

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, January 8, 2024
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Wade Abbott, Danielle Ciampino, Ericka Montagino (virtually), Julie Power, Melissa Laudano, Pat Ryan and Chad McFarland*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others in Attendance: *Attorney Ryan Mullahy (Girvin and Ferlazzo)*

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano, 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. Mr. McFarland recused himself from the remainder of the Executive Session at 6:10 PM.

Return to Public Session

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 7:17 PM.

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 7:22 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, Ericka Montagino, Julie Power, Melissa Laudano, Pat Ryan, and Chad McFarland*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others in Attendance: *Craig Chandler, Daniella DeLuca, Steve Karandy, Leslie Smith, Jason Thompson, Tom O'Connor, Alyssa Zito, Bill Vacca, Matt Ronca, Deb Kavanaugh, Katie Lossi, Joyce Long, Nicholas Cecucci, Sara Smith, Ariana Audette, London Vasquez, and three members of the community.*

Communications - Superintendent

Student representatives, Ariana Audette, Nick Cecucci, London Vasquez, and Sara Smith gave the Board their monthly building updates. At Bradt, the Albany Fire Wolves lacrosse team visited and read stories to the students; Pinewood students received an award and a prize from Mr. Thompson for achieving excellent attendance; Draper Middle School held a door decorating contest (Deck the Door) and held a spirit week before the holidays; the High School National Honor Society held a gift wrapping fundraiser which was very successful.

Mrs. Kavanaugh reported on the social/emotional learning and mental health supports and access for district students. She noted that with the increase in the number of students with mental health issues it is imperative that the District offer outreach and access to support systems. The District has recently further increased suicide safety programming for faculty and staff, including the transportation department. Mental Health First Aid training is now provided to all new faculty members as part of their orientation. District goals are to continue to increase and enhance access to mental health assistance for all students.

Mr. Ruberti provided information on the District's multi-year financial plan. He reviewed the past five years and gave a projection for the district finances in the current year. He then went over the major budget components and addressed the potential volatility in some expense and revenue categories. He then reviewed the various assumptions that he uses to project out an additional five years of expenses and revenues. Mr. Ruberti showed that he expected surpluses for the next 2-3 years before the District would see deficits in the annual budget. However, he emphasized that as much as he tries to predict and project these end of year financials multiple years out, they are just projections and need to be reviewed each year. He answered questions from the board throughout the presentation.

Public Privilege of the Floor

No one wished to address the Board of Education.

Communications - Board of Education

Mrs. Power expressed her appreciation for New York State approving a "Back to Basics" training program for teachers and applauded the District for being proactive on this.

Mr. Abbott announced that a Mohonasen alumni is a published author of poetry. He said the author offered him some words of encouragement for current Mohonasen students via email.

New Business - Instructional

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

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 Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the Committee on Special Education Recommendations and Student Placements, Committee on Pre- School Special Education and Section 504 Committee.

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

Approval for the Hockey Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip

Request Approval for the Hockey Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve the hockey team to participate in an out of area trip. The motion was passed unanimously, six 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. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of Board policies. After some discussion the motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Approval of a Cross-Contract for Educational Services with Schoharie Central School

Request for Approval of a Cross-Contract for Educational Services with Schoharie Central School

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the contract for educational services with Schoharie Central School.

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

Approval for Tax Refund

Request Approval for Tax Refund

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve the approval for a tax refund.

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

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of December 11, 2023.

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

Personnel

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

Retirements

Duane Wood

Assignment: Guidance Counselor

Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2024

Appointments

Joyce Long (*amended from November 20, 2023 meeting*)

Appointment: Probationary

Location: Districtwide

Tenure Area: Director of Special Education and Alternative Programs

Date of Commencement: *December 22, 2023*

Expiration Date: Close of business December 21, 2026

Certification Status: School District Administrator Permanent

Certificate; Special Education Permanent Certificate

Salary: \$115,000

Erin Keaton

Appointment: Probationary

Location: Draper Middle School

Tenure Area: Social Studies

Date of Commencement: January 15, 2024

Expiration Date: Close of business January 14, 2028

Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12 Professional Certificate, Students with Disabilities Grades 7-12

Step/Salary: Step 8 plus Graduate Credits

Cassandra Palkovic

Appointment: Probationary

Location: Draper Middle School

Tenure Area: Elementary Pre-K -6

Date of Commencement: January 2, 2024

Expiration Date: Close of business January 1, 2028

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

Step/Salary: Step 2 plus Graduate Credit

Justin Kimball

Appointment: Probationary

Location: Mohonasen High School

Tenure Area: Physical Education and Recreation

Date of Commencement: February 8, 2024

Expiration Date: Close of business February 7, 2027

Certification Status: Physical Education Professional Certificate

Step/Salary: Step 15 plus Graduate Credits

Katherine Hayes

Appointment: Probationary

Location: Mohonasen High School

Tenure Area: Science Academic Areas

Date of Commencement: January 2, 2024

Expiration Date: Close of Business January 1, 2028

Certification Status: Physics 7-12 Initial Certificate

Step/Salary: Step 1 plus Graduate Credits

Melissa Williams

Appointment: Long Term Substitute

Location: Bradt Elementary School

Assignment: Elementary Education

Date of Commencement: January 2, 2024

Expiration Date: June 30, 2024

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

Salary: Step 2 plus Graduate Credits

Ann Marie Peconie

Appointment: Long Term Substitute

Location: Bradt Elementary School

Assignment: Guidance

Date of Commencement: January 8, 2024

Expiration Date: June 30, 2024

Certification Status: School Counselor, Permanent Certificate

Salary: Step 5 plus Graduate Credits

Rochelle Obie

Assignment: .2 Additional Class

Location: High School

Effective Date: January 29, 2024 – June 25, 2024

Salary: 12% of contract salary

Erin Degnan (*amended from December 11, 2023*)

Assignment: .2 Additional Class

Location: Draper Middle School

Effective Date: December 6, 2023 – January 2, 2024

Salary: 12% of contract salary

Josh Whipple (*amended from December 11, 2023*)

Assignment: .2 Additional Class

Location: Draper Middle School

Effective Date: December 5, 2023 – January 2, 2024

Salary: 12% of contract salary

Mary Frances Gorton (*amended from December 11, 2023*)

Assignment: .2 Additional Class

Location: Draper Middle School

Effective Date: December 7, 2023 – January 2, 2024

Salary: 12% of contract salary

Craig Mausler

Appointment: Teaching Assistant

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Date of Commencement: January 2, 2024

Salary: Step 1

Kenneth Nichols

Appointment: Substitute Bus Driver

Location: Transportation

Effective Date: December 13, 2023

Salary: \$20.00 per hour

Jeanne DeSantis
Appointment: Food Service Helper
Location: Pinewood Intermediate School
Effective Date: December 9, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Gayle Maynard
Appointment: Cafeteria Aide
Location: Bradt Elementary School
Effective Date: December 18, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Patricia Ulenski
Appointment: Substitute Cafeteria Aide
Location: Bradt Elementary School
Effective Date: December 12, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Lisa Lorenz
Appointment: Substitute Cafeteria Aide
Location: Bradt Elementary School
Effective Date: January 8, 2024
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Connor Candee (*Amended from December 11, 2023 meeting*)
Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Location: *Districtwide*
Effective Date: December 18, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Lindsay Falkenberg
Appointment: Food Service Helper
Location: Varies
Effective Date: September 1, 2023
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Laura Doerr
Appointment: Bus Driver
Location: Transportation
Effective Date: January 2, 2024
Salary: \$22.84 per hour

Brianna Powell
Appointment: Lifeguard, WSI Aide, WSI
Location: District Pool
Effective Date: January 1, 2024
Salary: Lifeguard \$15.00/ hour, WSI Aide \$15.50/ hour, and WSI \$16.50/ hour

Instructional Duty 2023-2024

Name	Activity	# Hours	Rate
Jeff Abrey	School Banking	Up to 40 hours	\$36.28

2023 - Curriculum Work - \$190.62/day

Name	# Days
Cassandra Mastracy	60
Betty Young	30

2023-2024 Intramurals

Name	Building
Lori Moore	Bradt
Kevin Olsen	Bradt
Ray Kearney	Mohonasen High School
Marc Vachon	Pinewood
Kate Murnane	Pinewood

2023 Extracurricular Advisors – 2023-2024 – Mohonasen High School

Extracurricular Club/Activity	Advisor/Co-Advisor
Book Club - HS	Brianna Tiernan, Heather McDonough
Class Advisors - HS Grades 9-12	Danielle Hunt, Kristen Vachon
French Honor Society	Patrick Keagan
Impressions Magazine	Christina Mathieu
Key Club (Do Something)	Alex Niedbalec
Master Minds - High School	Dawn Aulita
Media Specialist	Christina Mathieu
Mock Trial-H.S	Scott Sabourin
Olympics of Visual Arts (OVA)	Christina Mathieu
Totem Yearbook - Sr. High	Stephanie Arnold
Peers for Peace	Diane Blinn

Resignations

Baki Bozyel

Appointment: ENL Teacher

Effective Date: Close of business January 11, 2024

Joanna Keith

Appointment: Science Teacher

Effective Date: Close of business January 10, 2024

Anthony DiSorbo
Appointment: Security Monitor
Effective Date: Close of business January 18, 2024

Kaitlyn Shelton
Appointment: Security Monitor
Effective Date: Close of business January 18, 2024

Melissa Williams
Appointment: Teacher Assistant
Effective Dates: January 2, 2024 – June 30, 2024
Reason: Leave of Absence

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:56 PM.
The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business