

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, February 5, 2024
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:01 PM.

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: *Leslie Smith and Jason Thompson*

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Ms. Laudano at 6:01 PM, that an Executive Session be convened for the purpose of reviewing tenure portfolios. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 6:38 PM.

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:43 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, Daniella DeLuca, Carol Eckl, Steve Karandy, Katie Lossi, Joyce Long, Hiedi DePiero, Sharon Berschwinger, Nicholas Cecucci, Sara Smith, Gino Isabella, London Vasquez, and four members of the community.*

Communications - Superintendent

Student representatives, Gino Isabella, Nick Cecucci, London Vasquez, Ariana Audette and Sara Smith gave the Board their monthly building updates. At Bradt, actors from Draper theater production of Finding Nemo Jr. played out a scene for the school, and the students are looking forward to their science fair in March; Pinewood received the largest book donation ever from Book Warehouse; Draper student, Jacob Richardson, won the schoolwide Spelling Bee with Winter Phillips taking second place, and the production of Finding Nemo Jr. was attended by over 500 people; the High School just had their

winter midterms and regents exams and are looking forward to the musical “Anastasia”.

Mrs. Logan-King, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson and teachers, Ms. DePietro and Mrs. Berschwinger gave a presentation on the K-5 Eureka and Into Reading programs. Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Smith reviewed the timeline of the program's implantation and provided NYS math assessment data that explained how they continue to measure the students' progress. Mrs. Berschwinger and Ms. DePietro explained how the use of these reading and math programs has positively affected their students' ability to learn, especially after the pandemic. Mr. McFarland asked the teachers for some additional information on the progress of the English as a Second Language students.

Mr. Ruberti reported on the state budget update and tax levy, debt service, and bus proposition. He indicated some of the proposed changes in the way that the state will be looking at Foundation Aid. The specific changes included reducing aid for Districts which were “overfunded” based on the formula as well as using a 10 year average of CPI instead of a single year to calculate aid for Districts. Mr Ruberti also indicated that he expected the final tax cap calculation to be under 2% and the actual impact on a \$150,000 full value home to be approximately \$40. Finally, he discussed the proposed bus proposition and the electric bus mandate. He indicated that replacing four (4) of the large 70 passenger buses was part of the District replacement cycle and that the District would continue to explore the transition to electric buses.

Public Privilege Of The Floor

No one wished to address the Board of Education.

Communications - Board of Education

Mrs. Ciampino suggested there be a QR code that can connect viewers to a video on MohonCares.

Mr. Abbott said some Board members may visit local legislators and suggested that they may like to come to campus and see the Anchor Room and food pantry.

Mrs. Ciampino shared her concern about the electric bus mandate.

Mrs. Montagino congratulated the bus garage on doing a great job on a news story about hiring school bus drivers that aired on a local media outlet.

Mr. Abbott reminded the Board that Coffee and Conversation is coming up in a few weeks.

Old Business

Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policies - 3430 Uniform Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting System (VADIR)

Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policies - 4211 Organizational Chart

Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policies - 6530 Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

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

New Business - Business/Personnel

Approval of First Reading of Board Policies

Request for Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policy - 3430 Uniform Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting System (VADIR)

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve the second reading of policy 3430.

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

Request for Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policy - 4211 Organizational Chart

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the second reading of policy 4211.

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

Request for Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policy - 6530 Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the second reading of policy 6530.

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

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 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.

Request for Approval of First Reading of Board Policies

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of board policies.

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

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Teachers' Association and the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District - Substitute Rates

Request for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Teachers' Association and the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District - Substitute Rates

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve of the Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Teachers' Association and the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District regarding substitute rates.

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

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of January 22, 2024.

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

Personnel

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations.

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

Retirements

Debra Kuebler

Assignment: 3rd Grade Teacher

Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2024

Deborah Wood

Assignment: Guidance Counselor

Expiration Date: Close of business July 1, 2024

Patrick Keegan

Assignment: French Teacher

Expiration Date: Close of business July 1, 2024

Appointments

Gregory Clemenzi

Appointment: Probationary

Location: Bradt Elementary School

Tenure Area: English as a Second Language

Date of Commencement: February 5, 2024

Expiration Date: Close of business February 4, 2027

Certification Status: English to Speakers of Other Languages

Professional Certificate

Step/Salary: Step 12 plus Graduate Credits

Milvia Mendez

Assignment: .05 Additional Class

Location: Draper Middle School

Effective Date: January 15, 2024 – June 25, 2024

Salary: 3% of contract salary

Sara Bach
 Assignment: .1 Additional Class
 Location: Draper Middle School
 Effective Date: Sept. 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
 Salary: 6% of contract salary

Sara Bach
 Assignment: .1 Additional Class
 Location: Draper Middle School
 Effective Date: January 18, 2024 – June 30, 2024
 Salary: 6% of contract salary

Joanne Foster
 Appointment: Teaching Assistant
 Location: Bradt Elementary School
 Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
 Date of Commencement: January 31, 2024
 Salary: Step 10

Food Service Leaders High School (11/13/2023-6/30/2024)
 Victoria Britten - \$1,000 (prorated)

Extra Curricular Activities 2023-2024

Name	Advisor(s)
Math Honor Society	Stephanie Bruhn
Minecraft Club	Stephanie Bruhn
Media Arts Club	Marvin Veeder
HS Art Club	Allison Vaughn
Just Run Club (Fall Session)	Liesha Sherman/Tom Howley

Pinewood After School AIS 2023 - 2024

Name	Assignment	Time	Rate
Kristen Hammill	AIS	Up to 3 hrs/week	\$36.28

Resignations

Anthony Ponticello
 Appointment: Physical Education Teacher
 Effective Date: Close of business January 12, 2024

Aisha Jennings
 Appointment: Health Office Assistant
 Effective Date: February 16, 2024

Removal From Service

Lisa Lorenz
 Appointment: Substitute Cafeteria Aide
 Effective Date: January 26, 2024

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that an executive session be convened at 8:53 PM for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's mid-year evaluation.

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:50 PM and return to the open meeting. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:50 PM.

The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business