Assignment: P/T Bus Aide

Effective Date: May 20, 2011

Daniela Caschera

Appointment: Teacher Assistant

Effective Date: Close of business June 25, 2021

Patricia Ulenski

Appointment: P/T Bus Aide

Effective Date: Close of business June 24, 2021

Lori Giattino

Appointment: SPED Teacher

Effective Dates: June 17, 2021 – June 30, 2021

Reason Unpaid Leave of Absence

Sarah Kaiser

Appointment: 4th Grade Literacy Specialist

Effective Dates: June 17, 2021 – June 30, 2021

Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

### **Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. Abbott, that an Executive Session be convened at 9:10 PM for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's annual evaluation. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Abbott, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 9:35 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

### **Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Abbott, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:05 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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**Christopher Ruberti**

**Clerk - Board of Education**

**Assistant Superintendent for Business**