

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, March 23, 2026
Center for Technology/Mohonasen Main Campus*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Montagino, at 6:30 PM

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Danielle Ciampino, Chad McFarland, Ted Perretta, Heather Lanaro, Nick Giardono, Ericka Montagino, Vanessa Palleschi and Pat Ryan*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others in Attendance: *Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. DiCocco, Mr. Cimochowski, Mrs. Dergosits, Ms. Beeler, Ms. Shan, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Espinola, Mr. Pugliese, and Mr. Caruso*

Personnel

MOTION made by Mr. 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.

Retirements

Jayne Salerno
Appointment: Library Clerk
Effective Date: May 6, 2026

Tenure

Amie Espinola
Appointment: Elementary Education
Effective Date: August 31, 2026

Linda Beeler
Appointment: Special Education
Effective Date: August 31, 2026

Danielle King
Appointment: Mathematics
Effective Date: August 31, 2026

Abigail Fast
Appointment: Music
Effective Date: August 31, 2026

Cloe Shan
Appointment: Music
Effective Date: August 31, 2026

Katherine Fazel
Appointment: Mathematics
Effective Date: August 31, 2026

Stephen Leader
Appointment: Technology
Effective Date: August 31, 2026

Matthew Fitzpatrick
Appointment: Special Education
Effective Date: August 31, 2026

Appointments

Jenna Rivers
Appointment: Long Term Substitute
Assignment: Elementary Education
Date of Commencement: March 30, 2026
Expiration Date: June 25, 2026
Salary: Step 1 plus Graduate Credits

Linda Beeler
Assignment: .2 Additional Class
Location: Draper Middle School
Effective Date: March 12, 2026 – June 30, 2026
Salary: 12% of contract salary

Chelsea Abady
Assignment: .2 Additional Class
Location: Draper Middle School
Effective Date: March 19, 2026 – June 30, 2026
Salary: 12% of contract salary

Michelle Gaffney-Cuva
Assignment: .2 Additional Class
Location: Draper Middle School
Effective Date: March 12, 2026 – June 30, 2026
Salary: 12% of contract salary

Gloria Concepcion
Appointment: Information Processing Specialist (10-month clerical)
Location: District Office
Effective Date: April 1, 2026
Salary: \$28,693

David F. Desrosiers
Assignment: Substitute Bus Aide
Location: Transportation
Effective Date: March 23, 2026
Salary: \$16.00 per hour

Chelsea Gleason
Assignment: Substitute Bus Aide
Location: Transportation
Effective Date: March 23, 2026
Salary: \$16.00 per hour

Ronald Paul
Assignment: Substitute Bus Aide
Location: Transportation
Effective Date: March 23, 2026
Salary: \$16.00 per hour

2025-2026 Indoor Color Guard and Marching Band
(amended from March 9, 2026)

Name	Staff Position	Years of Service	Stipend
Mike Salamone	Coordinator of Indoor Marching Activities	11	\$6,367
Casey McCoy	Varsity Color Guard Director	5	\$2,122
Maeve St.Onge	Varsity Color Guard Staff	1	\$1,592
Kendra Mendoza	Varsity Color Guard Staff	4	\$1,592
Ava Mendoza	Varsity Color Guard Staff	1	\$1,592
Marinda Tingley	Varsity Color Guard Staff (Volunteer)	3	\$0
Jason Varga	Indoor Percussion Director	3	\$2,122
Jenna Walker	Indoor Percussion Instructor	6	\$1,061
Tim Mendoza	Indoor Percussion Instructor	0	\$1,061
Irv Jenkins	Indoor Percussion Instructor	0	\$1,061

Mark Riggi	Indoor Percussion Instructor .5	6	\$530.50
Julia Varga	Indoor Percussion Instructor .5	0	\$530.50
Dan Hoke	Indoor Percussion Instructor (Volunteer)	5	\$0
Jake Hatfield	Indoor Percussion Instructor (Volunteer)	5	\$0
Colin Land	JV Color Guard Director	2	\$1,592
Chloe Colon	JV Color Guard Instructor	2	\$1,061
Gabby Mikropoulos	JV Color Guard Instructor .5	1	\$530.50
Aleiyah Lawler	JV Color Guard Instructor .5	0	\$530.50
Julianna Kovacs	Modified Director	1	\$1,592
Andrea Leduc	Modified Instructor	5	\$1,040
Abigail Zahn	Modified Instructor	0	\$1,040
Nicole Hoffman	Pinewood Director	8	\$1,061
Danielle Greklek	Pinewood Instructor	3	\$531
Abigail Zahn	Pinewood Instructor	0	\$531

2025 - 2026 MHFA Curriculum Work

Name	Days
Jamie DeRusso	1

2025 – 2026 MHFA Curriculum Work - TA

Name	Hours
Caitlin Palazeke	1
Patricia Moss	1
Karissa Barringer	1
Gabrielle Beauregard	1

Spring Coaches 2026

Name	Sport	Step	Longevity
Mark Denicola	Varsity Girls Flag Football	1	
Chris Eriole	Modified Girls' Softball	Volunteer	

Resignations

Erin Keaton (Amended from the March 9, 2026)
 Appointment: SPED Teacher
 Effective Date: Close of business April 10, 2026

Emeallia McDonough
 Appointment: Teacher Assistant
 Effective Date: Close of business March 9, 2026

Erin Conklin
 Appointment: SPED Teacher
 Effective Date: Close of business April 16, 2026

Nicola Raucci
 Appointment: Maintenance Helper Substitute
 Effective Date: March 13, 2026

Maria Decesare
 Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper
 Effective Date: March 13, 2026

Andrea Grimm
 Appointment: Information Processing Specialist (Library Clerk)
 Effective Date: June 30, 2026

Leave of Absence

Cirstie Davis
 Appointment: 4th Grade Teacher
 Effective Dates: April 20, 2026 – June 25, 2026
 Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Michelle Cruz
Appointment: Teacher Assistant
Effective Dates: March 2, 2026 – June 25, 2026
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

**Communications -
Superintendent**

*2026-2027 Budget
Adoption - Chris Ruberti*

The proposed 2026–2027 budget totals \$77.27 million, reflecting a \$5.57 million increase driven largely by rising costs in instruction, employee benefits, transportation, and debt service. Increased revenue—primarily from state aid—is expected to fully support these expenditures. Class sizes are projected to remain consistent and within targeted ranges. The overall tax impact is expected to be modest, with the budget vote scheduled for May 19, 2026.

Mr. Shine announced that the Girls' Varsity Bowling Team came in second place in the state championship tournament.

**Public Privilege of the
Floor**

No one wished to address the Board.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

**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. Ryan seconded by Mr. Perretta 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.

**New Business -
Business/Personnel**

*Approval to Adopt the
Proposed 2026-27
School Year Budget*

**Request made by Mrs. Montagino to approve all items on a
consent agenda**

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Mr. Giardono, that the Board of Education approve items New Business - Instructional on a consent agenda.
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Approval of
Mohonasen Substitutes
Teachers Association
Agreement*

*Approval of
Memorandum of
Agreement with
Mohonasen Support
Staff Association and
the
Rotterdam-Mohonasen
Central School District*

*Approval of Substitute
Rates Not Covered by
Substitute Teachers
Contract*

*Approve Borrowing for
Bus Purchases*

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Perretta, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of March 9, 2026
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Giardono, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 6:54 PM.
The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business