

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, December 11, 2023
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:06 PM.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Wade Abbott, Danielle Ciampino, Ericka Montagino, Julie Power, Melissa Laudano, and Chad McFarland*

Board Members Absent: *Pat Ryan*

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

Others in Attendance: *None*

Executive Session

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

Return to Public Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 6:31 PM.

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:34 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, Leslie Smith, Jason Thompson, Tom O'Connor, Alyssa Zito, Bill Vacca, Matt Ronca, Liesha Sherman, Taylor Diffely, Carol Eckl, Nicholas Cecucci, Sara Smith, and Gino Isabella, and London Vasquez and four members of the community.*

Personnel

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, to move the personnel section to the beginning of the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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

Appointments

Carol Eckl

Appointment: Probationary

Tenure Area: Academic Administrator for STEM

Date of Commencement: January 15, 2024

Expiration Date: Close of business January 14, 2027

Certification Status: School District Leader Professional Certificate

Salary: \$96,000

Taylor Diffley

Appointment: Probationary

Tenure Area: School Counseling and Guidance

Date of Commencement: January 11, 2024

Expiration Date: Close of business January 10, 2028

Certification Status: School Counselor Provisional Certificate

Step/Salary: Step 4 plus Graduate Credits

Erin Degnan

Assignment: .2 Additional Class

Location: Draper Middle School

Effective Date: December 6, 2023 – February 5, 2024

Salary: 12% of contract salary

Josh Whipple

Assignment: .2 Additional Class

Location: Draper Middle School

Effective Date: December 5, 2023 – February 5, 2024

Salary: 12% of contract salary

Mary Frances Gorton

Assignment: .2 Additional Class

Location: Draper Middle School

Effective Date: December 7, 2023 – February 5, 2024

Salary: 12% of contract salary

Kimberly Yager

Appointment: Food Service Helper

Location: Pinewood

Effective Date: December 11, 2023

Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Tammy Coupas

Appointment: Food Service Helper

Location: Draper Middle School

Effective Date: December 11, 2023

Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Anum Kashif

Appointment: Food Service Helper

Location: Pinewood

Effective Date: December 1, 2023

Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Mona Selim

Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper

Location: Districtwide

Effective Date: December 4, 2023

Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Connor Candee

Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper

Location: Draper Middle School

Effective Date: December 18, 2023

Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Jared Leader

Appointment: Cleaner

Location: Pinewood

Effective Date: December 18, 2023

Salary: \$31,320

Jennifer Eckert

Appointment: Bus Driver

Location: Transportation

Effective Date: December 11, 2023

Salary: \$22.84 per hour

Ray Devon Gaytan

Appointment: Substitute Monitor

Location: Districtwide

Effective Date: December 11, 2023

Salary: \$17.50 per hour

Lyla Muller (*amended from November 20, 2023 meeting*)

Appointment: Lifeguard, WSI Aide, WSI

Location: District Pool

Effective Date: November 18, 2023

Salary: Lifeguard \$15.00/ hour, WSI Aide \$15.50/ hour, and WSI \$16.50/ hour

Winter 2023-2024 Coaches

Sport/Level	Name	Coaching Step
Varsity, JV and Modified Wrestling Volunteer	Matt Poodiack	Volunteer

2023 (Bradt) Curriculum Work - \$32.63 Hr

Name	# Hours
Sharon Bershwinger	2
Brittney Willsie	2
Kelli Pautler	2
Katelyn Cowee	2
Kate Winslow	2

2023 (Bradt) Curriculum Work - Hourly Rate

Name	# Hours
Maria Horn	2

2024 AP Proctor

Name	Rate
Sue Braiman	\$31.76
Frank Curcio	\$31.76
Courtney Sebring	\$26.76
Leonard Buddington	\$26.76
Lori Fraser	\$26.76
Caroline Meany	\$26.76
Hannah Greeley	\$26.76

Instructional Duty 2023-2024

Name	Activity	# Hours	Rate
Rochelle Obie	School Banking	Up to 40 hours	\$36.28
Karen Smith	School Banking	Up to 40 hours	\$36.28

Extra Curricular Activities 2023-2024

Name	Advisor(s)
Animal Club	Brittany Laudenshlager, Kim Whipple, Amanda Larkin
Art Club - Pinewood	Biana Lyon
Art Club-Bradt	Jaime Murray, Renee Poutre
Art Club-Middle School	Steve Blais
Baking Club	Laren Berezowski, Casey Coffey, Ashley Sambourin
Chess Club-Middle School (Chess and Board Game Club)	Josh Sawicki
Chess Club - Pinewood	Elizabeth MacMaster
Coding Club (3 - 8 week sessions)	Liesha Sherman
Computer Science Honor Society	Maureen Conway
Creative Writing-Draper	Ticia Pitterson, Francesca DiNola

Crochet Club	Anya Makovik, Chelsea Abady
Draper Fitness Club	Nikki Schaap
Esports	Mike Salamone
Fitness & Nutrition Club - MS	Kim Trestick
Gaming Club-High School	Jeff Abrey
Garden Club-MS	Patricia Baker
GSA Club - Draper	Melissa Goncerz, Francesca DiNola
GSA Club - HS	Jenn Jeffs, Hannah Deisinger
History Club - High School	Autumn Wallace, Tara Halliday
HS Ski Club (Head Advisor)	Rob Buehler
HS Ski Club Co-Advisor (DMS)	Mark DiCocco
Just Run Club - SPRING ONLY	Liesha Sherman, Tom Howley
Lego Club	Rosemarie Dorado
Library Book Club - Middle School	Mary-Frances Gorton
Math Counts Club	Cathy Sheer
Math Olympiad (Pinewood)	Rebecca Pollick-Sawyer
Media Club/DMS TV - Middle School (2)	Kim Whipple, Kim Trestick
Minecraft Club - Draper	Mark Lajeunesse
Mohon Masque Jr	Erika Pangburn
Mohon Masque-Asst. Director - FALL	Kathleen Derochie, Nicole Gabriel
Mohon Masque-Asst. Director - SPRING	Kathleen Derochie, Nicole Gabriel
Mohon Masque-Director - FALL	Kathleen Derochie, Nicole Gabriel
Mohon Masque-Director - SPRING	Kathleen Derochie, Nicole Gabriel
Music Production	Dan Hoke
National Business Honor Soc.	Rochelle Obie
National Honor Society-High School	Gerard Smith, Jennifer Spore
National Honor Society-Jr. MS	Melyssa Burega, Jennifer McGuire
Newspaper -Middle School	Rebecca Sokolowski
Newspaper -Sr.(Arrowhead)	Tara Halliday
Number Ninjas	Kristen Taylor
Peers Club/Social Group - Draper	Brittany Laudenschlager
Peers for Peace - Middle School	Angie Santabarbara, Kyra Grimsley, Paola Cummings
Peers for Peace/Study Circles-H.S.	Diane Blinn
Photography Club - Draper	Patricia Baker

Pokemon Club - Draper	Brittany Laudenshlager, Francesca DiNola, Amanda Larkin
Resiliency Club - PW	Tami McCabe
Science Honor Society	Rebecca Shea, Alex Neidbalec
Sources of Strength	Briana Tiernan
Spanish Honor Society	Heather Clikeman
Student Council - HS	Priscilla Perry
Student Council - Middle School	Erin Degnan
Student Council - Pinewood	Elizabeth Haynesworth, Rebecca Pollick
Support Club	Ann Valdes
Technology Club - High School	Rob Buehler, John Winters
Technology Club - Middle School	Mark Lajeunesse
Technology Club - Middle School - 2nd	Stephen Leader
Teen Town	Deb Wood
Tri-M Music Honor Society	Kimberly Kondenar
World Languages-MS	Linda Breen, Maureen Geagan, Jane Tedesco
Yearbook - Middle School	Mary-Frances Gorton

Music Performance 2023-2024

Name	Advisor(s)
Acapella Group-HS (4 Good Measure)	Nicole Gabriel
Band - Pinewood	Kimberly Hitchcock
Band - Draper - Marching	Jason Varga
Jazz Band - Draper	Jason Varga
Jazz Band - HS	Michael Salamone
Choir - Draper Pop Choir	Abigail Fast
Choir - HS School Select	Nicole Gabriel
Choir - Grade 3 (Chamber Choir)	Stephanie Rosselli
Choir - Grade 4	Stephanie Rosselli
Choir - Grade 5	Stephanie Rosselli
Orchestra - Grade 3 - Fresh Fiddlers	Nancy Felberbaum
Orchestra - Grades 4&5	Nancy Felberbaum
Select Orchestra - Draper	Chloe Shan
Select Orchestra - HS	Kimberly Kondenar

2023-2024 Student Teacher

Name	Bldg.	Assignment	Dates
Clair Grande	High School	Math	9/5/23 – 6/26/24

2023-2024 Guidance Counselors additional days

Name	# Days
Amy Huszar	7
Hannah Simms	6
Duane Wood	3.67

Resignations

Elizabeth Kelly

Appointment: ELA Grade 6 Teacher

Effective Date: Close of business March 12, 2024

Tammy Miller

Appointment: Cafeteria Aide

Effective Date: November 30, 2023

Tammy Coupas

Appointment: Cafe Monitor

Effective Date: December 8, 2023

Communications - Superintendent

Student representatives, Gino Isabella, Nick Cecucci, London Vasquez, and Sara Smith gave the Board their monthly building updates. At Bradt, the students were excited to try their new book vending machine which recently earned a \$2,500 grant to use to purchase more books; Pinewood student math scores have shown a steady increase of 20% and discipline write-ups are down; Draper teacher, Mr. Leader, was named professional of the month and the PTSO awarded the high honor roll recipients with donuts; the High School opened their own branch of a First New York Credit Union which will be partly operated by student interns and an Academic Achievement Award ceremony was held.

Sara Smith and Gino Isabella presented Mr. Abbott and Mr. McFarland with gifts to thank them for their military service.

Mrs. Logan-King reviewed the results of a recent climate survey completed by the District. The survey asked students, staff, and parents their opinions on current climate indicators such as social emotional learning, supportive academic learning environments, school-family-community partnerships, and restorative practices. Mrs. Logan-King said the information collected will help the District make data driven decisions, monitor progress, understand the perceptions of the stakeholders, and identify areas of focus. The Board asked Mrs. Logan-King some follow up questions and requested they see all the data that was collected.

Mr. O'Connor gave a presentation on Draper Middle School's 2023-2024 Building Goals. These goals are all aimed to align with the District's Portrait of a Graduate. The main priorities for Draper are academics and climate/culture. Mr. O'Connor stressed how essential attendance is for a

student to be successful and how he and his team plans on increasing those numbers. The Board followed up with several questions.

Public Privilege of the Floor

No one wished to address the Board of Education.

Communications - Board of Education

Mrs. Montagino and Board thanked Mrs. Barry and Mark Daley for their ongoing assistance to the Board members and presented Mrs. Barry with holiday gifts for her and Mr. Daley.

Mr. Abbott gave an update on the rebranding process. He said the Board is watching a number of ongoing lawsuits regarding team names and logos and want to see what determinations come from it. He added there will be significant costs to rebrand the logo and nickname and the Board will welcome community involvement throughout the process.

Old Business

Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 3440 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the District.

Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 3440 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the District

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the second reading of policy 3440.

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

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 Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino 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, 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 Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the track and field team to participate in an out of area trip.

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

Approval for the Boys' and Girls' Varsity and Junior Varsity Bowling Teams to Participate in Out of Area Trips

Request Approval for the Boys' and Girls' Varsity and Junior Varsity Bowling Teams to Participate in Out of Area Trips

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the bowling team to participate in an out of area trip.

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

**New Business -
Business/Personnel*****Acceptance of
Uncollected Tax Report*****Request for Acceptance of Uncollected Tax Report**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of an uncollected tax report.

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

***Approval of the
Contract for the
Superintendent*****Request for Approval of the Contract for the Superintendent**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the contract for the Superintendent.

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

***Approval of Resolution
Authorizing
Participation in
Cooperative Energy
Purchasing Service
(NYSMEC) for
Electricity*****Request for Approval of Resolution Authorizing Participation in
Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Electricity**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve a resolution authorizing participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Electricity.

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

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of November 20, 2023.

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

Bids***Approval of
Transportation Contracts
with Amazing Grace
Transportation LLC for
School Year 2023-24*****Request for Approval of Transportation Contracts with Amazing Grace
Transportation LLC for School Year 2023-24**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve transportation contracts with Amazing Grace Transportation LLC for the school year 2023-24.

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

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that an executive session be convened at 8:15 PM for the purpose of specific student matter.

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:29 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:29 PM.

The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business