

# Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, November 21, 2022  
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, Ericka Montagino and Stacy MacTurk*

**Board Members Absent:** *Lisa Gaglioti*

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

**Others Present:** *Jeff Honeywell, Attorney to the District*

## **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 MTA and MAA. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

## **Return to Public Session**

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 6:30 PM.

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:30 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, Melissa Laudano, Chad McFarland, Ericka Montagino, and Julie Power*

**Board Members Absent:** *Lisa Gaglioti*

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

**Others in Attendance:** *Chris Patterson and 18 members of the community*

## **Communications - Superintendent**

Mr. Ruberti reviewed the proposed Capital Project timeline. He explained that the District would use the required New York State Education Department mandated Building Condition Survey, along with input from staff and other stakeholders, to develop the project scope. He reviewed the items identified at each District building and the projected impact on taxes. He indicated that the Board would receive more updates throughout the process. He answered questions from the Board throughout the presentation.

**Public Privilege of the Floor**

Mr. Abbott read a statement from the Board of Education in reaction to the New York State Education Department (NYSED) announcement regarding Native American mascots. He stated that the Board would not make any decisions on this matter until NYSED has definitively stated what changes will be mandatory. Mr. Abbott said he would have preferred that NYSED had a conversation on the issue rather than issuing a threat.

Michelle Jackson told the Board that the District being named after the Mohawk, Onondaga and Seneca tribes has always started a conversation with students about their heritage and history. She believes having the name “Warrior” honors Native Americans.

Students Shea Mather and Alana Muminovic told the Board that they have grown up as Mohonasen Warriors and should remain Mohonasen Warriors. The name is part of Native American history and their own history.

Mr. Abbott thanked Ms. Jackson and the students and added that this certainly will not be the last time the Board will be meeting about this issue.

**Communications - Board of Education**

Mrs. Power commented on Mohonasen rankings in Niche and asked Mr. Shine his thoughts. He added that he expects to see significant momentum in improving those rankings in the future.

Mr. McFarland wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and expressed his appreciation to Bethel Full Gospel for providing the holiday meal to over a hundred local families in need.

Mrs. Power congratulated the thirteen Mohonasen students who were invited to participate in the NYSSMA concert in Saratoga.

Mr. Abbott reported that he attended a PTSO meeting and thanked them for all the amazing events they have provided the Mohonasen community. He also said he was grateful and humbled to attend Pinewood’s annual Veteran’s Day tribute adding that paying homage to veterans aligns with being a good citizen. Mr. Abbott then reminded the Board of a few events coming up including a webinar on the State Budget, a Town Board meeting on December 14th and a school meals advocacy day in Albany on January 10th. He then wished to recognize athletes Rachel Miller, Amanda Jurgelon and Olivia Streeter.

**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 10/06/2022, 10/21/2022, 10/24/2022, 10/25/2022, 10/26/2022, 10/27/2022, 10/28/2022, 11/01/2022, 11/04/2022, 11/09/2022, 11/14/2022, and 11/16/2022.

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

*Approval for the Indoor Track Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip*

**Request Approval for the Indoor Track Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the indoor track team to participate in an out of area trip. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

*Request Approval for the Varsity Baseball Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip*

**Request Approval for the Varsity Baseball Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the varsity baseball team to participate in an out of area trip.

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

**New Business - Business/Personnel**  
*Approval of Agreement with Nourishing Minds, LLC for the 2022-2023 School Year*

**Request for Approval of Agreement with Nourishing Minds, LLC for the 2022-2023 School Year**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Nourishing Minds, LLC for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

*Acceptance of Uncollected Tax Report*

**Request for Acceptance of Uncollected Tax Report**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education accept the Uncollected Tax Report.

After some discussion, 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 November 7, 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*

Jarrold Bonaro

Appointment: Long Term Substitute

Assignment: Social Studies

Date of Commencement: November 21, 2022

Expiration Date: June 23, 2023

Certification Status: Pending

Salary: Step 1 plus Graduate Credits

Cheryl Balko

Appointment: Teaching Assistant

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Date of Commencement: November 28, 2022

Salary: Step 7

Lisa Albertin  
 Assignment: Food Service Helper  
 Effective Date: November 14, 2022  
 Salary: \$14.10 per hour

Anthony DiSorbo  
 Assignment: Part-time Motor Vehicle Operator  
 Effective Date: November 17, 2022  
 Salary: \$14.10 per hour

Marianne Amato  
 Assignment: Food Service Helper (Cafeteria Aide) *(Amended from 10/24/22)*  
 Effective Date: October 7, 2022  
 Salary: \$14.10 per hour

Matthew Crowley  
 Assignment: Part-time Bus Driver  
 Effective Date: October 24, 2022  
 Salary: \$21.00 per hour *(amended from 11/7/2022)*

Madelyn Uhl  
 Assignment: Lifeguard/WSI/Head WSI  
 Effective Date: December 1, 2022  
 Salary: Lifeguard \$14.20/WSI \$15.60/Head WSI \$20.00 per hour

**Winter Coaches 2022-2023** *(amended from 11/7/22)*

Sport/Level	Name	Coaching Step
Boys Diving Coach (.5)	Alicia Faucett	7
Hockey	Ryen Young	<i>Paid by Guilderland</i>

**2022-2023 – Instructional Leaders** *(amended from 11/7/2022)*

Name	Position	Stipend
William VanWie	Eighth Grade	\$1245.50 (end 11/18/22)
Danielle Grainer	Eighth Grade	\$2491 (Prorated start date 11/21/22)

**Guard Staff Rosters 2022-2023**

Name	Group	Position
Mike Salamone	All	Coordinator of Indoor Marching Activities

Julia French	Varsity Guard	Director
Casey McCoy	Varsity Guard	Instructor
Kendra Mendoza	Varsity Guard	Instructor
Marinda Tingley	Varsity Guard	Instructor
Jacob Hatfield	Percussion	Director
Jenna Walker	Percussion	Instructor
Tia Tocco	Percussion	Instructor
Nathaniel Finke	Percussion	Instructor
Mark Riggi	Percussion	Volunteer
Chenya D'Arcangelis	JV Guard	Director
Andrea LeDuc	JV Guard	Instructor
Emily Turriglio	JV Guard	Instructor
Nicole Hoffman	Pinewood Guard	Director
Joshua DeMarco	Pinewood Guard	Instructor
Danielle Greklek	Pinewood Guard	Instructor

*Leave of Absence*

Kelly LaRue

Appointment: Teacher Assistant

Effective Dates: September 1, 2022 - December 9, 2022 (Unpaid Leave of Absence)

*Termination*

Jennifer Stevens-Paige

Appointment: Bus Aide

Effective Dates: September 12, 2022

**Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

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Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business