

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, August 14, 2023
Center for Technology/Mohonasen Main Campus*

Districtwide Safety Plan Hearing A Districtwide Safety Plan Hearing was held at 6:00 PM Prior to the Board meeting. No comments were made.

Call to Order The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:08 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, Danielle Ciampino, Melissa Laudano, Chad McFarland, Pat Ryan, Ericka Montagino (virtual), and Julie Power*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others in Attendance: *Kathy Lewis (NYSSBA), Chad Arnold, Tom O'Connor, Rebecca Pollick, Elizabeth Lewis, Todd Lewis and Jason Mutford*

Personnel

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

Appointments

Thomas O'Connor
Appointment: Probationary
Assignment: Draper Principal
Tenure Area: Principal
Date of Commencement: August 7, 2023
Expiration Date: Close of business August 6, 2026
Certification Status: School Building Leader certification pending
Salary: \$110,000

Rick Arket
Assignment: Principal, Draper Middle School
Effective Dates: August 7, 2023 – up to 10 days
Salary: \$489.23 per diem rate

Edmund Rohrmeier
Appointment: Probationary
Position: Health Teacher
Tenure Area: Health

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023
Expiration Date: August 31, 2027
Certification Status: Health/Physical Education professional certificate
Salary: Step 9 plus graduate credits

Carrie Beth Wood
Appointment: Probationary
Position: Speech and Language Pathologist
Tenure Area: Speech - remedial
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023
Expiration Date: August 31, 2027
Certification Status: Speech and Language Disabilities Initial Certificate
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

Chelsea Abady
Appointment: Probationary
Position: Special Education Teacher
Location: Draper Middle School
Tenure Area: Education of children with handicapping conditions
–general special education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023
Expiration Date: August 31, 2027
Certification Status: Students with Disabilities–Grades 7-12 Professional Certificate
Salary: Step 10 plus graduate credits

Jason Mutford
Appointment: Probationary
Position: Secondary Math
Location: High School
Tenure Area: Mathematics-Academic areas
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023
Expiration Date: August 31, 2026
Certification Status: Mathematics 7-12 Permanent Certificate
Salary: Step 19 plus graduate credits

Madelyn Percy
Appointment: Probationary
Position: Reading Teacher
Location: Pinewood
Tenure Area: Remedial Reading
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023
Expiration Date: August 31, 2027
Certification Status: Certification Pending
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credit

Nicole Ouelette

Appointment: Long Term Substitute

Assignment: Alternative Ed. Counselor

Location: Draper Middle School/High School

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023

Expiration Date: June 25, 2024

Certification Status: School Counselor Provisional Certificate

Salary: Step 7 plus Graduate Credits

Jeanna Stapleton

Appointment: Teacher on Special Assignment (Library Media Specialist)

Location: Pinewood

Effective Dates: September 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Salary: Step 4 plus graduate credits

Tanya Healy

Appointment: Substitute Summer Nurse

Location: Districtwide

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

Salary: \$21.50

Marcia Figueroa

Appointment: Teaching Assistant

Location: Draper Middle School

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023

Salary: Step 10

Brianna Coons

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Location: Bradt

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023

Salary: Step 4

Leonard Buddington Jr.

Appointment: Teaching Assistant

Location: High School

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023

Salary: Step 6

Marianne Amato

Appointment: Teaching Assistant

Location: Pinewood

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023

Salary: Step 8

Vincent Martell
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Location: Pinewood
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023
Salary: Step 5

Susanne Candee
Assignment: District Registrar
Location: District Office
Effective Dates: August 4, 2023
Salary: \$34,321.00

Susanne Candee
Assignment: District Residency Coordinator 2023-2024
Effective Dates: August 4, 2023 - June 30, 2024
Stipend: \$3000 pro-rated

Vanessa Gannon
Appointment: Substitute IPS 1
Effective: 20 days August 8 - June 30, 2024
Salary: \$19.24 per hour

Bridget Craver
Assignment: IPS1
Location: Draper Middle School
Effective Dates: August 28, 2023
Salary: \$33,004.00

Jaclyn Kruzinski
Assignment: IPS1
Location: High School
Effective Dates: August 21, 2023
Salary: \$33,004.00

Richard Caruso
Assignment: Head Security Monitor
Location: Districtwide
Effective Dates: September 1, 2023
Stipend: \$4,000.00

Alexander Wiltsie
Assignment: FT Cleaner
Location: Bradt
Effective Dates: August 21, 2023
Salary: \$31,320 plus differential

Clayton McBride
Assignment: Substitute Cleaner
Location: Districtwide
Effective Dates: August 9, 2023
Stipend: \$17.00 per hour

Kevin Conkling
Assignment: Substitute Cleaner
Location: Districtwide
Effective Dates: July 25, 2023
Stipend: \$15.00 per hour

Maureen Geagan
Assignment: 1.2 Additional Class
Location: Draper Middle School
Effective Date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Salary: 12% of contract salary

Melissa Goncerz
Assignment: 1.2 Additional Class
Location: Draper Middle School
Effective Date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Salary: 12% of contract salary

Patrick Keegan
Assignment: .2 Additional Class
Location: Draper Middle School
Effective Date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Salary: 12% of contract salary

Katie Bartone
Assignment: .1 Additional Class
Location: High School
Effective Date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Salary: 6% of contract salary

Alex Niedbalec
Assignment: .1 Additional Class
Location: High School
Effective Date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Salary: 6% of contract salary

Brian Galati
Assignment: .2 Additional Class
Location: High School
Effective Date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Salary: 12% of contract salary

Victoria O'Hare
 Assignment: .2 Additional Class
 Location: High School
 Effective Date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
 Salary: 12% of contract salary

Molly Brem
 Assignment: .1 Additional Class
 Location: High School
 Effective Date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
 Salary: 6% of contract salary

Brett Hilko
 Assignment: .1 Additional Class
 Location: High School
 Effective Date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
 Salary: 6% of contract salary

2023 Bradt Summer Kindergarten Screening (Summer Curriculum Rate) July 24 & August 14

Name	Hours
Laura Eggleston	Up to 6 hours

2023 Physical Education Facilitator K-12

Name	Position	Stipend
Doug Hallberg	PE Facilitator	\$4,983

2023 Student Support Services Summer Work - July 1 - August 31, 2023 A2320.150

Name	Assignment	Hours	Step
Jeff Laudenschlager	CSE Meetings	5 hrs	2
Rose Dorado	CSE Meeting	1 hr	1

2023 Pinewood Summer Stars Teachers- July 5–August 1, 2023 3 hrs. per day (Mon. - Thursday) amended from July 10, 2023

Name	Assignment	Programs	Step
Jennifer McGuire	Teacher	All Programs	6

2023 Bradt Summer Kindergarten Screening (Summer Curriculum Rate) July 24 & August 14

Name	Hours
Cassandra Mastracy	Up to 6 hours
Betsy Vachon	Up to 6 hours
Danielle Coffey	Up to 6 hours
Heidi Fowler	Up to 6 hours

2023 (TA) Summer Curriculum Work - \$ Hourly Rate July 1 - August 31, 2023

(amended from July 10, 2023)

Name	# Days
Cheryl Balko	1
Melissa Roggio	1
Jessica Cook	1

2023 Summer Curriculum Work (up to 16 hours) \$31.77 per hour

Name	# Hours
Liz Haynesworth	12
Milvia Mendez	12
Lauren Neale	3
Michele Hackett	2
Kate Daggett	6
Kerry Vumbaco	6
Diane Blinn	6
Savanah Crouch	2
Peg Sutton	3

2023 Summer Work - Monitors Hourly Rate *(Registration)*

Name	# Hours
Becky Muller	6
Laurie Regina	12
Melody Fazio	6

Fall Sport Coaches 2023

Sport/Level	Name	Step	Notes
JV Football - Assistant Coach	Edmund Rohrmeier	5	
Modified Girls Volleyball	Morgan Redmond	1	
Modified Boys Cross Country	Nicole Soblosky	4	

Fall Sport Coaches 2023 *(amended from July 10, 2023)*

Sport/Level	Name	Step	Notes
Summer Conditioning	John Gallo	\$363.00	
Summer Conditioning	Vincent Gallo	\$363.00	
Summer Conditioning	Josh Whipple	\$363.00	
Summer Conditioning	Howie Russel	\$363.00	
Summer Conditioning	James Reid	\$363.00	

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

Name	# Days
Andrea Pigliavento	3

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

Name	# Days
Tammy Pangman	1
Debra Kuebler	1
Danielle Tyler	1
Marsha Elliott	1
Emily Felter	1
Kristen Dietz	2
Marcus Cronin	2

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

Name	# Days
Maureen Geagan	3
Jane Tedisco	3
Linda Breen	3
Melyssa Burega	3
Renee Gandrow	5
MaryAnn Nickloy	5
Anya Makovik	2
Bill VanWie	.5
Paola Cummings	1
Mary Gorton	.5
Mary Gorton	5
Sara Bach	5

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

Name	# Days
Jen Spore	2
Rebecca Shea	2
Jason Mutford	5

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

Name	# Days
Amanda Kuhn	2
Amanda Larkin	2
Kevin Bates	4

Taylor Wood	4
Lauren Berezowski	4
Nikki Oullette	4

Resignations

Amanda Jasinski
 Appointment: World Language/ENL
 Effective Date: August 18, 2023

Amanda Rider
 Appointment: Special Education Teacher
 Effective Date: August 13, 2023

Emily Orr
 Appointment: Teacher Assistant
 Effective Date: July 11, 2023

Vanessa Gannon
 Appointment: District Registrar
 Effective Date: August 3, 2023

Audrey Yetto
 Appointment: Bus Dispatcher
 Effective: August 21, 2023

Rick Arket
 Appointment: Middle School Principal
 Effective Date: August 4, 2023

Jon DiPace
 Appointment: JV Football Coach
 Effective Date: August 4, 2023

Michelle Fraser
 Appointment: Speech and Language Pathologist
 Effective Date: Close of business August 31, 2023

Thomas O'Connor
 Appointment: Assistant Principal
 Effective Date: Close of business August 4, 2023

Jim Liegeot
 Appointment: Maintenance Mechanic
 Effective Date: Close of business August 11, 2023

Leaves of Absence

Brytni Doak
 Appointment: 5th grade teacher
 Effective Date: October 17, 2023 - November 3, 2023
 Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Karolyn DeVito
Appointment: Physical Education Teacher
Effective Dates: October 18, 2023 - June 30, 2024
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Alexandria Lupo
Appointment: .4 Social Worker
Effective Dates: September 13, 2023 – December 1, 2023
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

**Communications -
Superintendent**

Kathy Lewis of the New York State School Board Association presented Mr. Shine and Mr. Abbott with a banner recognizing Mohonasen as a “Champion of Change” for the Schenectady Community College Instant Admissions program. She congratulated the District and SCCC on being progressive and innovative in education.

Mr. Shine gave the Board an update on the school aged asylum seekers being housed in a local hotel. He said the District has registered 66 students at two registration events held near the hotel and received initial academic testing information as well. He added that Schenectady County was working with the families to ensure all the children receive vaccinations and have a current medical exam. Mr. Shine then discussed what the academic program might look like at different grade levels, but also indicated this would be something that would be continuously assessed. Several of the Board members asked Mr. Shine questions regarding class sizes, classroom availability and hiring additional support.

**Public Privilege of
the Floor**

Members of the community and students addressed the Board on a variety of concerns. The following people spoke during Public Privilege of the Floor: Elizabeth Lewis and Todd Lewis.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

The Board discussed the timeline for the proposed changes to Mohonasen’s team name and logo. Mr. Abbott noted that he does not want to lose Mohonasen’s history in the process. Mr. Ryan, Mrs. Ciampino, and Mr. McFarland indicated they would prefer to wait and see the outcome for other district’s who are involved in litigation. It was established that the new logo and name should not be introduced mid-year. Mr. Shine said he would at least begin by phasing out the use of the Native American imagery and M with the spear logo.

The Board discussed establishing some parameters regarding public privilege of the floor. After discussing the issue in length and debating various points the following was decided:

- Speakers will each have 4 minutes
- A timer will be visible but not audible
- Public privilege of the floor will be 45 minutes

- Speakers will sign up prior to public privilege of the floor

The Board also discussed updating policy 1510 to reflect these changes.

Old Business

*Request for
Acceptance of the
Districtwide Code
of Conduct - Policy
7370*

Request for Acceptance of the Districtwide Code of Conduct - Policy 7370

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 7150.

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 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 Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Power, 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 01/26/2023, 03/02/2023, 03/27/2023, 03/28/2023, 03/30/2023, 03/31/2023, 04/12/2023, 04/17/2023, 04/26/2023, 05/03/2023, 05/04/2023, 05/09/2023, 05/10/2023, 05/15/2023, 05/24/2023, 05/31/2023, 06/05/2023, 06/21/2023, 07/10/2023, 07/18/2023, 07/20/2023, 07/24/2023, 07/26/2023, 07/31/2023, 08/03/2023.

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

New Business - Business/

Personnel

*Approval of
Agreement with
True North K12 for
the 2023-2024
School Year*

Request for Approval True North K12 for the 2023-2024 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the agreement with True North K12 for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

*Approval for
Continuation of
Mohonasen-Guilder
land-Scotia-Glenville
e-Schalmont-Voorh
eesville Ice Hockey
Team for the
2023-24 School
Year*

Request Approval for Continuation of Mohonasen-Guilderland-Scotia-Glenville-Schalmont-Voorheesville Ice Hockey Team for the 2023-24 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the continuation of the Mohonasen-Guilderland-Scotia-Glenville-Schalmont-Voorheesville Ice Hockey Team for the 2023-24 School Year.

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

Approval of the Contract for Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Request for Approval of the Contract for Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve contract for Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

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

Approval of the Contract for Assistant Superintendent for Business

Request for Approval of the Contract for Assistant Superintendent for Business

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the Contract for Assistant Superintendent for Business

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

Approval to Provide Free Breakfast and Lunch for Five Days for Kindergarten Students at Bradt Elementary

Request Approval to Provide Free Breakfast and Lunch for Five Days for Kindergarten Students at Bradt Elementary

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve to provide free breakfast and lunch for five days for kindergarten students at Bradt Elementary.

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

Approval of Classroom Rental and Ancillary Service Agreements with Capital Region BOCES for 2023-24

Request for Approval of Classroom Rental and Ancillary Service Agreements with Capital Region BOCES for 2023-24

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the Classroom Rental and Ancillary Service Agreements with Capital Region BOCES for 2023-24.

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

Request Approval of Budget Reappropriation Tax Certiorari Settlements

Request Approval of Budget Reappropriation Tax Certiorari Settlements

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the Budget Reappropriation Tax Certiorari Settlements.

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

*Approval of
Preliminary
Services
Agreements with
Capital Region
BOCES for 2023-24*

**Request for Approval of Preliminary Services Agreements with
Capital Region BOCES for 2023-24**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve of preliminary services agreements with Capital Region BOCES for 2023-24

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

*Approval of
2023-2024 School
Tax Rates and Tax
Warrants*

**Request for Approval of 2023-2024 School Tax Rates and Tax
Warrants**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve of 2023-2024 School Tax Rates and Tax Warrants
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Financial Reports

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the June 2023 Financial Reports.

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

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of July 10, 2023.

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

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business