Mohonasen Central School District

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, September 21, 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, Nick Giardono, Ericka Montagino, and Pat Ryan. Thomas Gianatasio arrived at 7:07 PM.*
Board Members Absent:
Administrators Present: *Shannon Shine, Laurel Logan-King and Chris Ruberti*
Others in Attendance: Ms. Frost, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Flansburg, Mrs. Fountain, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Rickard, Mr. McConneelee, Wade Abbott, Daniel Abbott

Communications - Superintendent

End of Year Reports and Goals for Transportation, Business Office, Food Service, and Facilities - Mr. Ruberti

Mr. Ruberti presented an overview of the district's non-instructional departments, highlighting accomplishments from the 2025-2026 school year and goals for 2026-2027 in the Business Office, Facilities, Food Service, Information Technology and Transportation. He discussed common priorities including customer service, fiscal responsibility, staffing, student health and safety, and the continued use of technology to improve efficiency and reduce costs. Mr. Ruberti also provided an update on transportation staffing and recruitment, as well as data from the district's stop-arm camera program, which resulted in 169 citations from January through June 2026.

Capital Project Update - Mr. Ruberti

Mr. Ruberti provided an update on the Capital Project, including plans for a potential additional practice field, improvements to Mr. Veeder's green room, brick restoration, and ongoing work at the turf field, home bleachers and fencing. He reported that the library's completion has been pushed to mid-October due to asbestos work, the boilers are expected to be ready by October 1, the Draper Middle School locker rooms should be fully functional by October 10, and the kitchen is operational while CO alarm updates are currently being addressed.

Update on NY Inspires - Mrs. Logan-King

Mrs. Logan-King provided information on New York State's transition away from requiring a Regents diploma for graduation. The Board of Regents is expected to consider amendments in February and adopt changes in June, with additional guidance to come regarding alternative measures of proficiency in areas such as math and English. The Board requested an update later in the school year, particularly regarding capstone projects, and it was noted that additional communication will be provided to parents as details become available.

Public Privilege Of The Floor

Cross-country coach Wade Abbott expressed concerns about the availability of adequate space on campus for the cross-country course, noting that fencing and other changes have required the course to be altered several times. Mr. Shine indicated that he would like to learn more about where the students currently run.

Communications - Board of Education

Mr. Ryan reminded the Board to sign up for the school open houses.

Old Business

Request for Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policies

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Mrs. Lanaro, that the Board of Education approve the second reading and deletion of board policies.
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 Preschool Special Education and Section 504 Committee

Approval for the Robotics Drone Club and Engineering, Design and Development Students to Participate in a Scrimmage at SUNY Polytechnic Institute in Utica, NY

Approval for High School Foreign Language Students to Participate in a Field Trip to Montreal, Canada on April 17-18, 2027

Approval for Field Trip to Austria, Germany and Switzerland in April 2028

Request made by Mr. Ryan to approve all items on the New Business - Instructional consent agenda.
MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. Giardono, that the Board of Education approve New Business - Instructional 1-4 on a consent agenda.
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of September 8, 2026.
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Personnel

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

Appointments

Christina Mathieu
Assignment: 1.1 Additional Class
Location: High School
Effective Date: September 2, 2026-June 30, 2027
Salary: 6% of contract salary

Dan Hoke
Assignment: 1.3 Additional Class
Location: Draper Middle School/High School
Effective Date: September 2, 2026- June 30, 2027
Salary: 18% of contract salary

Rob Higgins
Appointment: BC Calculus
Location: Mohonasen High School
Effective Date: September 21, 2026
Stipend: $2,500

Barbara Palazeke
Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Location: Districtwide
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2026
Salary: $22.00 per hour

Kailynn Haley *(amended from the September 8, 2026 meeting)*
Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Location: Districtwide
Date of Commencement: September 8, 2026
Salary: $19.00 per hour

Kyle Brownwell
Appointment: Bus Driver
Location: Transportation
Date of Commencement: September 21, 2026
Salary: $29.00 per hour

Cleopatra Deguzman
Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Location: Districtwide
Date of Commencement: September 21, 2026
Salary: $16.50 per hour

Elizabeth Santos
Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Location: Districtwide
Date of Commencement: September 21, 2026
Salary: $16.50 per hour

Emanuel Colon Rivera
Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Location: Districtwide
Date of Commencement: September 21, 2026
Salary: $16.50 per hour

2026-2027 – Recess Coordinator A2850-152-05

Name	Position	Hourly Rate
Anthony Brown	Recess Coordinator	$7.50

2026-2027 Draper PM School Tutoring

Name	Assignment
Gabrielle Guardino	PM School Tutor

2026-2027 Draper PM School Tutoring TA

Name	Assignment
Erica MacDormand	PM School Tutor
Tiffany Varma	PM School Tutor

Pinewood Intermediate School 2026-2027 Extra Curricular Activities

Name	Club/Activity
Nancy Felberbaum	Orchestra 4/5
Nancy Felberbaum	Orchestra 3
Kim Hitchcock	Band
Stephanie Rosselli	Chorus
Stephanie Rosselli	Chamber Choir
Elizabeth Haynesworth	Student Council
Elizabeth MacMaster	Chess Club
Liesha Sherman	Coding Club
Marc Vachon/Kate Murnane	Intramurals
Bianca Lyon	Art Club
Lisa Smith	Math Olympiad
Kristen Taylor	Number Ninjas
Melissa Williams	Garden Club
Lorena Hurst	Writing Club

Liesha Sherman	Science Club
Liesha Sherman	Pinewood Scoop

Coaches Fall 2026 *(amended from the June 22, 2026 meeting)*

Name	Sport	Step	Longevity
Greg Massaroni	Modified Football Head Coach	7	Longevity $610

Leave of Absence

Sarah Urbanski *(Amended from the August 13, 2026 meeting)*
Appointment: Special Education Teacher
Effective Dates: November 25, 2026 - June 30, 2027
Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:52 PM.
The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business