



Mohonasen Central School District

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education

Monday, August 30, 2021

Farnsworth Technology Center

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:01 PM. Mr. Abbott requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Lisa Gaglioti, Stacy MacTurk, Wade Abbott, Deborah Escobar, Chad McFarland, Ericka Montagino, and Julie Power

Board Members Absent: None

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

Others in Attendance: Chris Patterson, Jamie Dilbone, Mrs. and Mrs. Sherman, and five members of the community. In attendance virtually, Dave Bertram, Jason Thompson, Sara Lewis, Bill Vacca, and 106 members of the community.

Communications – Superintendent

Mr. Shine welcomes everyone to the special Board meeting regarding COVID restrictions. He noted several decisions that were to be discussed in this meeting have now been decided by the Governor. Mr. Shine reminded the Board of some of the restrictions they would still have to decide like pool testing students, mandatory vaccines for athletes but added that not every detail needed to be decided tonight.

Communications – Board of Education

Mr. Abbott acknowledged that the state trooper killed this week was a Mohonasen alumni and asked everyone to have a moment of silence in Trooper James Monda's memory.

Mr. McFarland addressed the public about the COVID restrictions the Governor recently announced noting that kids have been robbed of their school experiences and kids would be required to wear a mask again this year. He stressed that parents were not unrepresented on this Board.

Public Privilege of the Floor

Three members of the community chose to speak. Keith Rockenstyner stated that vaccination decisions should be made only by parents or individuals. Jessica Nealon expressed the need for virtual learning for all children and that many parents would prefer that option over kids having to wear masks, ride on crowded busses, and be at risk of COVID in classrooms.

Tara Hugues told the Board that her son is not able to wear a mask and that some medical exemptions should be made. She's a single mom and cannot homeschool and work.

Old Business

Approval of the 2021-2022 Reopening Plan

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Mr. Shine began the discussion by explaining saying that the only virtual option available to Mohonasen students would be provided by BOCES, it is not something that the District would be able to provide this year. From the

audience Ms. Nealon voices her disagreement and that every student should have access to virtual learning. She is asked by Mr. Abbott to stop interrupting and reminded that comments are reserved for public privilege of the floor.

The Board and Mr. Shine continued to review each component of the COVID-19 Tiered Mitigation Protocols and discussed many of the aspects in length. A MOTION was made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Reopening Plan. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting. The plan is available on the Mohonasen website for the public to view.

*Request to Appoint
Independent Evaluators*

A MOTION was made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Power that the Board appoint additional Independent Evaluators. After some discussion, the motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:11 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that an executive session be convened at 9:15 PM for the purpose of discussion of specific personnel matters. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:45 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.