

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, December 12, 2022
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.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Wade Abbott, Stacy MacTurk, Melissa Laudano, Chad McFarland, Ericka Montagino (virtual), Lisa Gaglioti and Julie Power*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others in Attendance: *Chris Patterson, Stephanie D'Annibale, Maureen Geagan, Marcy Milkins, Craig Chandler, Daniella DeLuca, Matt Hubbell, Jason Thompson, Leslie Smith, Rick Arket, Katie Lossi, Bill Vacca, Matt Ronca, Sara Lewis, three members of the community and Student Representatives Mya Romeo, Gino Palleschi, Kyleigh Millett*

Communications - Superintendent

Student representatives Mya Romeo, Gino Palleschi, and Kyleigh Millett updated the Board on events happening at each of the schools. At Bradt, the students and their families donated over 4,000 boxes of mac and cheese which contributed to 10,000 local families being provided food around the holidays; Pinewood students competed in a spelling bee and meteorologist Steve Lapoint visited the school to talk about climate change; Draper students collected cranberry sauce for the Concerned for the Hungry program and participated in the yearly Deck the Door event; the High School put on a production of Clue and had two students be invited to NYSSBA states.

Mrs. Smith presented the current Bradt Elementary building goals. These goals include ALL Students will reach grade level benchmarks each trimester in ELA, Math and Writing, ALL Students will attend 95% or more of the school year, and to establish a safe and secure environment. Mrs. Smith also shared Academic measures to assess achievement, include Universal Designed Assessments and academic screening results as outlined in the Bradt Assessment Portfolio (e.g., DIAL, Fountas and Pinnell, Pre and Post Benchmark Assessments for Writing, Mid Module/End of the Unit Math assessments, exit slips etc.), and Attendance Data Discipline Data. Members of the Board asked questions throughout the presentation. Mrs. Smith pointed out several times that improving attendance post-covid is essential to a student's success. The Board members asked questions throughout the presentation.

Mr. Shine congratulated Girls' Varsity bowler, Madyson Jones, for bowling a perfect game recently.

Public Privilege of the Floor

No one wished to address the Board

Communications - Board of Education

Mr. Abbott said he was contacted by a teacher whose student is interested in lobbying the state legislature in favor of universal lunches. He added that he thinks it is a great thing that a student would want to advocate for and that he may attend the lobby day at the State Capitol.

Mr. Abbott recognized the service of all the District staff, including Mr. Shine, Mr. Ruberti, Mrs. Logan-King, and Mrs. Barry.

Several Board members asked about the Seal of Civic Readiness. Mrs. Logan-King explained that it is an exciting senior level class where the students research a topic on current news items or social issues and present their paper to a committee. Mr. McFarland added he would be happy to assist in any way he could.

Mrs. Power said she had heard reports of the High School bathrooms being closed. Mr. Shine responded that there have been several instances of foreign objects being flushed down the toilets causing mainline blockages. The bathrooms have to be closed until they can be fixed.

The Board discussed the upcoming Town of Rotterdam Board meeting regarding the regulation of cannabis dispensaries. Mr. Abbott provided an article to the Board that provides a summary of what the town will be discussing at the meeting. Both Mr. Abbott and Mrs. Montagino indicated they would be attending the meeting to advocate on behalf of the District and all educational facilities in Rotterdam.

Mr. Shine had sent the Board an article outlining that NYSED may allow the District to keep the name Mohonasen but not the Native American logos. The Board discussed that they need additional clearance from the state and have an open dialogue with NYSED. It was agreed that if the logo will be changed that community involvement would be welcomed. Mr. Abbott asked if they should contact the Cambridge Board of Education and gather some insight on their experience with NYSED's logo/team name mandate. The response from the other Board members was mixed and it was decided to ask Cambridge what their experience had been so far with the mandate. Mr. Shine stated that it would come down to logistics and they should not rush the process, it will be very much a community input situation.

**New Business -
Instructional**

*Approval of
Recommendations of the
Committees on Special
Education and
Committee on Preschool
Special Education*

**Request for Approval of Recommendations of the Committees on
Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. McFarland 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 11/01/2022, 11/16/2022, 11/18/2022, 11/21/2022, 11/28/2022, 11/30/2022, 12/05/2022.

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

*Approval for the Draper
Select Choir and 7th and
8th Grade Orchestra
Students to Participate in
a Field Trip to Flags,
New England on Friday,
May 19, 2023*

**Request Approval for the Draper Select Choir and 7th and 8th Grade
Orchestra Students to Participate in a Field Trip to Six Flags, New
England on Friday, May 19, 2023**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve Draper select choir and the 7th and 8th grade orchestra students to participate in a field trip to Six Flags, New England on May 19, 2023.

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

*Approval for the Boys'
Varsity Bowling Team to
Participate in an Out of
Area Trip*

**Request Approval for the Boys' Varsity Bowling Team to Participate in
an Out of Area Trip**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the Boys' Varsity Bowling Team to participate in an out of area trip.

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

**New Business -
Business/Personnel**

*Request for Approval of
First Reading of Board
Policies*

Request for Approval of First Reading of Board Policies

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of Board policies.

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

*Request for Acceptance of
a Donation to
MohonCARES from
Trustco Bank*

**Request for Acceptance of a Donation to MohonCARES from Trustco
Bank**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education Accepts of a donation to MohonCARES from Trustco Bank.

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

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of November 21, 2022.

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

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

Financial Reports

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the following Financial Reports:

Warrant #4 - October 14, 2022

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #16	\$3,191,571.75
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #3	\$75,262.31
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #7	\$32,994.93
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #5	\$261,909.41
Trust and Agency	Warrant Schedule #9	\$260.14
TOTAL #4		\$3,561,998.54

Warrant #4P - October 30, 2022

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #15	\$2,414,070.36
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule	\$
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #9	\$139,059.58
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #6	\$86,196.66
Trust and Agency	Warrant Schedule #10	\$24,464.45
TOTAL #4P		\$2,390,791.15

Bids

Approval to Award Professional Services for Commissioning

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MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the awarding of professional services for commissioning.

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

Request for Approval to Award Bid for Contract No. 7 for Plumbing Construction

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MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the awarding of contract No. 7 for plumbing construction.

The motion was passed unanimously with seven members present and voting.

*Approval to Award Bid
for Contract No. 7 for
Plumbing Construction*

Request for Approval to Award Bid for Contract No. 8 for Electrical Construction

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve the awarding of contract No. 8 for electrical construction.

The motion was passed unanimously with seven members present and voting.

Personnel

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

Appointments

Jennifer Gribben

Appointment: Long Term Substitute

Assignment: Earth Science

Date of Commencement: December 5, 2022

Expiration Date: December 22, 2022

Certification Status: Biology 7-12 Permanent Certificate

Salary: Step 5 plus Graduate Credits

Kevin Reiss

Appointment: Teaching Assistant

Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)

Date of Commencement: November 28, 2022

Salary: Step 8

Jennifer Eckert

Appointment: Bus Driver

Effective Date: November 28, 2022

Salary: \$21.00 per hour

Thomas Buzzi II

Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide

Effective Date: December 5, 2022

Salary: \$14.10 per hour

Michael Ardito

Assignment: Lifeguard/WSI Aide/Head WSI

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

Salary: Lifeguard \$14.20/WSI \$15.60/Head WSI \$20.00 per hour

Marissa Kelly

Assignment: Lifeguard/WSI Aide

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

Salary: Lifeguard \$14.20/WSI \$15.60

Sophia Parker
 Assignment: Lifeguard/WSI Aide
 Effective Date: January 1, 2023
 Salary: Lifeguard \$14.20/WSI \$15.60

2022-2023 – Instructional Leader

Name	Position	Stipend	Date
Rochelle Obie	Business Advisory Board	\$2491.00	11/21/22 – 6/30/23

2022-2023 Draper PM School Tutoring

Name:	Assignment
Amie Espinola	PM School Tutor
Kayla Martinez	PM School Tutor

Winter Coaches 2022-2023 *(step amended from 11-7-22)*

Sport/Level	Name	Coaching Step
Girls JV Basketball	Amy Chevalier	2

Appointment of District Officers *(amended from 7-6-22)*

Name	Position	Stipend Amount
Susanne Candee	Internal Claims Auditor	\$6,282.00 <i>(effective 11-1-22)</i>

Pinewood After School AIS 2022 – 2023

Name	Assignment	Time	Rate
Emily Gibson	AIS	Up to 3 hrs/week	\$35.57

Resignations

Dawn Green
 Appointment: IPS 1
 Effective Date: December 2 , 2022

Samantha Cooke
 Appointment: Attendance Clerk
 Effective Date: December 30 , 2022

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Gaglioti, seconded by Mrs. Power, that an executive session be convened at 8:44 PM for the purpose of discussing tenure for a certain employee.

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the executive session be adjourned at 9:14 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:15 PM.
The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business