

Mohonasen Central School District

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education

Monday, March 27, 2023

Center for Advanced Technology

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, Stacy MacTurk, and Lisa Gaglioti (virtual)*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others Present: *None*

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that an Executive Session be convened for the purpose of discussing Board development. The motion was passed unanimously, seven 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 6:37 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, Julie Power and Lisa Gaglioti (virtual)*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others in Attendance: *Matt Ronca, Jen Fahsel, Marvin Veeder, Sara Lewis, Vanessa Gannon, Diane Blinn, Alisha Faucett, Marcy Milkins, Mark Hitchcock, Brandon Deluke, Meredith McLeod, Rebecca Shea, Tara Halloway, Rebecca Pollick, Gregg Massaroni, Dawn Aulita, Tara Halloway, Leisha and Bill Sherman, Vicky Robbins, 40 members of the community and 30 students.*

Communications - Superintendent

Mr. Shine began the meeting by giving an overview of the Genders and Sexualities Alliance club (GSA). He wanted to clarify that the name of the group was changed by the alliance in 2016 and that the club was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Ronca recognized several fall and winter athletes for their sectional and state accomplishments. He congratulated Rachel Miller who finished 9th in the Cross Country NYS Federation Championships which was the best finish in Mohonasen history. He also recognized the girls' swim team, indoor track athletes Blake Gannon, Melissa Quinlivan, Alexis Brown, the wrestling team, and girls' bowling team for their accomplishments.

Mr. Ruberti reviewed the 2023-2024 school year budget that the BOE would be voting on for adoption later in the meeting. Mr. Ruberti gave a brief review of the budget development process and discussed the tax levy limit calculation, which is 2.25%, as well as major factors regarding both revenues and expenditures for the upcoming year. He then indicated the final budget process dates which included the Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidates night on May 8th as well as the budget vote itself on May 16th.

Public Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Abbott read a statement regarding the Board's expectations of Public Privilege of the Floor.

Several members of the community and students addressed the Board on a variety of concerns. The following people spoke during Public Privilege of the Floor: Liesha Sherman, Nathaniel Gray, Bill Sherman, Morgan Castelli and Elaina Garner, Lizzie Lewis, Todd Lewis, Kira Bernard and Megan Janis, Tom Andriola, Bob Godlewski, Nathan Ryan, Yuliano Camereno, Rachel DeTeso-Mathis, Michele Scrom, Victoria Robbins, Becky Ryan, Ruth McFarland, Amanda Cantore, Kate Sherman, Jocelyn Howe and Jason Bustelos.

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino to convene an Executive Session for the purpose of Board development. The motion was not seconded and failed.

Communications - Board of Education

Ms. Laudano expressed her concern regarding statements that were made about the GSA club at the previous Board meeting. She expressed that censorship breeds hate and fear while knowledge and awareness sheds light. She believes that the GSA club could be a safe space for students.

Mrs. Power noted that the GSA is part of a national organization and that changing the name is not up to the District. She added that children need the safe spaces these clubs provide.

Mr. Abbott thanked everyone who attended the meeting and shared their concerns with the Board. He noted that while there is healing to do he is confident this community will come out stronger on the other side.

Mr. Abbott reported that the universal lunch program is part of the two house state budget proposals and is hopeful that it will pass. He congratulated the Mohonasen students who lobbied for the program to be part of the budget and said how proud he was of them.

**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 01/12/2023, 02/27/2023, 03/01/2023, 03/02/2023, 03/06/2023, 03/07/2023, 03/08/2023, 03/09/2023, 03/10/2023, 03/13/2023, 03/14/2023, 03/15/2023, 03/16/2023, 03/17/2023, 03/21/2023.

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

*Approval for High School
Students Field Trip to
Gilbert Lake State Park,
Laurens, New York, on
June 4 - June 5, 2023*

**Request Approval for High School Students Field Trip to Gilbert Lake
State Park, Laurens, New York, on June 4 - June 5, 2023**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the field trip to Gilbert Lake State Park.

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

*Approval for High School
Students Field Trip to
Camp Fowler, Lake
Pleasant, New York, on
Saturday, May 6, 2023
Some discussion*

**Request Approval for High School Students Field Trip to Camp Fowler,
Lake Pleasant, New York, on Saturday, May 6, 2023 Some discussion**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the field trip to Camp Fowler.

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

*Approval for Draper
Middle School 7th
Grade Students Field
Trip to Lake George,
New York on May 24,
2023*

**Request Approval for Draper Middle School 7th Grade Students Field
Trip to Lake George, New York on May 24, 2023**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the field trip for Draper Middle School 7th grade students to Lake George, New York.

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

*Approval for the 6th
Grade Field Trip to
Howes Cave, New York,
on June 14, 2023*

**Request Approval for the 6th Grade Field Trip to Howes Cave, New York,
on June 14, 2023**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the 6th grade field trip to Howes Cave, New York.

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

**New Business -
Business/Personnel**

*2023 Capital Project,
State Environmental
Quality Review Act
(SEQRA) – Bradt Primary
School*

**2023 Capital Project, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) –
Bradt Primary School**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the SEQRA for Bradt Primary School.

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

2023 Capital Project, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) – Pinewood Intermediate School

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MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the SEQRA for Pinewood Intermediate School.

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

2023 Capital Project, State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) – High School-Middle School Campus (including the Center for Advanced Technology)

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MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the SEQRA for the High School-Middle School Campus (including the Center for Advanced Technology)

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

Approval of Capital Project Bond Referendum

Request for Approval of Capital Project Bond Referendum

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the Capital Project Bond Referendum.

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

Request for Approval to Adopt the Proposed 2023-2024 School Year Budget

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

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

Request for Acceptance of a Donation of Hearing Aides in memory of Peter Empie

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MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education accept a donation of hearing aides in memory of Peter Empie.

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

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of March 13, 2023.

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

Financial Reports

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the February 2023 Financial Reports.

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

Personnel

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

Appointments

Maria Andrew

Appointment: Probationary

Position: Elementary Education

Tenure Area: Elementary Pre-K-6 Section 30-1.5

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023

Expiration Date: August 31, 2026

Certification Status: Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) Initial Certificate

Salary: Step 2 plus Graduate Credits

Melissa McGowan

Appointment: Probationary

Position: Elementary Education

Tenure Area: Elementary Pre-K-6 Section 30-1.5

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023

Expiration Date: August 31, 2026

Certification Status: Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2) Professional Certificate

Salary: Step 6 plus Graduate Credits

Taylor Lupi

Appointment: Long Term Substitute

Assignment: Elementary Physical Education

Date of Commencement: May 3, 2023

Expiration Date: June 30, 2023

Salary: Step 1 plus Graduate Credits

Caitlin Sliwinski (*amended from the February 6, 2023 meeting*)

Appointment: Long Term Substitute

Assignment: 6 th Grade

Date of Commencement: January 26, 2023

Expiration Date: March 16, 2023

Salary: Step 1 plus Graduate Credits

Shannon Burke

Appointment: Cafeteria Aide

Location: Pinewood

Date of Commencement: March 20, 2023

Salary: \$14.20 per hour

Tracey Vermette

Appointment: Food Service Leader - CAT Building

Effective Date: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Salary: Per MSSA Contract

Robert Bour
 Appointment: Substitute Bus Driver
 Location: Transportation
 Date of Commencement: March 27, 2023
 Salary: \$19.00 per hour

Spring Coaches 2023

Sport/Level	Name	Coaching Step
Unified Basketball	Ben Pierson	5
Unified Basketball	Diane Blinn	\$1,000
High School Baseball Coach	Kameron Wright	Volunteer

Resignations

Sabrina Dutcher
 Appointment: Cafeteria Aide
 Effective Date: February 18, 2023

Kristen Smith
 Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper
 Effective Date: January 27, 2023

Joel Fuschino
 Appointment: Substitute Courier
 Effective Date: March 17, 2023

Clayton McBride
 Appointment: Cleaner
 Effective Date: March 31, 2023

Leave of Absence

Melissa McGowan
 Appointment: Long Term Sub First Grade
 Effective Dates: March 25, 2023 – June 30, 2023
 Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:06 PM.
 The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business