



Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, April 11, 2022
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:34 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*

Board Members Absent: *Deborah Escobar*

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

Others in Attendance: *Christina Patterson, Sara Lewis, Krista Zajesky, Ashley Geyer, Bill Vacca, Rick Arket, Alyssa Zito, Tom O'Connor, Daniella DeLuca, Deborah Kavanaugh, Katie Lossi, Matt Hubble, and Jason Thompson*
In-attendance virtually – 3 members of the community

Communications - Superintendent

Student representatives, Zionna Perez-Tucker and Olivia Tedford, updated the board on activities taking place in the schools. At Bradt, the students celebrated Earth Day by following a calendar of day-to-day earth friendly activities and Ms. Newman collected donations to assist the Ukraine in the war; Pinewood students are also collecting donations for the Ukrainian people which highlights April's character trait being citizenship; Draper hosted the annual Family Fun Fair with a record attendance of over 700 people and Mohon Masque Junior was back with a showcase performance; High School seniors have raised \$9,000 and have been able to reduce the cost of prom tickets from \$120 to \$80 and for the first time in two years Mohon Masque was able to be back on stage with a production of Beauty and the Beast which was a smash hit.

Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Zajesky, and Mrs. Geyer updated the Board on the Special Education program. Mrs. Lewis reported that as of October 2021 there were 409 students or 14% of Mohonasen's population classified as special needs. Special needs requiring services include autism, emotional, learning disabled, speech/language, visual impairment, other health issues and multiple disabilities. Of these students, 65% are in non-special education classes 85% of the school day, Mrs. Lewis points out that these students are a part of our community.

Mrs. Zajesky reported to the Board on the ongoing implementation of the Wilson Reading program. She explained that the Wilson program is an interactive, multisensory approach to word construction using systematic code-based instruction. The program has expanded at Mohonasen to grades K-5 encompassing 79 students and nine teachers and one teacher and

seventeen students at Draper Middle School. Next year there will be eight additional certified teachers.

Mrs. Geyer explained that the AIMS Web system currently in place is used to track and analyze student progress. This system allows teachers to set individualized goals and benchmarks for students making it easier to identify those in need of extra assistance. Mr. McFarland asked about the process of identifying those students and Mrs. Geyer responded that some are placed on a monitoring list when they are screened for kindergarten then further evaluated in September with diagnostic tools.

Mr. Ruberti presented the final budget that the Board would be voting on adopting later in the meeting. Mr. Ruberti started by highlighting the changes from the initial state budget in January to the enacted budget recently approved. The most significant change was a reduction in Foundation Aid of \$447,686. The change in aid was due to a difference in projected and actual enrollment data. Mr. Ruberti indicated that with the goal of Foundation Aid being fully funded the accuracy of enrollment data moving forward would take on even greater significance.

Mr. Ruberti went on to discuss the overall spending plan for 2022-23 which includes a proposed tax levy increase of 2.74% and total expenditures of \$60.2 million. He then discussed the Bus Proposition and Board of Education vacancies which will be on the ballot as well as the May 9, 2022 Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidates night. He took questions from the Board throughout the presentation.

Public Privilege of the Floor

No one wished to address the Board.

Board of Education

Mrs. MacTurk thanked Mrs. Logan-King for putting together the Family Fun Fair and that it was great to see how many, many people who attended. Mr. McFarland remarked how wonderful the Mohon Masque production of Beauty and the Beast was and how heartwarming it was to see such talented kids be able to perform in person and without masks. Mr. Abbott added that these events have helped bring back normalcy and that it was very encouraging. Mrs. Gaglioti asked if there was an official date for graduation. Mr. Shine responded that it would be June 24, 2022 and more information would be sent by Friday. Mrs. Gaglioti also asked about traffic issues on campus, updating the District digital calendar, and student athlete signing day. Mr. Shine said he would look into the calendar and signing day and he is always open to suggestions for improving traffic. Mr. McFarland had a few questions on vendor payment approval. Mr. Abbott reminded his fellow Board members that the next meeting would take place on April 27, 2022 which is a Wednesday.

**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, 3/2/022, 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, six members present and voting.

**New Business -
Business/Personnel**

*Approval to Adopt the
Proposed 2022-2023
School Year Budget*

**Request for Approval to Adopt the Proposed 2022-2023 School Year
Budget**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the 2022-2023 school year budget. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Acceptance of Monetary
Donation from Price
Chopper*

Request for Acceptance of Monetary Donation from Price Chopper

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education accept a monetary donation from Price Chopper. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Approval of the
Establishment of the
Leila Mintz Scholarship*

**Request for Approval of the Establishment of the Leila Mintz
Scholarship**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the establishment of the Leila Mintz Scholarship. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Approval of Health and
Welfare Contract with
Schenectady City School
District*

**Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Schenectady
City School District**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare contract with Schenectady City School District. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

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

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve entering into a service agreement with Capital Region BOCES. After some discussion, the motion was passed unanimously, six 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 28, 2022. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Personnel

MOTION was made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations: The motion was passed with six members present and voting.

Tenure

Matt Hubbell
Appointment: Academic Administrator for STEM
Effective Date: October 22, 2022

Appointments

David Marchesani
Appointment: Bus Driver
Effective Date: April 4, 2022
Hourly Rate: \$18.38

Alicia Faucett
Appointment: Aquatics Director
Effective Date: April 4, 2022
Salary: \$7,000 stipend per year (prorated)

Alicia Faucett
Appointment: Aquatics Supervision
Effective Date: April 4, 2022
Hourly Rate: \$22.00 per hour

Amy Chevalier
Appointment: Long Term Substitute
Assignment: AIS Reading
Date of Commencement: March 11, 2022
Expiration Date: May 31, 2022
Salary: Step 1

Jenny Koonz
Appointment: Long Term Substitute
Assignment: AIS Reading
Date of Commencement: April 25, 2022
Expiration Date: June 24, 2022
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) Initial
Salary: Step 1

Michael Salamone
Appointment: Probationary
Position: Instrumental Band Teacher
Tenure Area: Music
Date of Commencement: April 25, 2022
Expiration Date: April 24, 2026
Certification Status : Music Initial Certificate
Step/Salary: Step 4 plus Graduate Credits

2022 Guidance Counselors additional days

Name	# Days
Amy Huszar	9.5
Hannah Simms	9.5
Danielle Gaudio	3
Duane Wood	5.5
Rebecca Pauley	3

Resignations

Jennifer Smith
 Appointment: Account Clerk
 Effective Date: April 15, 2022

Judith Tamir
 Appointment: Food Service Helper
 Effective Date: April 1, 2022

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that an Executive Session be convened at 8:33PM for the purpose of discussing the superintendent evaluation process.
 The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 9:15PM.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:16 PM.
 The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business