

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, November 6, 2023
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:33 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, Danielle Ciampino, Ericka Montagino, Julie Power, Melissa Laudano, Pat Ryan, and Chad McFarland*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others in Attendance: *Craig Chandler, Leslie Smith, Jason Thompson, Tom O'Connor, Alyssa Zito, Daniella DeLuca, Steve Karandy, Matt Hubbell, Deb Kavanaugh, Katie Lossi, Matt Ronca, Liesha Sherman, Tara Wolfanger, Crystal Hiscock, Todd Lewis, Jamie Dilbone, London Vasquez, Nicholas Cecucci, Sara Smith, and Gino Isabella, Marching Band members, and 50 members of the community.*

Communications - Superintendent

Mr. Shine welcomed the Mohonasen Marching Band and congratulated them on winning the 2023 State Championship. Director, Jason Varga, thanked the Board and Mr. Shine for their continuous support. Several band members spoke about how much being part of the marching band has meant to them. The students then displayed their many trophies to the Board.

Students representatives gave the Board an overview of various activities happening at each of the schools. Sara reported that Bradt had the author of Parmesan Pig, Ben Barrowmen visit and Halloween celebrations were held in the classrooms. Gino said at Pinewood the winners of the Character Counts -Respect award were celebrated with a recognition breakfast and the annual Halloween Monster Dash was held. Nick and London noted that Draper held their Halloween Teen Town and it was well attended and fourteen students were honored for being Student of the Month. At the High School, Sara said that the play, "All I Know I Learned in Kindergarten ", was very successful and the annual Mohon Bowl was held. Gino reported that the High School Unified Bocce Ball Team was featured in the Daily Gazette.

Mrs. Smith gave a presentation on Bradt's 2023-2024 Building Goals. These goals are all aimed to align with the District's Portrait of a Graduate. The goals included increasing the percentage of students reading at or above reading level, decreasing absenteeism, reducing the number of disciplinary referrals by 10%, implementing the use of Class DoJo to communicate with families, and focus on long range budget plans and goals. The Board followed up with several questions.

Mr. Shine presented the Board members with golf umbrellas for Board Appreciation week and thanked them for their service.

Public Privilege of the Floor

No one wished to address the Board of Education.

Communications - Board of Education

Mrs. Montagino said she wanted to open a discussion on a security issue that happened at the high school the previous Friday. Mr. Shine confirmed that an unknown male entered the high school with students at arrival time. The school was placed into a shelter in place while it was confirmed that the person left the school. The Board agreed that security of the schools is a number one priority. Mr. Shine added this is an opportunity to reteach and relearn and that the high school was assessing protocols.

Mrs. Power asked for clarification on the free breakfast and lunch. Mr. Shine said the whole district is free for all meals. Mr. Ruberti added there has been an increase in participation at both breakfast and lunch and that it is expected that this will continue to climb as more students and families realize that meals are free. Mr. Shine indicated that he would continue to update the board on participation numbers in the future.

Mrs. Ciampino said that many teachers came to the last football/cheer game for the youth football league and thought that it was a nice gesture and showed the connection to the community.

Old Business

Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 3440 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the District.

Request for Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy - 8420 Instruction in Certain Subjects

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the second reading of policy 3440.

After some discussion, 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 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 Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, 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.

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of October 23, 2023.

The motion was passed unanimously, seven 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. Mr. Abbott abstained from the vote.

Retirements

Carmela Fain (amended from 10/23/2023)
Appointment: Bus Aide
Effective Date: October 27, 2023

Joseph Fain (amended from 10/23/2023)
Appointment: Bus Driver
Effective Date: October 27, 2023

Appointments

Rachel Coons
Appointment: Probationary
Position: Earth Science Teacher
Tenure Area: Science Academic areas 30-1.7
Date of Commencement: November 13, 2023
Expiration Date: November 12, 2027
Certification Status: Earth Science 7-12 Initial Certificate
Salary: Step 3 plus graduate credits

Katlyn Cowee
Appointment: Probationary
Position: 1st Grade Teacher
Tenure Area: Elementary
Date of Commencement: November 3, 2023
Expiration Date: November 2, 2027
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) initial Certificate
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Mary Beth Pierrot
Appointment: Probationary
Position: School Psychologist
Tenure Area: School Psychologist
Date of Commencement: December 6, 2023
Expiration Date: December 5, 2027
Certification Status: School Psychologist Permanent Certificate
Salary: Step 12 plus graduate credits

Rachael Coons
Assignment: .2 Additional Class
Location: High School
Effective Date: November 13, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Salary: 12% of contract salary

Nicola Raucci
 Assignment: Maintenance Mechanic
 Location: Districtwide
 Effective Date: November 13, 2023
 Salary: \$37,500

Colleen Denning
 Assignment: Substitute Cafeteria Monitor
 Location: Bradt
 Effective Date: November 6, 2023
 Salary: \$15.00

Anna Maria Perez
 Assignment: Bus Aide
 Location: Transportation
 Effective Date: October 30, 2023
 Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Maura O'Donnell
 Assignment: WSI Aide
 Location: Pool
 Effective Date: October 21, 2023
 Salary: \$15.50

2023 Curriculum Work - \$190.62/day

Name	# Days
Casey Coffey	1
MaryAnn Nickloy	1
Renee Gandrow	1
Kate Winslow	1

Winter Coaches 2023-2024

Sport/Level	Name	Coaching Step
Boys Varsity Basketball	Already BOE Approved	7
Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball	Not Yet Filled	
Boys JV Basketball	Jeff Laudenschlager	6
Boys Modified Basketball	Brandon DeLuke	3
Boys Modified Basketball Volunteer Assistant	Tobey Traynham	X
Girls Varsity Basketball	Josh Whipple	7
Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball	Walter Doug Holden	7

Varsity Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball	Graham MacBeth	X
JV Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball	Elizabeth Brown	X
Girls JV Basketball	Taylor Lupi	2
Girls Modified Basketball	Marcus Cronin	7
Varsity Cheerleading	Jessica Couball	7
JV Cheerleading	Bridget Conover	7
Girls Varsity/JV/Frosh Indoor Track	Brian Atwell	3
Girls Indoor Track Assistant	Tom Howley	7
Boys Indoor Track Assistant	Janey Julian	7
Boys Indoor Track Assistant	Tara Halliday	7
Indoor Assistant-Throw	Evan Denning	3
Indoor Track Volunteer Assistant	Wade Abbott	X
Indoor Track Volunteer Assistant	Emily Burns	X
Indoor Track Volunteer Assistant	Nicole Moslander	X
Varsity Wrestling	Sean Daley	7- Longevity \$575
Varsity Wrestling Assistant	Terry Lawson	7
JV Wrestling	(.5) Matt Yetto (.5) Tim August	2
Wrestling Volunteer Assistant	Nick Baker	X
Modified Wrestling	Jim Huggins	7- Longevity \$575
Modified Wrestling Assistant	Doug Jones	7- Longevity- \$1678
Girls Varsity Bowling	Meg Fountain	3
Boys Varsity Bowling	Rick Caruso	4
Boys Varsity Swimming and Diving	Mike Ardito	2
Varsity Assistant	Alicia Faucett (.5)	7
Modified Swimming and Diving	Marc Vachon	7- Longevity- \$575
Varsity Ice Hockey (GMSVS Storm)	Ryen Young	Paid By Guilderland
Strength and Conditioning	Ray Kearney	7

Indoor Color Guard/Percussion 2023-2024

Name:	Staff Position:	Stipend:
Mike Salamone	Coordinator of Indoor Marching Activities	\$6,120
Casey McCoy	Varsity Color Guard Director	\$2,040
Colin Land	Varsity Color Guard Staff	\$1,530
Kendra Mendoza	Varsity Color Guard Staff	\$1,530
Marinda Tingley	Varsity Color Guard Staff	\$1,530
Jacob Hatfield	Indoor Percussion Director	\$2,040
Jenna Walker	Indoor Percussion Instructor	\$1,020
Tia Tocco	Indoor Percussion Instructor	\$1,020
Dan Reedy	Indoor Percussion Instructor	\$1,020
Geoff Snow	Indoor Percussion Instructor	\$1,020
Dan Hoke	Indoor Percussion Instructor (Volunteer)	0
Mark Riggi	Indoor Percussion Instructor (Volunteer)	0
Kaitlyn Reedy	Indoor Percussion Instructor (Volunteer)	0
Noah Solt	Indoor Percussion Instructor (Volunteer)	0
Colin Land	JV Color Guard Director	\$1,530
Chloe Colon	JV Color Guard Instructor	\$1,020
Brittany Plano	JV Color Guard Instructor	\$1,020
Chenya D'Arcangelis	Instructor (Volunteer)	0
Danielle Greklek	Modified Director	\$1,530
Andrea Leduc	Modified Instructor	\$1,000
Emily Turriglio	Modified Instructor (Volunteer)	0

Nicole Hoffman	Pinewood Director	\$1,020
Chloe Colon	Pinewood Instructor	\$510
Kendra Mendoza	Pinewood Instructor	\$510

2023-2024 Student Teacher

Name	Bldg.	Assignment	Dates
Nicholas Dwarika	Pinewood	Music	1/27/24-3/27/24

Marching Band 2023-2024

Name	Staff Position	Stipend
Jason Varga	Director	\$6,630
Michael Salamone	Assistant Director	\$2,856
Julia French	Captain Head - Visual (½)	\$1,224
Jake Hatfield	Captain Head - Percussion	\$2,448
Jamie Roscoe	Captain Head - Music	\$2,448
	Captain Head - Pit/Electronics	\$2,448
Geoff Snow	Instructor - Percussion	\$1,428
Kendra Mendoza	Instructor - Guard &	\$1,428
Marinda Tingley	Instructor - Guard	\$1,428
Tia Tocco	Instructor - Visual	\$1,428
Jenna Coutant - Walker	Instructor -Visual	\$1,428
Mark Riggi	Instructor - Percussion	\$1,428
Nate Finke	Instructor - Percussion	\$1,428
Collin Land	Instructor - Guard (½)	\$1,224
Bill Hoyt	Volunteer	Volunteer

Resignations

Matthew Hubbell

Appointment: Academic Administrator for STEM

Effective Date: Close of business November 24, 2023

Hannah Deisinger
Appointment: School Counselor
Effective Date: December 22, 2023

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that an executive session be convened at 8:25 PM for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's contract.
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:11 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:12 PM.
The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business