

# Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, February 6, 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 (virtual), Stacy MacTurk, and Ericka Montagino*

Board Members Absent: *None*

**Others Present:** *Administrators Shannon Shine, Laurel Logan-King and Christopher Ruberti, Richard Arket, Jason Thompson, Leslie Smith and Sara Lewis.*

## **Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that an Executive Session be convened for the purpose of tenure portfolio review. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 6:32 PM.

## **Return to Public Session**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:35 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, Lisa Gaglioti (virtual) and Julie Power*

**Board Members Absent:** *None*

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

**Others in Attendance:** *Chris Patterson, Stephanie D'Annibale, Maureen Geagan, Leisha and Bill Sherman, Rebecca Pollick-Sawyer, Bryttni Doak, Craig Chandler, Matt Hubbell, Jason Thompson, Leslie Smith, Rick Arket, Katie Lossi, Bill Vacca, Matt Ronca, Alyssa Zito, Sara Lewis, one member of the community and Student Representatives Mya Romeo, Ella Obie, and Evan Pena-Ramirez*

## **Communications - Superintendent**

Student representative Mya Romeo updated the Board on events happening at each of the schools. At Bradt, students will participate in a Kindness Week where activities will challenge them to be kind including making Valentines for Vets; Pinewood students attended a study on animals assembly where they saw an owl fly across the gym; at the High School public policy students presented their projects to earn their Seal of Civic Readiness; Evan and Ella gave an update on Draper Middle School telling Board that the play 'High School Musical, Jr.' was a great success with over 60 students participating in it.

Mrs. Kavanaugh presented the Board with an update on Social/Emotional Learning and student Mental Health. She shared that currently 1 in 5 children will experience a mental health challenge in their life and discussed how the District will meet the increased need of their students. The District has substantially increased their outreach efforts in order to identify families in need and connect them with the necessary support. Efforts to train staff and students in mental health first aid has also been increased with 164 staff members and 82 students successfully completing the training. The Board asked some follow up questions and commended Mrs. Kavanaugh and the District on the efforts.

Mr. Ronca gave the Board an overview on the substance abuse prevention curriculum provided by health teachers. He informed them that this curriculum begins as early as kindergarten and continues through 12th grade with the focus urging students to make good decisions. Mr. McFarland and Mrs. Montagino had some questions on the curriculum and specifically on the availability of Narcan in the school. Mrs. Kavanaugh replied that 35 staff members have been trained on the use of Narcan and have kits available to administer.

Mr. Ruberti gave an update on various budget components including the State Budget, the Tax Levy Limit Calculation and estimated Debt Service payments, as well the estimated Bus Proposition. He indicated that the District's Foundation Aid had increased by over 26% from 2022-23, a total of over \$4.5 million. He explained that about half of this increase was expected due to the full funding of Foundation Aid in 2023-24, but that the other half was due to the impact of the CPI (Consumer Price Index). There was also a "set-aside" in the amount of Foundation Aid for High Impact Tutoring which is atypical to have with Foundation Aid. Mr. Ruberti then went over the components of the Tax Levy Limit calculation and estimated that it would be approximately 2.38% for 2023-24. The impact on a homeowner with a full value home of \$150,000 would be less than \$60 in increased taxes based on this estimate. Finally Mr. Ruberti presented the anticipated Bus Proposition that would be recommended for the May budget vote and explained the District plan for bus replacement. Mr. Ruberti also let the Board know that the District would be investigating the transition to electric buses by engaging in a study to look at both the costs and logistical issues involved in making this change by the state deadline.

**Public Privilege of the Floor**

No one wished to address the Board

**Communications - Board of Education**

Mrs. Montagino expressed her appreciation for those who have assisted in the 5th grade fundraiser and told the Board that 19 baskets to raffle have been donated.

Mr. McFarland thanked the Seal of Civic Readiness committee for their involvement and participating students for their efforts.

Mr. Abbott reminded the Board about an upcoming PTO meeting and to sign up for Coffee and Conversation. He reported that the Heart Association is making Universal Lunches a top priority in their lobbying efforts and invited Mohonasen students to join them on their advocacy day.

The Board and Mr. Shine continued the ongoing discussion regarding changing regulations on mascots and logos. Mr. Abbott asked if it would be conducive to reach out to the Seneca nation for their input on the situation. The Board discussed the benefits of this and decided that Mr. Abbott would reach out to native tribes to have a conversation about this issue.

**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 09/16/2022, 10/26/2022, 11/09/2022, 12/01/2022, 12/07/2022, 12/19/2022, 12/21/2022, 01/04/2023, 01/05/2023, 01/06/2023, 01/11/2023, 01/12/2023, 01/13/2023, 01/25/2023, 01/26/2023, 01/27/2023, 01/30/2023, 01/31/2023.

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

**New Business -  
Business/Personnel**

*Approval to Enter into  
an Agreement with  
Nursecore  
Management Services,  
LLC. for Nursing  
Services*

**Request for Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Nursecore  
Management Services, LLC. for Nursing Services**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve entering into an agreement with Nursecore Management Services, LLC. for nursing services.

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

*Approval of the  
2023-2024 School Year  
Calendar*

**Request Approval of the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve of the 2023-2024 school year calendar.

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

*Approval of the  
nomination of Mrs.  
Nancy del Prado as a  
Board member of Capital  
Region BOCES*

**Request Approval of the nomination of Mrs. Nancy del Prado as a Board  
member of Capital Region BOCES**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the nomination of Mrs. Nancy del Prado as a board member of Capital Region BOCES.

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

*Approval of  
Memorandum of  
Agreement with  
Mohonasen Teachers'  
Association and the  
Rotterdam-Mohonasen  
Central School District*

**Request for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Teachers' Association and the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Teachers' Association and the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Approved Minutes**

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of January 9, 2023.

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

**Financial Reports**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the following Financial Reports:

**Warrant #5 - November 14, 2022**

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #22&#24	\$2,416,873.34
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #5&7	\$91,111.64
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #10	\$79,709.16
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #7	\$85,572.41
Trust and Agency	Warrant Schedule #11	\$1,399.22
TOTAL #5		\$2,674,665.77

**Warrant #4P - October 30, 2022**

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #25, #26 & #27	\$1,754,736.59
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule	\$
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #11	\$19,849.06
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #8	\$11,847.67
Trust and Agency	Warrant Schedule #12	\$533.90
TOTAL #5P		\$1,786,967.22

**Personnel**

MOTION was made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations. The motion was passed unanimously with seven members present and voting.

*Tenure*

Craig Chandler  
Appointment: K-12 Principal  
Effective Date: August 19, 2023

*Retirements*

George Reluzco  
Assignment: Technology Teacher  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2023

Julie Varley  
Assignment: Elementary Teacher  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2023

Fred J. Saccocio Jr.  
Assignment: Social Studies Teacher  
Expiration Date: Close of business July 1, 2023

Faith Faas  
Assignment: 6th grade teacher  
Expiration Date: Close of business July 1, 2023

Kathleen Fiozzo  
Assignment: 7-12 English Teacher  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 23, 2023

Susan Petrosino  
Assignment: Special Education Teacher  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2023

Kathy Holoboski  
Assignment: Teaching Assistant  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2023

*Appointments*

Caitlin Sliwinski  
Appointment: Long Term Substitute  
Assignment: 6th Grade  
Date of Commencement: January 26, 2023  
Expiration Date: March 13, 2023  
Salary: Step 1 plus Graduate Credits

Alexandra Jerreld  
Assignment: Substitute Teaching Assistant  
Effective Date: February 7, 2023  
Salary: \$14.20/hr

David Nixon  
 Assignment: Computer Technician  
 Effective Date: February 13, 2023  
 Salary: \$49,737.00

Tanya Healy  
 Appointment: Health Office Assistant (10 month)  
 Date of Commencement: February 7, 2023  
 Salary: \$26,504

Anthony DiSorbo  
 Appointment: Part-time Cleaner  
 Date of Commencement: January 19, 2023  
 Salary: \$14.20 per hour

Christopher John Stiffen  
 Appointment: Bus Driver  
 Date of Commencement: January 17, 2023  
 Salary: \$22.50 per hour

Barbara Leonardo  
 Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide (amended from January 9, 2023)  
 Date of Commencement: January 9, 2023  
 Salary: \$14.20 per hour

Tobey Traynham  
 Appointment: Substitute Monitor  
 Date of Commencement: January 19, 2023  
 Salary: \$15.50 per hour

Danielle Bartik  
 Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
 Date of Commencement: January 17, 2023  
 Salary: \$14.20 per hour

Joanne Vinciguerra  
 Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
 Date of Commencement: January 30, 2023  
 Salary: \$14.20 per hour

### **2022-2023 Intramurals**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Building</b>
Marc Vachon	Pinewood
Kate Murnane	Pinewood
Raymond Kearney	Mohonasen High School
Kevin Olson	Bradt
Lori Moore	Bradt

**2022-2023 Student Teacher**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Bldg.</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Ashley Samborin	High School	High School FACS	1/9/23 – 5/12/23
Kaitlyn Graham	High School	Nurse observation hrs	1/17/23 – 5/30/23

**Winter Coaches 2022-2023**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Coaching Step</b>
Jodi Scalise	Unified Bowling	Step 2

**2022-2023 Student Teacher**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Bldg.</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Julianna Taylor	Bradt	Occupational Therapy	1/24/23 – 4/25/23
Samantha Budney	Pinewood/Draper	Occupational Therapy	1/24/23 – 4/25/23
Bridget Yankowski	Bradt	Occupational Therapy	1/24/23 – 4/25/23

**2022-2023 Draper PM School Tutoring**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Connor DeSantis	PM School Tutor

**2022-2023 Extracurricular Activities**

<b>Name</b>	<b>ECA</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Melvia Mendez	Mohonasen Black and Latino Achievers	\$875

**2022-2023 Instructional Coach**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Stipend</b>	<b>Date</b>
Bill VanWie	Instructional Coach	\$4,000	11/21/22 – 6/30/23

**The current pay rate for instructors is \$16.00 per hour for regular classes and \$30.00 per hour for computer related classes.**

## National Safety Council

Ron Longo

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING**

Suzanne Amsler

**MEDITATION/REIKI**

Jack Hochmuth

**BOATING SAFETY**

## Voice Coaches

Katie Lembo

**VOICE COACHES**

James Farnum

**FINANCIAL**

Glenn Witecki

**ESTATE PLANNING**

Janice Simpson  
**55 ALIVE/AARP**

**An agreement has been made to pay these instructors 60% of the total for this course and we receive 40%. A claim form will be submitted after the classes are completed**

Lynn Circe                      Laurie Zinnershine      Karen Nerney  
**OS PAINT/CRAFT    ZUMBA                      BEADING**

Peggy Porter                      Rafael Rojas                      Antoinette Furbert  
**PAINTING                      BALLROOM/SWING      EXP YOGA**

Don Warren      Joanne Mulligan                      Victor Bujanow  
**GUITAR              RUBBER STAMPING      NOTARY PUBLIC REVIEW**

Lance Luther                      Ruth Olivares  
**DIGITAL PHOTO              DE-STRESS/RESET**

**An agreement has been made to pay these instructors 75% of the total for this course and we receive 25%. A claim form will be submitted after the classes are completed.**

Susan Kaupelis                      Jean Sefcovic                      Jesse Wicher  
**COUNTRY LINE DANCE      GENTLE YOGA              VIRTUAL CLASSES**

### **Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that an executive session be convened at 9:10 PM for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Annual Performance Review.

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:42 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

### **Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Gaglioti, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:43 PM.

The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business