

Mohonasen Central School District

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education Monday, May 11, 2026 Center for Technology

Budget Hearing

A Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidates forum was held at 6:30 PM prior to the Board meeting.

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Montagino at 7:01 PM

Roll Call

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

Administrators Present: *Shannon Shine and Chris Ruberti*

Others in Attendance: *Mr. Rohrmeier, Ms. Blinn, Mrs. Santabarbara, Mrs. Kavanaugh, Mrs. Millhouse, Mrs. Talbot, Mrs. Crowther, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lossi, Mrs. Eckl, Mrs. Nikles, Mrs. Callender, Mrs. Lutz, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Huszar, Mr. Ronca, Mrs. Christy, Mr. Karandy, Mr. Marsh, Mr. Parker, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Coffey, Mrs. DeLuca, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Pitterson, Mrs. Pallaschi, Mr. Avery, Mrs. Reihlman and 14 members of the community*

Communications - Superintendent

Student

*Representatives -
Laurel Karp, Kelsey Fitzgerald, Isabella DiPietro, Lucas Avery, Madelyn Day, and Anthony Crisafulli*

Student Representatives, Laurel Karp, Kelsey Fitzgerald, Isabella DiPietro, Lucas Avery, Madelyn Day, and Anthony Crisafulli gave the Board an update on activities at each of the schools. The High School held a Trade Fair Expo where the students learned about local trade careers and a graduation speaker contest was held where Mekka Vasquez was chosen as the winner; Draper Middle School hosted their first NYSSMA Festival and held their first Unified Sports Pep Rally; Pinewood hosted a Kids Night Out where students played games, music and bingo; Bradt students participated hands-on Earth Day activities and the Rotterdam Police Department sponsored a Bike Helmet Safety Day where students received helmets and learned about bike safety.

Mrs. Montagino and the Board recognized the student representatives and student Board member, Vanessa Palleschi, and thanked them for their service to the District.

*\Guidance, SEL & Mental Health
Supports & Resources
- Mrs. Kavanaugh and the SEL team - Mrs. Kavanaugh*

The Mohonasen School District's Mental Health and SEL Supports update highlights the continued high level of student mental health needs and the district's efforts to expand support systems for students and families. The presentation outlines goals focused on strengthening family engagement, increasing access to mental health services and basic needs resources, building student coping and self-advocacy skills, and improving staff capacity through professional development and DBT

training. The district also emphasized programs such as Teen Mental Health First Aid, school-based mental health clinics, the BRYT transition program, food pantry initiatives, and the Student Wraparound Team to better support student well-being. Overall, the district reaffirmed its commitment to creating a comprehensive support system to ensure students are healthy, supported, and prepared for success.

The Board agreed to approve the 2026-2027 Board meeting dates.

Public Privilege of the Floor

No one wished to address the Board.

Communications - Board of Education

Mrs. Montagino thanked the District's teachers and staff for all of their hard work this year and added that it does not go unnoticed.

Old Business

Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policies

Request for Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policies

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino that the Board of Education approve the second reading and deletion of board policies.

The motion was passed unanimously, six 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 made by Mrs. Montagino to approve all items on a consent agenda.

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve New Business - Instructional items 1-3 on consent agenda.

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

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

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

**New Business -
Business/
Personnel**

*Approval to Appoint
Permanent
Chairman, Assistant
Clerks and Voting
Machine Inspectors*

*Approval of the
2026-2027 Board of
Education Meeting
Dates*

*Authorization for
Emergency
Application of
Pesticide*

*Approval to Enter
into an
Intermunicipal
Arrangement for the
Purpose of Data
Security*

*Approval of Health
and Welfare
Contract with Averill
Park Central School
District*

*Approval of Health
and Welfare
Contract with North
Colonie Central
School District*

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Lanaro, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve New Business - Business/Personnel items 1-8 on consent agenda.

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

*Approval of Health
and Welfare
Contract with
Schenectady City
School District*

*Approval of Health
and Welfare
Contract with
Scotia-Glenville
Central Schools*

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Giardono, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of April 29, 2026.
The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Personnel

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

Appointments

Megan Mansfield
Appointment: Probationary
Position: SPED Teacher
Tenure Area: Education of children with handicapping conditions
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2026
Expiration Date: September 2, 2030
Certification Status: Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6) Initial Certificate,
Literacy (Birth -6) initial certificate, Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) Initial Certificate, Early Childhood Education (Birth – Grade 2) Initial Certificate
Salary: Step 6 plus graduate credits

Marybeth G. Smith (*amended from the April 29, 2026 meeting*)
Assignment: Bus Aide
Location: Transportation
Effective Date: April 15, 2026
Salary: \$16.48 per hour

Smileen Lincoln
Assignment: Substitute Food Service Worker
Location: Districtwide
Effective Date: May 13, 2026
Salary: \$16.00 per hour

Elizabeth Cifarelli
Assignment: Information Processing Specialist (Library Clerk)
Location: Mohonasen High School
Effective Date: September 1, 2026
Salary: \$24,000

2025-2026 Intermurals

Name	Building
Karolyn Devito	Mohonasen High School
Nikki Steele	Mohonasen High School
Kevin Deviero	Mohonasen High School

Spring Unified Coaches 2026

Name	Sport	Stipend
Diane Blinn	Unified Basketball	\$1,000.00

Resignations

Sarah Christy
Appointment: Assistant Principal
Effective Date: Close of business June 30, 2026

Terminations

Corey Clark
Appointment: Security Monitor
Effective Date: May 15, 2026

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that an executive session be convened at 7:53 PM for the purpose of discussing a particular legal matter.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:31 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 8:32 PM.
The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti
Clerk - Board of Education
Assistant Superintendent for Business