Mohonasen Central School District

# *Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education*

*Monday, May 8, 2023*

*Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

| **Budget Hearing & Meet the Candidates** | A Budget Hearing and Meet the Candidates forum was held at 6:00 PM Prior to the Board meeting. |
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| **Call to Order** | The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 7:06 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, Stacy MacTurk, Melissa Laudano, Chad McFarland, Ericka Montagino, and Julie Power*  **Board Members Absent:** *Lisa Gaglioti*  **Administrators Present:** *Shannon Shine, Laurel Logan-King* *and* *Chris Ruberti*  **Others in Attendance:** *Bill Vacca, Sara Lewis, Matt Ronca, Rick Arket, Tom O’Connor, Katie Lossi, Alyssa Zito, Daniella DeLuca, Rochelle Obie, Jennifer Spore, Christina Mathieu, Rebecca Pollick, Liesha and Bill Sherman, Mike Salamone, 15 students, and 25 members of the community.* |
| **Communications - Superintendent** | Student representatives, Ella Obie, Evan Pena-Ramirez, Mya Romeo, Gino Palleschi and Kyleigh Millett gave the Board an overview of recent events at each of the schools. At Bradt the students held a Read and Raise for the Ronald McDonald House and raised $4,200; at Pinewood 45 students have signed up for the Just Run track program and Mohonasen will host an elementary aged track meet for 18 schools; Draper hosted the annual Family Fun Fair which was attended by hundreds of families and students held a Culture and Heritage fair to celebrate and share their cultures; the High School welcomed their new National Honor Society inductees by surprising them with medals and varsity athletes visited the elementary schools to read to the children.  Mrs. Mathieu and some of her Olympics of the Visual Arts reported to the Board that attended the state competition in Saratoga. They were pleased to announce that they won first place for the paper dress they designed and created. The students each added how much the Mohonasen art program has meant to them. Mrs. Mathieu also mentioned that at the Capital Region Media Arts competition Mohonasen won first place for the abstract category and had two other honorable mentions.  Mr. Shine presented certificates of achievement from the NYS School Board Association to Mrs. MacTurk and Mr. Abbott. He then presented Mr. McFarland with the Board Mastery Award.  Mrs. Lewis reported on the status of special education and the Wilson Reading program. She informed the Board that there are currently 382 students with special needs which is 14% of the district’s population. She went to discuss the staffing shortage the Special Education department is facing and the negative effects it is causing. The Wilson Reading program has been embraced by the special education teachers who have seen some exciting progress in their students. Mrs. Lewis expects that nine Special Education teachers will be trained in Wilson level one very soon.  Mr. Shine thanked the Media Arts students for broadcasting tonight's activities. |
| **Public Privilege of the Floor** | Several members of the community and students addressed the Board on a variety of concerns. The following people spoke during Public Privilege of the Floor: Elizabeth Lewis, Reverend Dustin Longmire, Victoria Robbins, Matt Robbins, Mya Romeo, Rebecca Pollick, Amelia Maksuti, Morgan Rogers, Yuliano Commerena, Jesse Mathis, Rachel DeTeso Mathis, Mark Kelly, and Gabriel Reinhart. |
| **Communications - Board of Education** | Mrs. Power congratulated the eleven Mohonasen athletes who officially signed their letters of intent for college at a ceremony.  Mr. McFarland said they were seeing democracy in action with the upcoming Board of Education election and thanked all the candidates. He also thanked the District for providing the opportunity to receive the education and governance training with NYSSBA and said it was an honor to receive the acknowledgement from Mr. Shine.  Mr. Abbott thanked the students who led the charge in advocating for a universal lunch program and said the battle is not over.  Mr. Abbott also thanked everyone who has spoken at Public Privilege of the Floor at recent meetings. He acknowledged that it is not an easy thing to do and said the Board is listening, discussing it and thinking about it. The issues raised are not falling on deaf ears. |
| **Old Business**  *Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 7150 Remote Instruction*  *Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 6130 Evaluation of Personnel*  *Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 6550 Leaves of Absence*  *Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 7512 Student Physicals*  *Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 7670 Due Process Complaints (Appointment of IHO)*  *Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 8450 Hospital or Institutional Instruction (Homebound Instruction)* | **Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 7150 Remote Instruction**  MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 7150.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  **Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 6130 Evaluation of Personnel**  MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 6130.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  **Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 6550 Leaves of Absence**  MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 6550.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  **Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 7512 Student Physicals**  MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 7512.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  **Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 7670 Due Process Complaints (Appointment of IHO)**  MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 7670.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  **Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 8450 Hospital or Institutional Instruction (Homebound Instruction)**  MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve and adopt policy 8450.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting. |
| **New Business -**  **Instructional**  *Approval of Recommendations of the Committees on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education*  *Request Approval for the Track and Field Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip* | **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. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve and arrange for the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and the Preschool Special Education for meetings held on 02/15/2023, 03/06/2023, 03/08/2023, 03/13/2023, 03/20/2023, 03/22/2023, 03/24/2023, 03/27/2023, 03/28/2023, 03/29/2023, 04/03/2023, 04/05/2023, 04/06/2023, 04/17/2023, 04/18/2023, 04/19/2023, 04/20/2023, 04/21/2023, 04/25/2023, 04/26/2023, 04/27/2023, 04/28/2023, 05/01/2023, 05/02/2023, 05/03/2023.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  **Request Approval for the Track and Field Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip**  MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the Track and Field out of area trip.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting. |
| **New Business - Business/**  **Personnel**  *Approval to Appoint Permanent Chairman, Assistant Clerks and Voting Machine Inspectors*  *Authorization for Emergency Application of Pesticide*  *Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Schenectady City School District*  *Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Niskayuna Central School District*  *Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with North Colonie Central School District*  *Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Teachers’ Association and the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District*  *Approval of Contract for Internal Audit Services – Questar III*  *Approval of Summer School/Summer Programs Salary Schedule* | **Request for Approval to Appoint Permanent Chairman, Assistant Clerks and Voting Machine Inspectors**  MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve to appoint permanent chairman, assistant clerks and voting machine inspectors.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  **Authorization for Emergency Application of Pesticide**  MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education authorize the emergency application of pesticide.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  **Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Schenectady City School District**  MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare contract.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  **Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Niskayuna Central School District**  MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare contract.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  **Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with North Colonie Central School District**  MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare contract.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  **Request for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Teachers’ Association and the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District**  MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the memorandum of agreement with the Mohonasen Teachers’ Association.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  **Request for Approval of Contract for Internal Audit Services – Questar III**  MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the contract for internal audit services - Questar III.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  **Request for Approval of Summer School/Summer Programs Salary Schedule**  MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the summer school/summer programs salary schedule.  After some discussion the motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting. |
| **Approved Minutes** | MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of April 19, 2023.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting. |
| **Personnel**  *Retirements*  *Appointments*  *Resignations* | MOTION was made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations. After some discussion the motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  Brian Cavanaugh  Position: Cleaner  Effective Date: August 1, 2023  Lori Spawn  Position: IPS  Effective Date: July 14, 2023    William Grandy  Appointment: Probationary  Position: Social Studies  Tenure Area: Social Studies Academic areas  Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023  Expiration Date: August 31, 2027  Certification Status: Social Studies 7-12 Initial Certificate  Salary: Step 2 plus graduate credits  Bernadette Nichols  Appointment: Probationary  Position: School Counselor  Tenure Area: School Counseling and Guidance  Date of Commencement: July 1, 2023  Expiration Date: June 30, 2027  Certification Status: Pending Certification  Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits  Taylor Grabo  Appointment: Probationary  Position: Algebra  Tenure Area: Mathematics Academic areas  Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023  Expiration Date: August 31, 2027  Certification Status: Pending Certification  Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits  Ashley Samborin  Appointment: Probationary  Position: Family and Consumer Science  Tenure Area: Home economics - general  Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023  Expiration Date: August 31, 2027  Certification Status: Pending certification  Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits  Taylor Lupi  Appointment: Long Term Substitute  Assignment: Elementary Physical Education  Date of Commencement: May 3, 2023  Expiration Date: June 14, 2023  Salary: Per Diem   |  | Aura J. Delmonico  Appointment: Teaching Assistant  Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  Date of Commencement: April 27, 2023  Salary: Step 2  Tammy J. Miller  Assignment: Cafeteria Aide  Location: Pinewood  Effective Date: May 1, 2023  Salary: $14.20 per hour | | | --- | --- | --- |   Richard Fiorillo  Appointment: Cleaner  Location: Bradt  Date of Commencement: May 1, 2023  Salary: $29,650.00  **2023 Summer Curriculum Work - $190.62/Day February 1– June 30, 2023**   | **Name** | **Hours** | | --- | --- | | Cassandra Mastracy | 60 |   **2023 Expedition Academy July 10, 2023 – August 3, 2023 3 hrs. per day (Monday–Thurs) 9am-12pm**   | **Name** | **Assignment** | **Step** | | --- | --- | --- | | Amie Espinola | Teacher | 1 | | Mike Atkinson | Teacher | 1 | | Rebecca Shea | Teacher | 2 | | Kyra Grimsley | SEL Teacher | 2 | | Angie Santabarbara | SEL Teacher | 2 | | Deb Wood | SEL Teacher | 2 | | Melissa Goncerz | SEL Teacher | 3 | | Paola Cummings | SEL Teacher | 2 |   **2023 Bradt Summer Stars Teachers– July 5 – August 1, 2023 – 3 hrs. per day/Mon. - Thurs.**   | **Name** | **Assignment** | **Dates** | **Step** | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Madison Crandell | Summer Stars Grade 1 | July 5– August 1 | 1 | | Caroline Hampton | Summer Stars Grade 2 | July 5– August 1 | 1 | | Brook Haviland | Summer Stars Grade 2 | July 5– August 1 | 1 |     **Piano Accompaniment for NYSSMA; Tier I $25, Tier II $50**   | **Name** | **Assignment** | **Step** | | --- | --- | --- | | Abigail Fast | Tier I | 16 | | Daniel Hoke | Tier I | 3 | | Daniel Hoke | Tier II | 6 | | Nicole Gabriel | Tier I | 2 | | Nicole Gabriel | Tier II | 15 |   **2023 ESY Student Support Services July 10, 2023 to August 18, 2023**   | **Name** | **Assignment** | **Program** | **Step** | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Taylor Wood | Teacher | Bradt DS 7/10-8/11 | 6 | | Amanda Ross | Teacher | Bradt DS 8/14-8/18 | 10 | | Emeallia McDonough | Teacher Assistant | All Programs | 1 | | Aura Del Monico | Teacher Assistant | All Programs | 1 | | Katey Hamblet | Teacher Assistant | All Programs | 5 | | Ann Valdes | Teacher Assistant | All Programs | 3 |     **2023 (Bradt) Summer Curriculum Work - $190.62/Day July 1 – August 31, 2023**   | **Name** | **# Days** | | --- | --- | | Amanda Ross | 3 | | Amber Newman | 3 | | Amy Varano | 3 | | Ann Delaney | 2 | | Ashley Geyer | 2 | | Brenda Reihlman | 2 | | Carmela Fusco | 1 | | Casandra Mastracy | 2 | | Chloe Bellcourt | 3 | | Christine Baumann | 3 | | Elizabeth Rocco | 2 | | Jen Groth | 3 | | Jen Hurst | 3 | | Jen Palleschi | 3 | | Kristen Dietz | 1 | | Laurie Dennis | 3 | | Liz Ciccone | 1 | | Maria Andrew | 3 | | Maria Savallo | 3 | | Melissa Goard | 5 | | Melissa Tracy | 3 | | Michele Hackett | 3 | | Paige Natole | 3 | | Rebecca Milano | 3 | | Rita McGuire | 3 | | Sharon Berschwinger | 5 | | Shylo Mosier | 3 | | Teresa Bancheri | 2 |   **2023 (Pinewood) Summer Curriculum Work - $190.62/Day July 1 – August 31, 2023**   | **Name** | **# Days** | | --- | --- | | Anthony Amitrano | 1 | | Brianne Clark | 2 | | Bryttni Doak | 4 | | Marsha Elliott | 2.5 | | Michelle Evans | 2.5 | | Marie Furli2ong | 1 | | Amanda Gauvin | 5 | | Emily Gibson, | 2 | | Michelle Howard | 4 | | Lorena Hurst | 6 | | Diane Krawiecki | 1 | | Leah Kruzinski | .5 | | Debra Kuebler | 4 | | Elizabeth MacMaster | 2 | | Tammy McCabe | 2 | | Lauren Neale | 2 | | Tammy Pangman | 6 | | Rebecca Pollick-Sawyer | 8 | | Liesha Sherman | 9 | | Lisa Smith | 4 | | Amy Stannard | 1 | | Jeanna Stapleton | 1 | | Marina Strang | 4.5 | | Amie Tannuzzo | 2.5 | | Kristen Taylor | 8 | | Carrie Townsend | 2 | | Danielle Tyler | 3 | | Cristina Wheeler | 2 | | Tara Wolfanger | 4 |   **2023 (Draper) Summer Curriculum Work - $190.62/Day July 1 – August 31, 2023**   | **Name** | | **# Days** | | --- | --- | --- | | William Grandy | | 3 | | Amanda Jasinski | | 7 | | Angie Santabarbara | | 2 | | Bill VanWie | | 3 | | Cathy Scheer | | 2 | | Danielle Heidcamp | | 6 | | Erin Degnan | | 15 | | Esther Vrooman | | 11 | | Jane Tedisco | | 7 | | Jenna Niles | | .5 | | Kayla Martinez | | 3 | | Kim Trestick | | 3 | | Lauren Berezowksi | | 3 | | Linda Breen | | 7 | | Lisa Daviero | | 3 | | Mary Frances Gorton | | 1 | | MaryAnn Nickloy | | .5 | | Maureen Geagan | | 7 | | Paola Cummings | | 2 | | Rachel Geracitano | | 11 | | Rebecca Sokolowski | | 1 | | Rose Dorado | | 3 | | Brittney Jory | | 2 |   **2023 (High School) Summer Curriculum Work - $190.62/Day July 1 – August 31, 2023**   | **Name** | **# Days** | | --- | --- | | Autumn Wallace | 1 | | Brett Hilko | 7 | | Danielle Hunt | 3 | | Deborah Capullo | 5 | | George Reluzco | 3 | | Greg Massaroni | 1 | | Jeff Laudenshlager | 2 | | Karen Smith | 3 | | Kelsie Clark | 2 | | Marvin Veeder | 2 | | Meredith Eberz | 7 | | Nikki Ouellette | 2 | | Rob Buehler | 4 | | Stephanie Bruhn | 6 | | Kim Kondenar | 2 | | Nicole Gabriel | 3 |   **2023 (K-12 SEL) Summer Curriculum Work - $190.62/Day July 1 – August 31, 2023**   | **Name** | **# Days** | | --- | --- | | Diane Blinn | 1 | | Paola Cummings | 1 | | Kyra Grimsley | 1 | | Hannah Deisinger | 1 |   **2023 SPED Summer Curriculum Work - $190.62/Day July 1 – August 31, 2023**   | **Name** | **# Days** | | --- | --- | | Ashley Geyer | 4 | | Christine Cipriano | 1 | | Emily Felter | 4 | | Emily Gibson | 4 | | Jessica Rau | 1 | | Jodi Scalise | 4 | | Jody Rossetti | 2 | | Kate Daggett | 4 | | Kathleen Sansone | 4 | | Kerry Vumbaco | 4 | | Krista Zajesky | 4 | | Sarah Urbanski | 4 |   **2023 (TA) Summer Curriculum Work - $ Hourly Rate July 1 – August 31, 2023**   | **Name** | **# Days** | | --- | --- | | Nick Palazeke | 1 | | Amy Serafini | 2 | | Aura Del Monico | 1 | | Casey Collins | 2 | | Cheryl Balko | 2 | | Dina Gianatano | 1 | | Kelly LaRue | 2 | | Kristin Hamil | 2 | | Mary Beth Gunn | 2 | | Melissa Roggio | 2 | | Melissa Williams | 2 | | Wendy Lussier | 2 |     Marcelino Andino  Appointment: Bus Driver  Effective Date: May 2, 2023 |
| **Executive Session** | MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that an executive session be convened at 8:47 PM for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's annual evaluation.  The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.  MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. Chad McFarland, that the executive session be adjourned at 10:20 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting. |
| **Adjournment** | MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:21 PM.  The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting. |

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*Christopher Ruberti*

*Clerk - Board of Education*

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