

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, November 20, 2023
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen Main Campus*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:03 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, Ericka Montagino, and Julie Power (Pat Ryan arrived at 6:22 PM)*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others in Attendance: *Attorney Jeff Honeywell*

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that an Executive Session be convened for the purpose of discussing a particular legal matter. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 6:36 PM.

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:38 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, Ericka Montagino, and Julie Power and Pat Ryan*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others in Attendance: *Liesha Sherman*

Communications - Superintendent

Mr. Shine wished the Board members and their families a happy Thanksgiving. He reported that Bethel Gospel Church had donated 57 Thanksgiving dinners to Mohonasen families. The Anchor Room assisted with packing the dinners into boxes and distributing them to families. Mr. Shine thanked Bethel Gospel for their generosity.

Public Privilege of the Floor

No one wished to address the Board.

**Communications -
Board Of Education**

Mr. Abbott expressed his appreciation for the Veteran's Day celebrations that Pinewood and the High School held.

Mr. Abbott said he had been contacted about reinstating the Capital District School Board Association. He is hopeful the association would be able to streamline legislative advocacy. Mr. Abbott will keep the Board informed as the process moves forward.

Mr. Abbott reported that Senator Tedisco has sponsored a bill that would reimburse District's costs associated with asylum seeking students. It was decided that the Board would send letters to other local representatives requesting that they support the bill.

Mr. Abbott expressed his concern regarding the ticketing practice of New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) at a recent cross country event. He cited the cost of the event, lack of wifi to use GoFan digital tickets, and reluctance to accept cash payments. After the Board discussed the issue they decided they would like to see NYSPHSAA's annual financial report. Mrs. Montagino added that she agrees that a cash option should always be available. She requested to know how much the District has paid in fees to GoFan.

**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. Ryan, 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 10/19/2023, 10/24/2023, 10/26/2023, 10/30/2023, 11/01/2023, 11/02/2023, 11/03/2023, 11/07/2023, 11/08/2023, 11/09/2023, 11/15/2023.

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

*Approval for the
Track and Field
Team to Participate
in an Out of Area
Trip*

Request Approval for the Track and Field Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve of the Track and Field teams participating in out of area trips.

The motion was passed unanimously, seven 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. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of policy 3440.

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

**Approved
Minutes**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of November 6, 2023.
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Financial Reports

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

Personnel

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

Appointments

Joyce Long
Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Director of Special Education and Alternative Programs
Date of Commencement: December 21, 2023
Expiration Date: Close of business December 20, 2026
Certification Status: School District Administrator Permanent Certificate;
Special Education Permanent Certificate
Salary: \$115,000

Sara Lewis
Appointment: District Administrator
Effective Date: November 20, 2023-June 30, 2024
Salary: \$60.09 per hour

Patrick Nichols
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: November 27, 2023
Salary: Step 4

Anna Maria Perez
Assignment: Substitute Bus Aide (amended from 11/6/2023)
Location: Transportation
Effective Date: October 30, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Lyla Muller
Appointment: Lifeguard, WSI Aide, WSI
Location: District Pool
Effective Date: December 1, 2023
Salary: Lifeguard \$15.00/ hour, WSI Aide \$15.50/ hour, and WSI \$16.50/ hour

Winter Coaches 2023-2024

Sport/Level	Name	Coaching Step
JV/Varsity Volunteer Wrestling Coach	Vincent Graulau	Volunteer
JV/Varsity Volunteer Wrestling Coach	Shannon Gronki	Volunteer

Resignations

William Grandy

Appointment: Alternative Education Teacher

Effective Date: Close of business December 8, 2023

Rebecca Shea

Appointment: Physics Teacher

Effective Date: Close of business January 1, 2024

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that an executive session be convened at 7:20 PM for the purpose of discussing school security.

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

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:40 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business