

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, September 25, 2023
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen Main Campus*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:31 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, and Julie Power*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others in Attendance: *Matt Ronca, Doug Hallberg, Victoria Robbins, Maggie Hurne, Rick Caruso, Tara Wolfanger, Jamie Dilbone and ten members of the community.*

Communications - Superintendent

Mr. Hallberg and Mr. Ronca gave the Board a presentation on the proposed fitness center in the CAT building. The center will include numerous weight and cardio machines, a soft equipment rack and a classroom for spinning and yoga. The fitness center could be in place by February and will be utilized by students, athletic teams, staff and has the potential to eventually be utilized by the community as well.

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: Todd Lewis, Matt Robbins, Victoria Robbins.

Communications - Board Of Education

The Board discussed the possibility of enacting a diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) policy. Mrs. Power stated that she would like to see the policy moved forward as a way to be inclusive of every student. Mr. Ryan requested that the District provide the Board with an overview of what is already being done in terms of equality and inclusion of students.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Power to place the policy on the next Board agenda for a first reading. The motion failed.

It was decided that the Board would continue to discuss edits of the policy and until they decided it was ready for a first reading.

Mrs. Montagino, Mr. McFarland and Mr. Abbott condemned the recent vandalism of a District shed located at the track.

Mr. Abbott said that the school open houses are going great. Ms. Laudano added that she loved that the art room was open and available to kids.

Mr. Abbott told the Board that the public privilege of the floor policy will need to be updated with the recent procedural changes that were made.

A brief recess was held.

**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. 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 05/10/2023, 07/10/2023, 08/15/2023, 08/29/2023, 08/31/2023, 09/05/2023, 09/07/2023, 09/12/2023, 09/13/2023, 09/20/2023.

The motion was passed unanimously, members present and voting.

**New Business -
Business/
Personnel**

*Approval of First
Reading of Board
Policies*

Request for Approval of First Reading of Board Policies

MOTION made by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of policies 3410, 5630, 7420, 6121, 3420, 5140, 5410, 5411, 5412, and 5413.

MOTION made by Mr. Abbott, seconded by Mr. McFarland to amend the motion to table policy 8240 and update policies 5630, 7420 and 3420.

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

*Acceptance of
Monetary Donation
from The David
and Andrea Golub
Foundation to
MohonCARES*

Request for Acceptance of Monetary Donation from The David and Andrea Golub Foundation to MohonCARES

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education accept a monetary donation from The David and Andrea Golub Foundation to MohonCARES.

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

*Acceptance of
Monetary Donation
from St. Peter's
Health Partners &
St. Joseph's Health
to MohonCARES*

Request for Acceptance of Monetary Donation from St. Peter's Health Partners & St. Joseph's Health to MohonCARES

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education accept a monetary donation from St. Peter's Health Partners & St. Joseph's Health to MohonCARES

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

**Approved
Minutes**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of September 11, 2023.
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Financial Reports

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the July and August 2023 Financial Reports.
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Personnel

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

Appointments

Rebecca Milano

Appointment: Probationary

Position: Kindergarten Teacher

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

Date of Commencement: September 20, 2021

Expiration Date: September 19, 2024 (amended from 9/13/2021)

Certification Status: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional Certificate

Salary: Step 8, plus Graduate Credits

Baki Bozyel

Appointment: Probationary

Position: English as New Language Teacher

Tenure Area: English as a second language

Date of Commencement: September 25, 2023 (amended from 9/11/2023)

Expiration Date: August 31, 2027

Certification Status: English To Speakers of Other Languages Initial Certificate

Salary: Step 4 plus graduate credits

Savanah Crouch

Appointment: Probationary

Position: Elementary Librarian (Bradt)

Tenure Area: School Media Specialist (Library)

Date of Commencement: January 3, 2022

Expiration Date: December 31, 2026

Certification Status: Library Media Specialist Initial Certificate

Step/Salary: Step 3 plus Graduate Credits

Briana Tiernan

Appointment: Probationary

Position: Library Media Specialist

Tenure Area: School Media Specialist

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2022

Expiration Date: January 23, 2026

Certification Status: Library Media Specialist Initial Certificate

Salary: Step 3 plus Graduate Credits

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

Erin Degnan
Assignment: .2 Additional Class
Location: Draper Middle School
Effective Date: September 18, 2023 – October 31, 2023
Salary: 12% of contract salary

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

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

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

Jamie Murray
Assignment: 1 Additional Class
Location: Bradt
Effective Date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Salary: 2% of contract salary

Renee Poutre
Assignment: 1 Additional Class
Location: Bradt
Effective Date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Salary: 2% of contract salary

Savannah Crouch
Assignment: 1 Additional Class
Location: Bradt
Effective Date: September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Salary: 2% of contract salary

Lenore Aldi-Snow
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: September 14, 2023
Salary: Step 19

Andy Mendleson
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: September 20, 2023
Salary: Step 3

Kaitlyn Shelton
Appointment: Security Monitor
Location: Draper Middle School
Effective Date: September 19, 2023
Salary: \$17.69 per hour

Anthony DiSorbo
Appointment: Security Monitor
Location: District
Effective Date: September 25, 2023
Salary: \$27,463

Keim Aisel
Appointment: Cleaner
Location: Draper Middle School
Effective Date: October 2, 2023
Salary: \$31,320 + 2nd shift differential

Jasius Birch
Appointment: Cleaner
Location: Draper Middle School
Effective Date: October 2, 2023
Salary: \$15.90 per hour

Anum Kashif
Appointment: Substitute Cafeteria Aide
Location: Pinewood/Bradt
Effective Date: September 25, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Mercedes Rodriguez
Appointment: Food Service Helper
Location: High School
Effective Date: September 7, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

2023-2024 Student Teacher

Name	Bldg.	Assignment	Dates
Ian Brown	Draper	Social Studies	9/5/23 – 10/27/23
Madeline Fitzgerald	Pinewood	Music	9/5/23 – 10/27/23
Bailey Ford	Pinewood	Occupational Therapy	1/28/24 – 4/30/24
Amber Hooper	Bradt	Occupational Therapy	9/7/23 – 12/22/23

2023-2024 - Instructional Leaders (amended from June 25, 2023)

Name	Position	Stipend
William VanWie	Eighth Grade	\$2491.
Elizabeth Young	6-8 Special Education	\$1245.50
Amanda Larkin	6-8 Special Education	\$1245.50
Ashley Geyer	Self-Contained & Related Services	\$2491.(Title Change only)
Krista Zajesky	Elementary SPED	\$2491. (Title Change only)

2023-2024 - Instructional Leaders (amended from 6/5/2023)

Name	Position	Stipend
Jeff Hayes	English 9-12	\$0.00

2023 Pinewood Curriculum Work - \$190.62/Day

Name	# Days
Sabrina Charafeddine	.5
Amy Stannard	.5
Elizabeth Haynesworth	.5
Heidi DePiero	1.5

2023 Summer Work Guidance Counselors

Name	# Days
Kyra Grimsley	1

2023 (K-12 SEL/District Wide) Summer Curriculum Work - \$190.62/Day July 1- Aug. 31, 2023

Name	# Days
Elizabeth Haynesworth	3.5

2023-2024 Recess Coordinator

Name	Position	Stipend
Rick Caruso	Recess Coordinator	\$3000

2023 Fall Coaching Appointments

Team	Name	Step	Notes
Boys' Modified SoccerAssistant Coach	Ric Pyron	Volunteer	

Resignations

Sara Lewis

Appointment: Director of Special Education and Alternative Education
Effective Date: Close of business November 17, 2023

Jaclyn Kruzinski

Appointment: Substitute School Monitor
Effective Date: Close of business August 21, 2023

Lisa Albertin

Appointment: Food Service Helper
Effective Date: Close of business September 14, 2023

Anthony DiSorbo

Appointment: Motor Vehicle Operator
Effective Date: Close of business September 22, 2023

Leaves of Absence

Bryttni Doak (Amended from 9/11/2023)

Appointment: 5th Grade Teacher
Effective Dates: October 17, 2023 - November 24, 2023
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Board of Education

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano that the Board table this discussion until the October 11, 2023 meeting. The Motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:23 PM.
The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business