

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call To Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: Attorney Jeff Honeywell

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that an Executive Session be convened for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 6:55 PM.

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 7:05 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 (virtual), 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: *Board member elects Pat Ryan and Danielle Ciampino, Danielle Coffey, Liesha Sherman, Tara Wolfanger, Rebecca Pollick-Sawyer, Anthony Amitrano, Tara Wolfanger, Michelle Fraser, Amanda Gauvin and 8 members of the community.*

Communications Board of Education

Mr. Abbott read a statement from the Board stating that they support and care about the Mohonasen LGBTQ+ community. He finished by addressing the audience saying that the "Board hears you and we care about you".

Communications - Superintendent

Mr. Shine opened a discussion on the Board's 2023-2024 meeting schedule. After some discussion it was decided by the Board to have the summer 2024 meetings on July 10th and August 12th at 6 PM and

maintain the same amount of meetings and times as the 2022-2023 meeting schedule. Mrs. Montagino suggested that presentations be limited to 30 minutes. Mr. Abbott suggested that the presentations be reviewed by the Board prior to the meeting.

Discussion regarding the potential sale of District property was tabled until more information was available. Mr. Shine said that information should be available by the next meeting on July 10, 2023.

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: Lizzie Lewis, Matt Robbins, Rachel DeTeso-Mathis, Daniel Vaughn, and Rebecca Pollick-Sawyer

Return to Communications - Board of Education

Mr. Abbott recognized Mrs. Gaglioti and Mrs. MacTurk for their years of dedicated service to the Mohonasen School District and presented them both with gifts.

Mrs. Power addressed the statement that Mr. Abbott made regarding the LGTB+ community and emphasized that the statement was from all of the Board members. Their efforts to improve the District's culture and community have been unanimous.

Mrs. Gaglioti thanked everyone at the District for everything that has been accomplished during her nine years as a Board member. She noted that she is incredibly proud of the effort and work that went into ensuring that every student counts.

Mr. Abbott discussed several activities happening at the schools including the Issues Fair at the high school and attendance awards at Pinewood.

New Business - Instructional

Approval of Recommendations of the Committees on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education

Request for Approval and Arrangement for the Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements, Committee on Pre- School Special Education and Section 504 Committee

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, 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 03/06/2023, 04/05/2023, 04/17/2023,

04/18/2023, 04/20/2023, 04/21/2023, 04/24/2023, 04/26/2023, 04/28/2023, 05/01/2023, 05/02/2023, 05/03/2023, 05/10/2023, 05/11/2023, 05/15/2023, 05/17/2023, 05/18/2023, 05/22/2023, 05/23/2023, 05/24/2023, 05/25/2023, 05/26/2023, 05/30/2023, 05/31/2023, 06/01/2023, 06/02/2023, 06/05/2023, 06/06/2023, 06/08/2023, 06/09/2023, 06/13/2023.

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

**New Business -
Business/**

*New York State
Board of Regents
Resolution*

*Request Approval
to Enter into a
Contract with
Pamela Fitzgerald,
for Athletic Trainer
services in the
2023-24 School
Year*

*Request for
Approval of to
Enter into
Agreement with
Soliant Health LLC
for Speech Services
for the Summer
Session of 2023*

*Request for
Acceptance of the
District's Goals for
2023-2024*

*Authorization to
Fund Reserve
Accounts*

*Approval of
Extension of
Appointment and
Employment
Addendum to
Contract of
Superintendent of
Schools*

New York State Board of Regents Resolution

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education accepts the New York State Board of Regents resolution.

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

Request Approval to Enter into a Contract with Pamela Fitzgerald, for Athletic Trainer services in the 2023-24 School Year

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the contract with Pamela Fitzgerald for athletic training services for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Request for Approval of to Enter into Agreement with Soliant Health LLC for Speech Services for the Summer Session of 2023

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Soliant Health LLC for speech services for the summer session of 2023.

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

Request for Acceptance of the District's Goals for 2023-2024

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education acceptance of the District's goals for 2023-2024.

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

Authorization to Fund Reserve Accounts

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the authorization to fund reserve accounts.

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

Approval of Extension of Appointment and Employment Addendum to Contract of Superintendent of Schools

MOTION made by Mr. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve an extension of appointment and employment addendum to contract of the superintendent of schools.

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

*Request for
Approval of Lease
Agreement with
Rotterdam Boys
and Girls Club of
Schenectady*

Request for Approval of Lease Agreement with Rotterdam Boys and Girls Club of Schenectady

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve a lease agreement with the Rotterdam Boys and Girls Club of Schenectady.

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

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education approve the minutes of June 5, 2023.

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

Bids

*Request for Approval
of Contract No.
23-1, "Paper Towels,
Toilet Tissue And
Hand Soap"*

Request for Approval of Contract No. 23-1, "Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue And Hand Soap"

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve of contract No. 23-1, paper towels, toilet tissue, and hand soap.

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

*Request for Approval
of Contract No. 23-2,
"Cleaning Supplies
And Trash Can
Liners"*

Request for Approval of Contract No. 23-2, "Cleaning Supplies And Trash Can Liners"

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve of contract No. 23-2, cleaning supplies and trash can liners.

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 April and May 2023 Financial Reports.

The motion was passed unanimously, seven 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.

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

Retirements

Sean Daley
Appointment: Head Security Monitor
Effective Date: June 30, 2023

Appointments

Bernadette Nichols
Appointment: Probationary
Position: School Counselor
Tenure Area: School Counseling and Guidance
Date of Commencement: July 1, 2023
Expiration Date: June 30, 2027
Certification Status: School counselor, Initial Certificate
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Molly Brem

Appointment: Probationary

Position: Living Environment

Tenure Area: Science

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023

Expiration Date: August 31, 2027

Certification Status: Chemistry 7-12 Initial Certificate, General Science
7-12 Extension Initial, Biology 7-12 Initial Certificate

Salary: Step 4 plus graduate credits

Danielle Grainer

Assignment: Additional Class

Effective Date: May 15, 2023-June 30, 2023

Salary: 12.0% of contract salary

Melyssa Burega

Assignment: Additional Class

Effective Date: May 15, 2023-June 30, 2023

Salary: 12.0% of contract salary

Erika Pangburn

Assignment: Additional Class

Effective Date: May 15, 2023-June 30, 2023

Salary: 12.0% of contract salary

Erin Degnan

Appointment: Teacher on Special Assignment (Dean of Students;
Response to Intervention Coordinator)

Effective date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Kasey Califano

Appointment: Teacher on Special Assignment (.5 Dean of Students)

Effective date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Michele Hackett

Appointment: Teacher on Special Assignment (AIS Writing Lab/SEL
Teacher)

Effective date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Kayla Cipkowski

Appointment: Teaching Assistant

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Location: Bradt

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023

Salary: Step 2

Robin Winkelman
 Assignment: Health Office Assistant (10 month)
 Location: Pinewood
 Effective Date: June 20, 2023
 Salary: \$25,484.00

Patricia Zepperi
 Assignment: Substitute Food Service Helper
 Location: Varies
 Effective Date: September 1, 2023
 Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Elizabeth Cifarelli
 Appointment: 10-month clerical (IPS I)
 Location: Athletic Office
 Effective Date: July 1, 2023
 Salary: \$24,021

Anton Pipskyi
 Appointment: Cleaner
 Location: Bradt
 Effective Date: June 26, 2023
 Salary: \$29,650 + 2nd shift

Rorick Perry
 Appointment: Student Summer Worker
 Location: Districtwide
 Effective Date: June 26, 2023
 Salary: \$14.20/per hour

Aidan McGovern
 Appointment: Student Summer Worker
 Location: Districtwide
 Effective Date: June 26, 2023
 Salary: \$14.20/per hour

2022-2023 Intramurals

Name	Building
Karolyn Devito	High School
Kevin Daviero	High School
Nikki Steele	High School

2023 Bradt Summer Stars Teachers- July 5–August 1, 2023 3 hrs. per day (Mon. - Thursday)

Name	Assignment	Dates	Step
Jennifer Koonz	Substitute Teacher	July 5 – August 1	1

2023 Summer Food Distribution and Anchor Room

Name	Rate	Days
Diane Blinn	\$24.05/per hour	Up to 40 hours
Autumn Wallace	\$24.05/per hour	Up to 40 hours
Angela Lasher	Hourly rate as per contract	Up to 40 hours

2023 Summer Monitors (rate per contract)

Name	Building
John Cook	Pinewood
Laurie Regina	Bradt/Draper/HS
Mel Fazio	Bradt/Draper/HS
Rebecca Muller	Bradt/Draper/HS

2023-2024 - Instructional Leaders

Name	Position	Stipend
Erin Degnan	Instructional Teacher Leader	\$4,000.

**2023 Pinewood School Summer Curriculum Work - \$190.62/Day
July 1 - August 31, 2023**

Name	# Days
Marie Furlong	1
Elizabeth MacMaster	1
Michelle Howard	1

**2023 Draper Summer Curriculum Work - \$190.62/Day July 1 -
August 31, 2023**

Name	# Days
Joshua Sawicki	3
William Grandy	3
Linda Breen	.5
Nicole Mason	3
Cheryl Donovan	3
Kim Whipple	3

**2023 High School Summer Curriculum Work - \$190.62/Day July 1 -
August 31, 2023**

Name	# Days
Molly Brem	5
Tara Halliday	2
Dan Hoke	3
Michael Salamone	3

2023 (K-12 SEL) Summer Curriculum Work - \$190.62/Day July 1 - August 31, 2023

Name	# Days
Brenda Riehlman	1
Cassandra Mastracy	1
Amy Stanndard	1
Liz Haynesworth	1
Diane Blinn	9
Jenn Jeffs	13
Faith Rorick	2
Jamie Murray	3
Melissa Goncerz	2

2023-2024 - Dean of Students - Draper Middle School

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Erin Degnan	Dean of Students grades 6-8	\$5,400

2023-2024 - Dean of Students - High School

Name	Assignment	Stipend
Greg Massaroni	Dean of Students	\$2,383.
Autumn Wallace	Dean of Students	\$2,383.
Rob Buehler	Dean of Students	\$2,383.
Stephanie Bruhn	Dean of Students	\$2,383.

Resignations

Amanda Brooks
 Appointment: SPED Teacher
 Effective Date: June 23, 2023

Theresa Evers
 Appointment: Teacher Assistant
 Effective Date: June 23, 2023

Lindsay Steenland
 Appointment: Health Teacher
 Effective Date: August 31, 2023

John Craig
 Appointment: Physical Education/Health
 Effective Date: Close of business June 22, 2023

Taylor Grabo
 Appointment: Algebra Teacher
 Effective Date: Close of business June 12, 2023

Roberta Cipriano
 Appointment: Food Service Helper
 Effective Date: June 30, 2023

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Power seconded by Mr. McFarland, that an executive session be convened at 8:30 PM for the purpose of discussing the contract negotiations. Mrs. Gaglioti and Ms. Laudano were not present for the Executive Session.

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:31 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:32 PM.

The motion passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business