

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, January 9, 2023
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Wade Abbott, Chad McFarland, Julie Power, Melissa Laudano, Lisa Gaglioti, and Ericka Montagino
Board Members Absent: Stacy MacTurk

Others Present: Administrators Shannon Shine, Laurel Logan-King and Christopher Ruberti as well as Jeff Honeywell, School Attorney

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that an Executive Session be convened for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the MAA and tenure portfolio review. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Return to Public Session

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:42 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, Melissa Laudano, Chad McFarland, Ericka Montagino, Lisa Gaglioti and Julie Power*

Board Members Absent: *Stacy MacTurk*

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

Others in Attendance: *Stephanie D'Annibale, Marcy Milkins, Craig Chandler, Daniella DeLuca, Tom O'Connor, Matt Hubbell, Jason Thompson, Leslie Smith, Rick Arket, Katie Lossi, Bill Vacca, Matt Ronca, Alyssa Zito, three students who visited the Capitol Yuliano Camarena, Grace Lyman, Shawn John Kannamore and Student Representatives Mya Romeo, Gino Palleschi, Kyleigh Millett, Ella Obie, and Evan Pena-Ramirez*

Communications - Superintendent

Student representatives Mya Romeo, Gino Palleschi, Kyleigh Millett, Ella Obie and Evan Pena-Ramirez updated the Board on events happening at each of the schools. At Bratt, there was a student sing-a-long with special guests Frosty and Rudolph and the students held a successful fundraiser for the Make-a-Wish Foundation; Pinewood students also held a student sing-along for the holidays and the Rotterdam Girls Softball League has been holding weekly clinics in the gym; Draper held their annual holiday concert and had a

gingerbread house competition; the High School National Honor Society held a gift wrapping fundraiser and the annual Kirvin Cup basketball tournament was hosted during the holiday break and was won by the Varsity girls' team and the junior varsity boys'.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

Mr. Abbott reported that he and students ShawnJohn Kannamore, Yuliano Camarena, Aidan McGovern, and Grace Lyman and teachers Autumn Wallace and Brian Shaffer visited the Capitol building and met with the staff of several legislators to advocate for universal school meals. The students reported to the Board that they had the opportunity to tell their legislators how universal school meals have positively affected every aspect of their lives and how essential this program is. Mr. Abbott added that he invited Senator Breslin to visit Mohonasen and see the Anchor Rooms.

**Return to
Communications -
Superintendent**

Mr. Ruberti gave an in-depth presentation on the multi-year financial plan for the District. Mr. Ruberti reviewed the many factors considered in these projections, including the main revenue factors, which include the tax levy and state aid; and the main expense factors, including salaries and benefits. He used the information that is known for the upcoming year's budget and then projected out future years using historical averages as a guide. Mr. Ruberti indicated that there were once again several unique factors that needed to be incorporated into the 2023-24 budget and beyond. Some of these included the need to incorporate grant funding from the pandemic into the general fund budget, mitigating the volatility of some major budget factors and the fact that New York State would now be fully funding Foundation Aid. Using these projections Mr. Ruberti indicated that he expected to see surpluses in the next three years, but then would expect to begin to see deficits starting in 2026-27. Mr. Ruberti cautioned that these projections should be used as a guide to plan for the future and should be revisited each year to incorporate any changes to the many factors which impact school districts. He took questions from the board throughout the presentation and then concluded with a timeline for this year's budget process.

**Public Privilege of the
Floor**

No one wished to address the Board

**Return to Board of
Education
Communications**

Mr. Abbott reiterated what a huge impression the students made at the Capitol and said the endeavor was hugely successful.

Mrs. Power asked for an update on the State's mandate regarding Native American mascots. Mr. Shine referred to an email exchange he had with a NYS Education Department Senior Deputy Commissioner who said that specific information for districts would be coming. Mrs. Power asked if the District should take the initiative to make changes without the State clarifying the mandate. Mr. Shine stated it would be more prudent to wait on the clarifications. Mr. McFarland added that the State should have to pay for the changes Districts would have to make to comply with the mandate. Mrs.

Gaglioti noted that the District should prepare for the inevitability of the anticipated changes and not be blindsided by them.

Mr. Abbott reported that the Board had received a letter from Town of Rotterdam Supervisor, Mollie Collins thanking them for input on cannabis regulations. He added that cannabis regulations were passed but the Town is supportive of the Districts concerns. He wishes to maintain open lines of communication with the Town. Mrs. Montagino noted that it was even more important to increase the amount of drug education District students were receiving.

Mr. Abbott reminded the Board members to sign up for Seal of Civic Readiness presentations.

Old Business

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

**Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy -
8330 Objection to Instructional Materials and Controversial Issues**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Board policy - 8330. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

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

**Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy -
6215 Probation and Tenure**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Board policy - 6215 Probation and Tenure.

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

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

**Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy -
7350 Corporal Punishment/Emergency Interventions**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Board policy 7350 Corporal Punishment/Emergency Interventions.

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

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

**Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy -
7522 Concussion Management**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Board policy 7522 Concussion Management.

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

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

**Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy -
7530 Child Abuse and Maltreatment**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Board policy 7530 Child Abuse and Maltreatment.

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

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

**Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy -
6121 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Board policy 6121 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.

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

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

**Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy -
5681 School Safety Plans**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Board policy 5681 School Safety Plans.

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

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

**Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy -
7618 Use of Time Out Room**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and adoption of Board policy 7618 Use of Time Out Room.

The motion was passed unanimously, six 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. Montagino, 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 11/09/2022, 12/05/2022, 12/08/2022, 12/12/2022, 12/13/2022, 12/14/2022, 12/15/2022, 12/19/2022, 12/21/2022, 12/22/2022, 01/03/2023.

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

*Approval for the Girls'
Varsity and Junior Varsity
Bowling Teams to
Participate in an Out of
Area Trip*

**Request Approval for the Girls' Varsity and Junior Varsity Bowling
Teams to Participate in an Out of Area Trip**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the Girls' Varsity and Junior Varsity bowling teams to participate in an out of area trip.

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

New Business -

Business/Personnel

*Approval of Extension of
Probationary Period of a
specific teacher via a
JUUL Agreement*

**Request Approval of Extension of Probationary Period of a specific
teacher via a JUUL Agreement**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the extension of probationary period of a specific teacher via a JUUL Agreement

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

Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Guilderland Central School District

Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Guilderland Central School District

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approval of the Health and Welfare Contract with Guilderland Central School District
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Approval of Management/Confidential Handbook

Request for Approval of Management/Confidential Handbook
MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the Management/Confidential handbook.
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of December 12, 2022.
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Personnel

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

Appointments

Heidi Fowler
Appointment: Physical Therapist
Date of Commencement: January 24, 2023
Salary: Step 10

Jennifer Gribben (amended from 12/12/2022)
Appointment: Long Term Substitute
Assignment: Earth Science
Date of Commencement: December 5, 2022
Expiration Date: December 20, 2022
Certification Status: Biology 7-12 Permanent Certificate
Salary: Step 5 plus Graduate Credits

Larry Brassard
Appointment: Senior Computer Technician
Date of Commencement: December 19, 2022
Salary: \$59,043

Michael Avery
Appointment: Attendance Clerk
Date of Commencement: January 23, 2023
Salary: \$22,124

Barbara Leonardo
Appointment: Bus Aide
Date of Commencement: January 9, 2023
Salary: \$14.20/per hour

Isabelle Andreine

Appointment: Lifeguard/WSI Aide

Date of Commencement: January 1, 2023

Salary: Lifeguard \$14.20/WSI \$14.60 per hour

Mentors 2022-2023 (stipend per MTA Contract) Effective January 1, 2023

Name:	Assignment
Elizabeth Haynesworth	High School

HIPAA Compliance Officer - Effective January 1, 2023

Name:	Amount
Ruth Martino	\$500

Records Management - Effective January 1, 2023

Name:	Position	Amount
Meg Fountain	Records Access Officer	\$500
Janine Carroll	Records Access Officer	\$500
Susanne Candee	Records Manager	\$500

Winter Coaches 2022-2023

Name:	Sport	Coaching Step
Ron McCarthy	Varsity Wrestling	Volunteer
Tom McDonald	Varsity Wrestling	Volunteer

2022-2023 Extracurricular Advisors

Extracurricular Club/Activity	Advisor/Co-Advisors
Animal Club	Amanda Larkin, Kim Whipple and Brittney Jory
Art Club - Bradt	Jamie Murray
Art Club - Draper	Stephen Blais
Chamber Choir - Draper	Abigail Fast
Chess Club - Draper	Joshua Sawicki, Fred Saccocio
Computer Science Club	Maureen Conway
Crochet Club	Anya Makovik
Drama Club - Mohon Masque Jr.	Erika Pangburn
Draper Fitness Club	Nicole Schapp
Extracurricular Auditor	Karen Smith
Fiddle Club	Chloe Shan

Fitness and Nutrition Club - Draper	Kim Trestick
Gaming Club - High School	Jeff Abrey, Malachi Martin
GSA Club (Spring only)	Melissa Goncerz .5
Harry Potter Club	Amanda Brooks, Cheryl Donovan
HS Ski Club Co-Advisor	Fred Saccocio
Impressions Magazine	Christina Mathieu
Lego Club - Draper	Kathy Fiozzo
Library Book Club - Draper	Mary-Francis Gorton
Math Counts Club	Cathy Scheer
Media Club/DMS TV	Kim Whipple, Kim Trestick
Media Specialist	Christina Mathieu
Mock Trial - High School	Scott Sabourin
National Junior Honor Society - Draper	Melyssa Burega, Jennifer McGuire
Newspaper - Draper	Lauren Berezowski
Olympics of the Visual Arts (OVA)	Christina Mathieu
Peers Club	Brittney Jory
Peers for Peace - Draper	Kyra Grimsley, Angie Santabarbara
Pokemon Club	Amanda Larkin, Brittney Jory
Rocket Club - Draper	John Winters
Science Club - Draper	Jenna Niles
Student Council - Draper	Erin Degnan
Student Council - Pinewood	Elizabeth Haynesworth, Rebecca Pollick
Support Club	Ann Menella-Valdes, David Grajates-Passage
Technology Club - Draper	Mark Lajeunesse
Teen Town	Deb Wood
World Language Club - Draper	Linda Breen, Amanda Jasinski, Maureen Geagan
Yearbook - Draper	Mary-Francis Gorton

Resignations

Corinne Janis

Appointment: Teacher Assistant

Effective Date: Close of business December 12, 2022

Shane Albertin
Appointment: Computer Technician
Effective Date: January 25, 2023

Noah Baker
Appointment: Cleaner
Effective Date: January 13, 2023

Sarah Kinne
Appointment: School Nurse
Effective Date: January 12, 2023

Lisa Albertin
Appointment: Food Service Helper
Effective Date: December 23, 2022

Tari Bobbitt
Appointment: Food Service Helper Substitute
Effective Date: January 13, 2023

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mrs. Power, that an executive session be convened at 8:44 PM for the purpose of discussing tenure for a certain employee.

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 9:30 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:31 PM.

The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business