



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, March 28, 2022
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:33 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, Stacy MacTurk, Chad McFarland, Ericka Montagino and Julie Power, in-attendance virtually - Lisa Gaglioti and Deborah Escobar*

Board Members Absent: *None*

Administrators Present: *Shannon Shine and Chris Ruberti*

Others in Attendance: *Christina Patterson, Stephanie D'Annibale, Michael Salamone, and MaryAnn Salamone*

In-attendance virtually – 3 members of the community

Personnel

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland to move the personnel section of the meeting to the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. MacTurk seconded the motion. MOTION was made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations. Mr. Shine welcomed new band teacher, Michael Salamone, to the district and acknowledged his mother, MaryAnn Salamone who is a retired Mohonasen employee. The motion was passed unanimously with seven members present and voting.

Retirements

Jo-An Berning
Appointment: Teacher Assistant
Effective Date: June 29, 2022

Appointments

Tracy Timberman
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
Effective Date: March 7, 2022
Hourly Rate: \$13.20

Jeffrey Laudenschlager (*amended from March 14, 2022 meeting*)

Appointment: Probationary
Position: Social Studies
Tenure Area: Social Studies
Date of Commencement: April 14, 2022
Expiration Date: April 13, 2025
Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12 Professional Certificate, Social St Extension Annotation
Step/Salary: Step 5 plus Graduate Credits

Michael Salamone
 Appointment: Probationary
 Position: Instrumental Band Teacher
 Tenure Area: Music
 Date of Commencement: April 27, 2022
 Expiration Date: April 26, 2026
 Certification Status: Music Initial Certificate
 Step/Salary: Step 4 plus Graduate Credits

Amy Chevalier
 Appointment: Long Term Substitute
 Assignment: AIS Reading
 Date of Commencement: March 11, 2022
 Expiration Date: June 24, 2022
 Salary: Step 1

Emily Felter
 Assignment: Additional Class
 Effective Date: March 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022
 Salary: 5.76% of contract salary

Raeann Hosmer
 Assignment: Information Processing Specialist 1
 Effective Date: April 12, 2022
 Salary: \$32,036

Tracy VanBlarcom
 Assignment: Substitute Typist Information Processing Specialist 1
 Effective Date: April 1, 2022-June 30, 2022
 Salary: \$19.65/hour

Winter Color Guard 2021-2022

Name	Stipend
Dan Jones	\$5000
Mike Salamone	\$2500
Julia French	\$1500
Jake LaBate	\$1500
Freddy Ramirez	\$1500
Alex Rose	\$2000

Chenya D'Arcangelis	\$1000
Raina Anderson	\$1000
Nicole Hoffman	\$1000
Josh DeMarco	\$500
Andrea LeDuc	\$500

2021-2022 Curriculum work

Name	Assignment	Days	Rate
Kitty Sanson	Wilson Training	3	\$188.55
Heidi DePiero	Wilson Training	3	\$188.55
Brianna Coughlin	Wilson Training	3	\$188.55
Danielle Tyler	Wilson Training	3	\$188.55
Kaitlin Gaug	Wilson Training	3	\$188.55

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

Name	Assignment
Heather Clikeman	Tutor
Jeffrey Hayes	Tutor
Varvin Veeder	Tutor

Mohon Masque 2021-2022

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Kathleen Derochie	Director	\$5,500
Nicole Gabriel	Assistant Director	\$5,000
Ericka Pangburn	Director Masque Jr.	\$2,500
Freddy Ramirez	Choreographer	\$2,000
Nicole Gabriel	Vocal Director	\$1,000
Jason Varga	Orchestra Director	\$1,000
Ted Vickery	Lighting Designer	\$750
Daniel Hoke	Sound Designer	\$750
Karen Pacelli	Scene Designer	\$1,000
Bryan Shults	Scene Designer	\$1,000

Leave of Absence

Maria Gunn

Appointment: Teacher Assistant

Effective Dates: September 1, 2022 – January 2, 2023 (Unpaid Leave of Absence)

Amy Chevalier
Appointment: Teacher Assistant
Effective Dates: March 11, 2022 – June 24, 2022
Reason: Substitute for Reading Teacher

Resignations

Kay Masick
Appointment: Food Service Helper (amended from March 14, 2022)
Effective Dates: March 4, 2022

Tracie Crouse
Appointment: Food Service Helper
Effective Dates: March 24, 2022

Tracy Timberman
Appointment: Bus Aide
Effective Date: March 4, 2022

David Marchesani
Appointment: Bus Driver
Effective Dates: February 27, 2022

Kenneth Nichols
Appointment: Bus Driver
Effective Dates: February 4, 2022

Taylor Lagace
Appointment: Special Education Teacher
Effective Date: Close of business April 13, 2022

Lydia Albano
Appointment: ELA Long-term Substitute Teacher
Effective Date: Close of business May 6, 2022

Removal from Service

Kylie VanBuren
Appointment: Substitute Auto Mechanic
Effective Date: March 28, 2022

Communications - Superintendent

Mr. Ruberti continued his budget presentations and focused on operations and maintenance, transportation, instruction and revenue. He started by addressing the District budget priorities, which included using the increases in Foundation Aid and one-time funding to address various needs. These included lowering class size targets in grade K-6, addressing learning loss and social emotional needs due to the pandemic, including the cost of educational field trips and basic supplies for students as well as creating a sustainable long-term financial plan.

Mr Ruberti then discussed the non-instructional departments in more depth including their staffing levels and any anticipated changes in expenses. He

specifically pointed out areas with larger than usual increases, including utilities and contracted transportation costs due to the bus driver shortage.

For the instructional part of the presentation there were specific discussions about staffing and which positions were considered permanent and which ones were short-term to address learning loss and social emotional needs. Mr. Ruberti identified several non-staffing impacts including special education placements and the goal of the district providing funding for all students for basic supplies and grade level field trips. There was then significant discussion about class size targets in K-6 and balancing this with the long-term budgetary projections.

Mr. Ruberti concluded by reviewing the Tax Levy Limit calculation and giving a “Long Range View” of items that could impact the budget in future years. He also gave information on the upcoming dates for BOE candidates and budget meetings.

Mr. Ruberti and Mr. Shine engaged in questions from the Board throughout the presentation.

Public Privilege of the Floor

No one wished to address the Board

Communications - Board of Education

Mrs. MacTurk noted that the crossing guard for Helderberg Avenue has been absent. Mr. Shine responded that he would update the Board on that in a closed session.

Mrs. Gaglioti expressed her enthusiasm for the Mock Trial program after seeing students present a trial last week.

Mrs. Montagino said she enjoyed the video collage of pictures from the Mohonasen Professional Development Day and expressed how important it is for the teachers to have the ability to spend time improving their skills to benefit the students. She noted that she is looking forward to this weekend’s performance of Beauty and the Beast. Mr. Shine added that the Draper Fun Fair will be taking place on April 7th and urged students and parents to attend. Mrs. Montagino also brought up her concern regarding a controversial book called “Lawn Boy” by Jonathan Evers. Mr. Shine responded that it would be at the discretion of the Board to continue the conversation or have it placed on the agenda of a future meeting. Mrs. Montagino replied that she did not want the issue to hit a “deadend”.

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

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve and adopt 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 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. 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 on 3/1/2022, 3/2/2022, 3/3/2022, 3/4/2022, 3/9/2022, 3/10/2022, 3/14/2022, 3/16/2022, 3/17/2022, 3/18/2022, 3/22/2022, 3/23/2022.

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

Approval for 7th-12th Grade Orchestra Program Students to Participate in a Field Trip to Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey on Thursday, April 14, 2022

Request Approval for 7th-12th Grade Orchestra Program Students to Participate in a Field Trip to Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey on Thursday, April 14, 2022

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the 7th-12th grade orchestra program students to participate in a field trip to Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey on Thursday, April 14, 2022.

After some discussion the motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

New Business - Business/Personnel

Acceptance of a Donation to MohonCARES by the CAP COM Cares Foundation

Request for Acceptance of a Donation to MohonCARES by the CAP COM Cares Foundation

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education accept a Donation to MohonCARES by the CAP COM Cares Foundation.

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

Acceptance of Monetary Donation from Sonrise Bible Church

Request for Acceptance of Monetary Donation from Sonrise Bible Church

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education accept a monetary donation from Sonrise Bible Church.

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

Request for Acceptance of a Donation of Musical Instruments and Athletic Equipment

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MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education accept a donation of musical instruments and athletic equipment.

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

Approval of Resolution to Authorize Expenditures for School Buses

Request for Approval of Resolution to Authorize Expenditures for School Buses

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the resolution to authorize expenditures for school buses.

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

Approval of Resolution to Authorize Refunding of Bond

Request for Approval of Resolution to Authorize Refunding of Bond

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Escobar, that the Board of Education approve the resolution to authorize refunding of bond. Mr. Shine explained that resolution would make it possible to refinance current loans for lower interest rates.

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

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of March 14, 2022.

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

Financial Reports

MOTION made by Mrs. Macturk, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the following Financial Reports:

Warrant #8P - February 28, 2022

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #41*	\$1,708,188.11
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule	\$
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #18	\$3,786.15
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule	\$
Trust and Agency	Warrant Schedule#17	\$1,042.40
TOTAL #8P		\$1,713,016.66

Warrant#9 March 15, 2022

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #43&44	\$2,542,332.54
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #8	\$80,359.59
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #16	\$17,601.69
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #7	\$1,520.98
Trust and Agency	Warrant Schedule #16	\$1,860.94
TOTAL #9		\$2,643,675.74

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that an Executive Session be convened at 8:37PM for the purpose of discussing a specific personnel matter and contract negotiations with the MSSA. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 10:19PM.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:20 PM. The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business