

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, September 8, 2026
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Ryan, at 6:30 PM. Mr. Ryan requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Danielle Ciampino, Chad McFarland, Ted Perretta, Heather Lanaro, Ericka Montagino, and Pat Ryan. Thomas Gianatasio arrived at 7:07PM.*

Board Members Absent: *Nick Giardono*

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

Others in Attendance: *Ms. DeLuca, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. Eckl, Mrs. Lutz, Mrs. Callender, Mrs. Kavanaugh, Mr. Hubbell, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Wells, Mr. Nilsen, Mrs. Nikles, Mr. Parker, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. King, Mrs. Peterson*

Communications - Superintendent

*High School Building
Goals - Ms. DeLuca*

Ms. DeLuca reported that Mohonasen High School has seen a student advancement rate rising to 94%, chronic absenteeism dropping from 36.1% to 20%, and academic gains including increased proficiency in ELA and mastery in Biology and Geometry. The school also achieved a 94% graduation rate while expanding opportunities for students through college credits, Regents diplomas, advanced designations, and seals and endorsements. Ms. DeLuca stated that the High School will build on this progress by continuing to improve attendance, behavior, and curriculum, close academic gaps, increase Regents proficiency, and strengthen school culture and student engagement.

*Capital Project Update -
Mr. Ruberti*

Mr. Shine and Mr. Ruberti reported that all buildings are ready to welcome students for the first day of school tomorrow, with final construction and finishing work continuing in a few areas. At the High School, temporary arrangements are in place while work is completed in the library and music rooms, along with roofing, security cameras, office setup, cleaning, and minor cafeteria items, allowing the school day to proceed as planned. At Draper and the turf field, facilities are ready for student use, with remaining improvements to the parking lot, bathrooms, fencing, walkways, and concession stand expected to be completed over the coming days and weeks.

Public Privilege Of The Floor

No one wished to address the Board of Education.

Communications - Board of Education

Mr. Ryan shared he had the privilege of attending Opening Day and noted the positive energy of the teachers and staff.

The Board then welcomed and introduced themselves to the new Mohonasen Student Board member, Thomas Gianatasio.

**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*

*Approval of Mohonasen
Marching Band to
Participate in Field Band
Competitions*

*Approval for the Varsity
Cross-Country Teams to
Participate in the
Bowdoin Park
Cross-Country Classic on
September 26, 2026*

**New Business -
Business/Personnel**

*Approval of First
Reading and Deletion of
Board Policies*

*Approval to Enter into
a Contract with
Achievements for the
2026-2027 School Year*

*Approval to Enter into
a Contract with My
Own Drum Studios for
the 2026-2027 School
Year (amended from
the July 1, 2026
meeting)*

*Approval for Book
Disposal*

Request made by Mr. Ryan to approve all items on the New Business-Instructional consent agenda.

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve New Business - Instructional 1-3 on a consent agenda. After some discussion the motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Request made by Mr. Ryan to approve all items on the New Business-Business/Personnel consent agenda.

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve New Business - Business/Personnel 1-4 on a consent agenda.

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

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of August 12, 2026. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Bids

*Approval of
Transportation Contracts
with Rejha Group LLC for
School Year 2026-27*

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve Bids 1-2 on a consent agenda.

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

*Approval of Bid Award –
Bakery Items, Bread &
Rolls, Ice Cream, Snacks,
Beverages, Paper &
Cleaning Products,
Grocery, and Milk*

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

Jennifer Shields

Appointment: Probationary

Location: Pinewood Intermediate School

Position: Elementary Teacher

Tenure Area: Elementary Pre K-6

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2026

Expiration Date: September 2, 2030

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

Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Jessica Sutherland

Appointment: Probationary

Position: Library Media Specialist

Tenure Area: School Media Specialist (Library)

Date of Commencement: October 13, 2026

Expiration Date: October 14, 2030

Certification Status: Library Media Specialist, Initial Certificate

Salary: Step 9 plus graduate credits

Moriah Schellenger

Appointment: Long Term Substitute

Location: Bradt Elementary School

Assignment: Elementary Teacher

Date of Commencement: September 2, 2026

Expiration Date: December 1, 2026

Salary: Step 1 plus Graduate Credits

Jaime Murray (amended from the August 12, 2026 meeting)
Assignment: 1.03 Additional Class
Location: Bradt Elementary School
Effective Date: September 1, 2026-June 30, 2027
Salary: 2% of contract salary

Renee Poutre
Assignment: 1.03 Additional Class
Location: Bradt Elementary School
Effective Date: September 1, 2026-June 30, 2027
Salary: 2% of contract salary

Tara Halliday
Assignment: .2 Additional Class
Location: High School
Effective Date: September 9, 2026-October 30, 2026
Salary: 12% of contract salary

Kristen Vachon
Assignment: .2 Additional Class
Location: High School
Effective Date: September 9, 2026-October 30, 2026
Salary: 12% of contract salary

Brian Shaffer
Assignment: .2 Additional Class
Location: High School
Effective Date: September 9, 2026-October 30, 2026
Salary: 12% of contract salary

Erika Pangburn
Assignment: .2 Additional Class
Location: High School
Effective Date: September 9, 2026-October 30, 2026
Salary: 12% of contract salary

Richard Burega
Assignment: .2 Additional Class
Location: High School
Effective Date: September 9, 2026-October 30, 2026
Salary: 12% of contract salary

Savannah Crouch
Assignment: 1.03 Additional Class
Location: Bradt Elementary School
Effective Date: September 1, 2026-June 30, 2027
Salary: 2% of contract salary

Sloane Fraser
Appointment: Probationary
Location: Districtwide
Position: Occupational Therapist
Date of Commencement: November 30, 2026
Salary: Step 5 plus graduate credits

Melissa Delgado
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: September 2, 2026
Salary: Step 5

Brigid Kim
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: September 8, 2026
Salary: Step 6

McKayla Williams
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: September 8, 2026
Salary: Step 2

Leo Paul
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: September 9, 2026
Salary: Step 3

Kailynn Haley
Appointment: Sub Teaching Assistant
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: September 8, 2026
Salary: Step 1

Joy Cassels
Assignment: Health Office Assistant (10 month)
Location: Pinewood Intermediate School
Effective Date: September 14, 2026
Salary: \$33,096

Kathleen Plano
Assignment: Substitute IPS1
Location: Districtwide
Effective Date: September 3, 2026
Salary: \$18.50 per hour

Joseph Cozza
Assignment: Computer Technician
Location: Districtwide
Effective Date: September 8, 2026
Salary: \$53,141

Nicholas Crisafulli
Appointment: Custodian
Location: Districtwide
Date of Commencement: September 2, 2026
Salary: \$42,577

Avisha Narine
Appointment: Full-time Security Monitor
Location: Districtwide
Date of Commencement: September 2, 2026
Salary: \$27,500

Brian Dobies
Appointment: Substitute Security Monitor
Location: Districtwide
Date of Commencement: September 8, 2026
Salary: \$16.50 per hour

Leah Cassillo
Appointment: Bus Aide
Location: Transportation
Date of Commencement: August 24, 2026
Salary: \$16.81 per hour

Kyle Rossler
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
Location: Transportation
Date of Commencement: August 27, 2026
Salary: \$16.50 per hour

Peter Countryman
Appointment: Substitute Motor Vehicle Driver
Location: Districtwide
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2026
Salary: \$16.50 per hour

Jennifer Schweizer
Appointment: Cook
Location: Districtwide
Date of Commencement: September 2, 2026
Salary: \$17.96 per hour

Anna Perez

Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper

Location: Districtwide

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2026

Salary: \$16.50 per hour

Melissa Alescio-Lamb

Appointment: Food Service Helper

Location: High School

Date of Commencement: September 2, 2026

Salary: \$16.81 per hour

Siva Ndoci

Appointment: Food Service Helper

Location: Pinewood Intermediate School

Date of Commencement: September 2, 2026

Salary: \$16.81 per hour

Kim Quinlivan

Appointment: Food Service Helper

Location: Pinewood Intermediate School

Date of Commencement: September 2, 2026

Salary: \$16.81 per hour

Brenda Hall

Appointment: Food Service Helper

Location: High School

Date of Commencement: September 2, 2026

Salary: \$16.81 per hour

Mia Quinlivan

Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper

Location: High School

Date of Commencement: September 14, 2026

Salary: \$16.50 per hour

Shenesse D. Priest

Appointment: Cafeteria Aide

Location: Pinewood Intermediate School

Date of Commencement: September 2, 2026

Salary: \$16.81 per hour

Samantha Fonda

Appointment: Cafeteria Aide

Location: Pinewood Intermediate School

Date of Commencement: September 2, 2026

Salary: \$16.81 per hour

Tammy Gummersheimer
 Appointment: Lifeguard, WSI aide, WSI
 Location: Aquatics
 Date of Commencement: September 1, 2026
 Salary: \$16.50/\$17.00/\$18.00 per hour

Ava Tallman
 Appointment: Lifeguard, WSI aide, WSI
 Location: Aquatics
 Date of Commencement: September 1, 2026
 Salary: \$16.50/\$17.00/\$18.00 per hour

Matia Malish
 Appointment: Lifeguard, WSI aide, WSI
 Location: Aquatics
 Date of Commencement: September 1, 2026
 Salary: \$16.50/\$17.00/\$18.00 per hour

Riley McAllister
 Appointment: Lifeguard, WSI aide, WSI
 Location: Aquatics
 Date of Commencement: September 1, 2026
 Salary: \$16.50/\$17.00/\$18.00 per hour

Isaac Dyer
 Appointment: Lifeguard, WSI aide, WSI
 Location: Aquatics
 Date of Commencement: September 1, 2026
 Salary: \$16.50/\$17.00/\$18.00 per hour

2026-2027 Student Teacher/Intern

Name	Bldg.	Teacher/Counselor	Dates
Tessa Betanzos	High School	Diane Blinn	9/1/26-6/20/27

Coaches Fall 2026

Name	Sport	Step	Longevity
Alexis Quivey	Girls' Modified Soccer	1	
Matt Sheremeta	Boys' Modified Soccer	1	
Josh Esposito	Boys' Modified Soccer Assistant	1	

Food Service Leader 2026-2027 (amended from the July 1, 2026 meeting)

Name	Building	Amount
Kim Quinlivan	Pinewood Intermediate School	\$750
Christine Mitchell	High School (filling absence)	\$1000

Teaching Assistant Mentor Program

Name	Building	Amount
Nancy Benson	Bradt Elementary School	\$1700
Michael Noland	Pinewood Intermediate School	\$1700
Erica MacDormand	Draper Middle School	\$1700
Mary Gradoni	Mohonasen High School	\$1700

2026 (Bradt) Summer Curriculum Work - Day July 1 – August 31, 2026

Name	# Days
Maria Ramsey	1
Katlyn Cowee	1

2026 (Pinewood) Summer Curriculum Work - Day July 1 – August 31, 2026

Name	# Days
Jennifer Shields	2
Bianca Lyon	1
Marie Furlong	1
Lucas Rosen	1
Christine Altomer	1
Bryannah Green	2

2026 (Draper) Summer Curriculum Work - Day July 1 – August 31, 2026

Name	# Days
Angie Santabarbara	1
Paola Cummings	1
Emma Tedisco	.5

2026 (SPED) Teacher Assistant Summer Curriculum Work - Day July 1 – August 31, 2026

Name	# Days
Nancy Benson	1
Michael Noland	1
Erica MacDormand	1
Mary Gardoni	1

2026 (K-12 SEL) Summer Curriculum Work - Day July 1 – August 31, 2026

Name	# Days
Melissa Goncerz	2
Diane Blinn	7.5
Eddy Rohrmeier	4
Rob Higgins	3
Autumn Wallace	2

Melissa Goncerz	2.5
Valerie Talbot	2
Estheisy Crowther	3

Resignations

Jeanna Stapleton

Appointment: Library Media Specialist

Effective Date: Close of business September 20, 2026

Maria Frisone

Appointment: Teacher Assistant

Effective Date: Close of business June 26, 2026

Caroline Hall

Appointment: Teacher Assistant

Effective Date: Close of business August 28, 2026

Synthia Rebidue

Appointment: Bus Driver

Effective Date: August 30, 2026

Lynn Welford

Appointment: Bus Aide

Effective Date: August 19, 2026

Susan Roberts

Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper

Effective Date: June 30, 2026

Angela Govindan

Appointment: Food Service Helper

Effective Date: June 30, 2026

Anna Perez

Appointment: Food Service Helper (now Sub)

Effective Date: June 30, 2026

Melissa Alescio-Lamb

Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper (now p/t)

Effective Date: September 1, 2026

Siva Ndoci

Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper (now p/t)

Effective Date: September 1, 2026

Kim Quinlivan

Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper (now p/t)

Effective Date: September 1, 2026

Peter Countryman

Appointment: Motor Vehicle Operator (now sub)

Effective Date: August 30, 2026

Brian Dobies

Appointment: Full-time Security Monitor (now sub)

Effective Date: September 7, 2026

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. Perretta, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:44 PM.

The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business