



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, January 3, 2022
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:37 PM. Mr. Abbott requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Wade Abbott, Lisa Gaglioti, Stacy MacTurk, Deborah Escobar (virtually), Ericka Montagino, and Julie Power*

Board Members Absent: *Chad McFarland*

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

Others in Attendance: *Christina Patterson, Jason Thompson, Bill Sherman, Melissa Goard, Stephanie D'Annibale, 4 students, and 5 members of the community.*

In-attendance virtually – Sara Lewis, Katie Lossi, Bill Vacca, Matthew Hubbell, Alyssa Zito, Craig Chandler, Dave Bertram, Daniella DeLuca, Leslie Smith, Rick Arket, and Tom O'Connor

Communications - Superintendent

Student representatives, Zionna Perez-Tucker and Benedetto Fusco, updated the Board on various activities taking place in the schools. Zionna informed them that the high school raised over \$1,800 by selling donuts and gave an update on varsity and junior varsity winter sports; at Draper a celebration of cultures was held and students brought in treats and informational displays about their family or chosen heritage; Bradt students celebrated the month of December by decorating gingerbread houses and a Polar Express/pajamas day was held; Pinewood band students played holiday music in the cafeteria for their fellow students and a virtual holiday concert was held where parents could watch the recorded version.

Mr. Thompson and Melissa Goard gave the Board an update on the curriculum being piloted at the different grade levels. A video was played with district students explaining why they liked the Eureka program and how it helped them learn math. Mr. Thompson also spoke about the pilot ELA program Superkids and the plan to add more pilot classrooms in the future. Mr. Shine added that in September there will be documentation on the Superkids implementation timeline and feedback from teachers. The Board had some follow up questions which Mr. Thompson answered.

Mr. Shine gave a brief review on pesticide regulations. He noted that Mohonasen uses very few pesticides and is very careful in following the strict regulations regarding the use of pesticides on school grounds. Mrs. Gaglioti asked if adjacent properties had to be notified, Mr. Shine said he would check into that and let her know.

Communications - Board of Education

Mrs. Power asked about the \$240 million Governor Hochul said would be provided for students with disabilities. Mr. Shine responded that they have

not yet received the specifics from the State or NYSUT but if there is grant money available to Mohonasen they will be applying.

Mrs. MacTurk asked about the at-home Covid tests students were to be given by New York State. Mr. Shine informed the Board that 2800 kits were going to be given out on three nights this week. He is hopeful the new test-to-stay program will help keep students in school instead of being quarantined at home.

Mrs. Power asked if weekly Covid tests were still being conducted after school for students who chose to be tested. Mr. Shine said yes but very few people actually showed up. He added that the County and State both opened testing sites this week.

Mr. Abbott informed the Board that he attended a NYSSBA legislative webinar. He said discussions regarding foundation aid sounded positive. Other topics of discussion were student mental health awareness, how to address the school bus driver shortage, and testing requirements and waivers. He encouraged his fellow Board to review the webinar and added that there was an upcoming advocacy day. Mr. Abbott also noted that the student musicians did a great job in the Draper Holiday Concert. He went on to acknowledge Mrs. MacTurk and her family for raising money for Maddie's Mark with their annual hot chocolate stand.

Public Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Abbott read the expectations that the Board has for the public comment period and asked if anyone would like to speak. Reverend Nicolle Harris, President Schenectady NAACP, said she was celebrating that the Board would be voting on whether to allow the Confederate flag to be displayed or worn on school grounds. She added that it was an opportunity to educate people on the symbolism of the Confederate flag as we are taught the representation of the United States flag. Karen McMillen spoke about how as a teacher she would be "horrified" if the Board were to vote against the proposed amendment to the Code of Conduct. If her students were to be allowed to wear the Confederate flag into her classroom it would greatly affect her ability to teach, she hopes the Board votes the right way on this matter.

Old Business

Mr. Abbott reported that the town did not take action on the issue of allowing marijuana dispensaries, which then passively gives consent for the dispensaries. It was discussed as to whether the Board would have a town liaison. Mrs. Montagino expressed an interest in being the liaison to the town and it was suggested that there be more than one.

New Business - Instructional

Approval of Recommendations of the Committees on Special

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

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Power, 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

<i>Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education</i>	on 10/6/21, 11/22/21, 12/1/21, 12/3/2021, 12/8/21, 12/10/21, 12/13/21, 12/14/2021, 12/15/21, 12/16/21, 12/17/21, 12/20/21, 12/21/21, 12/22/21. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
<i>Approval for 8th, 9th and 10th Grade Foreign Language Students to Participate in a Field Trip to Montreal, Canada on May 6-7, 2022</i>	Request Approval for 8th, 9th and 10th Grade Foreign Language Students to Participate in a Field Trip to Montreal, Canada on May 6-7, 2022 MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve 8 th , 9 th , and 10 th grade foreign language students to participate in a field trip to Montreal, Canada on May 6-7, 2022. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
<u>New Business - Business/Personnel</u> <i>Approval to Amend the Districtwide Code of Conduct</i>	Request Approval to Amend the Districtwide Code of Conduct MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve to amend the Districtwide Code of Conduct. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
<i>Approval of First Reading of Board Policies Approval of Increase in Minimum Wage</i>	Request for Approval of First Reading of Board Policies MOTION made by Mrs. Escobar, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of board policies. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
<i>Acceptance of a Donation a Youth Wheelchair from Karla Empie</i>	Request for Acceptance of a Donation a Youth Wheelchair from Karla Empie MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education accept the donation of a youth wheelchair from Karla Empie. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
<u>Approved Minutes</u>	MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of December 6, 2021. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.
<u>Approved Personnel Recommendations</u>	MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations: The motion was passed with six members present and voting.
<i>Retirement</i>	Adrina Carroll Assignment: Information Processing Specialist Effective Date: January 7, 2022
<i>Appointment</i>	Savanah Crouch Appointment: Probationary Position: Elementary Librarian (Bradt) Tenure Area: School Media Specialist (Library) Date of Commencement: January 3, 2022 Expiration Date: December 31, 2026 Certification Status: Library Media Specialist Internship

Certificate

Step/Salary: Step 1 plus Graduate Credits

Mary Faulkner

Assignment: Bus Driver

Effective Date: January 3, 2022

Hourly rate: \$18.50

Patrick Walsh

Assignment: Bus Driver

Effective Date: January 3, 2022

Hourly rate: \$18.50

Lacey Gould

Assignment: Lifeguard/Water Safety Instructor

Effective Date: November 20, 2021

Hourly rate: \$12.50/\$14.00

Student Teacher 2021-2022

Name	Building	Teacher	Dates
Patrick Hughes	Pinewood	Nancy Felberbaum	January 18 – May 11, 2022

Mental Health First Aide Curriculum work

Name	Assignment	Days	Rate
Robert Stranahan	Instructor	3	\$188.55
Diane Blinn	Instructor	3	\$188.55
Mike Fratus	Coach	1	\$188.55
Richard Burega	Coach	1	\$188.55
Chris Abel	Coach	1	\$188.55
Kevin Sheremeta	Coach	1	\$188.55
Bridget Conover	Coach	1	\$188.55
Riley Ford	Coach	1	\$188.55
Alexis Lott	Coach	1	\$188.55
Jessica Couball	Coach	1	\$188.55
James Dilbone	Coach	1	\$188.55
Bianca Bojarczuk	Coach	1	\$188.55
John Gallo	Coach	1	\$188.55

2021-2022 Pinewood Quarantine Tutoring (\$50.00/Hour Certified \$45.00/Hour Uncertified)

Name	Assignment
Tiffany Varma	Tutor

2021-2022 High School PM School Tutoring (\$50.00/Hour)

Name	Assignment
Jeffrey Abrey	Tutor
Robert Buehler	Tutor
Jodi Scalise	Tutor
Emily Orr	Tutor

Draper Middle School Extracurricular Activities 2021-2022 (amended from November 22, 2021)

CLUB/ACTIVITY	ADVISOR/CONTACT
Anime Club	Lydia Albano
Art Club	Steve Blais/Pattie Baker
Band: Jazz/Marching/Select/Stage	Jason Varga
Board Games/Chess Club	Fred Saccocio/Joshua Sawicki
Debate Club	Melissa Gregg
Drama Club	Erika Pangburn
Hip Hop Dance Club	Melissa Gregg
Intramurals	Nikki Schaap, Kevin Daviero, Doug Hallberg
Pokemon Club	Brittney Jory/Amanda Larkin
Recycling Club	Pattie Baker
Rocket Club/Minecraft	John Winters
Science Club	Jenna Niles
Select Orchestra	Kim Kondenar
World Languages	L. Breen, A. Jasinski & M. Geagan
Snowboarding/Ski Club	Fred Saccocio

2021-2022 High School Quarantine Tutoring (Certified \$50.00/Uncertified \$45.00/Hour)

Name	Assignment
Courtney Sebring	Tutor
Rochelle Obie	Tutor
Malachi Martin	Tutor

Resignations

Demitria Hand
Appointment: Teacher Assistant
Effective Date: Close of business December 23, 2021

Lori Esposito
Appointment: Teacher Assistant
Effective Date: Close of business December 23, 2021

David Garrett
Appointment: Bus Driver
Effective Date: Close of business December 24, 2021

Donna Garrett
Appointment: Bus Aide
Effective Date: Close of business December 24, 2021

Shane Albertin
Appointment: Computer Help Desk Specialist
Effective Dates: November 23, 2021

Katrina Mills
Appointment: Food Service Helper
Effective Dates: December 20, 2021

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, 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