

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, February 27, 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.

Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: *Chad McFarland and Ericka Montagino*

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

Others in Attendance: *Approximately, 150 members of the community and musical students. The Music Department faculty Mrs. Kondenar, Ms. Gabriel, Mrs. Felberbaum, Mr. Varga, Mr. Salomon, Mr. Hoke, Ms. Hitchcock, and Ms. Shan. Other members of Mohonasen staff Anthony Amitrano, Cassandra Mastracy, Amanda Kuhn, Marcy Milkens, and Erin Degnan.*

Communications - Superintendent

Mr. Shine introduced Mrs. Kondenar who updated the Board on Mohonasen's Music education program K-12. She informed them that several Mohon students were invited to compete at All States, Area All States and All County competitions and the Acapella group placed second in the quarterfinals and will compete on the national level in Boston. The music department has added a program for music technology and production and it has been very popular with students interested in a musical career. Mrs. Kondenar added that the department is always looking to enhance and enrich the curriculum with multicultural presentations, field trips and hands-on experiences. This year's theater productions of Clue and High School Musical were both great successes. The presentation was followed by performances by the Acapella group and mixed age groups of band and orchestra.

Personnel

MOTION was made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations. The motion was passed with four members voting yes, and Mr. Abbott abstained, explaining that he was on the personnel agenda as a volunteer.

Tenure

Cassandra Mastracy
Appointment: School Psychologist
Effective Date: September 1, 2023

Anthony Amitrano
Appointment: Speech-language Pathologist
Effective Date: September 1, 2023

Amanda Kuhn
Appointment: Special Education
Effective Date: September 1, 2023

Appointments

Nora Stevens
Appointment: Long Term Substitute
Assignment: Special Education Teacher
Date of Commencement: March 23, 2023
Expiration Date: June 22, 2023
Salary: Step 1 plus Graduate Credits

Mykhael Wilson
Position: Accounting Teacher .2FTE
Date of Commencement: February 14, 2023
Certification Status: Certification Pending
Salary: Step 1 plus Graduate Credits

Robert Buehler
Assignment: Additional Class
Effective Date: January 30, 2023-June 30, 2023
Salary: 12.0% of contract salary

Christopher Stiffen
Appointment: Cafeteria Aide
Date of Commencement: February 7, 2023
Salary: \$14.20 per hour

Aura Delmonico
Appointment: Cafeteria Aide
Date of Commencement: February 7, 2023
Salary: \$14.20 per hour

Daniel Schissler
Appointment: Cleaner
Date of Commencement: January 30, 2023
Salary: \$29,650

Shaun Bisunath
Appointment: Bus Driver
Date of Commencement: February 16, 2023
Salary: \$20.50 per hour

Kaitlyn Shelton
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
Date of Commencement: February 27, 2023
Salary: \$14.20 per hour

2022-2023 Intramurals (amended from 2/7/2023)

Name	Building
Lori Moore	Bradt

Spring Coaches 2023

Sport/Level	Name	Coaching Step
Varsity Baseball	Kevin Sheremeta	7
Varsity Baseball Assistant	James Dilbone	7
JV Baseball	Mark DeNicola	7
Freshman Baseball	Richard Caruso	7
Modified Baseball	(Jim) Demetrious Huggins	7 + longevity \$564
Modified Baseball Assistant	Ty Hernandez	Volunteer
Varsity Softball	Bianca Bojarczuk	7
Varsity Softball Assistant	Michael Fratus	5
JV Softball	Kayla Fountain	1
Modified Softball	Taylor Lupi	1
Boys Varsity Tennis	Bart Metzold	Paid by Schenectady
Track & Field Head	Tom Howley	7+ Program Dir. \$1350
Boys Track Assistant	Tara Halliday	7
Boys Track Assistant	Janey Julian	7
Girls Track Assistant	Bill Sherman	7
Girls Track Assistant (.5)	Emily Burns (.5)	7
Boys/Girls Throws Coach	Brian Atwell	2
Boys Modified Track	Wade Abbott	Volunteer
Boys Modified Track	Jeffrey Laudenschlager	2

Girls Modified Track	Rochelle Obie	2
Girls Modified Track	Anthony Amitrano	2
Boys Varsity Lacrosse	Matt Marotta	Paid by Schenectady
Boys Varsity Lacrosse Assistant	Rich Burega	Paid By Schenectady
Boys JV Lacrosse	Open	Paid By Schenectady
Boys Modified Lacrosse	Open	Paid By Schenectady
Girls Varsity Lacrosse	Keith Pollizatto	Paid By Schenectady
Girls Varsity Lacrosse Assistant	Delaney Kendricks	Paid By Schenectady
Girls JV Lacrosse	Open	Paid By Schenectady
Girls Modified Lacrosse	Open	Paid By Schenectady
Strength and Conditioning	Ray Kearney	7
Unified Bowling	Diane Blinn	\$1,000

Resignations

C. David Grajales-Passage
 Appointment: Teacher Assistant
 Effective Date: Close of business February 7, 2023

Michael Lynch
 Appointment: Bus Driver
 Effective Date: February 6, 2023

Michael Lynch
 Appointment: Bus Monitor
 Effective Date: February 6, 2023

Wayne Weinhold
 Appointment: Bus Driver
 Effective Date: February 21, 2023

Nicole Andreine
 Appointment: Food Service Helper
 Effective Date: February 3, 2023

Leave of Absence

Christina Patterson
 Appointment: Special Education Teacher
 Effective Dates: March 20, 2023 – July 30, 2023
 Reason: Unpaid Leave of Absence

**Return to
 Communications -
 Superintendent**

CSArch architect, Greg Klokiw presented the Board with a Capital Project scope review. He reviewed each of the proposed projects for Bradt, Pinewood, Draper, High School and the athletic areas. Mr. Klokiw then went over the expected timeline for the approval of these projects. The timeline included putting the project out to District voters in May along with the Budget. The members had a few questions regarding changes to Draper and the athletic areas that were answered by Mr. Klokiw and Mr. Shine.

Mr. Ruberti updated the Board of Education on the final Tax Levy Limit Calculation, 2.36%, that was turned into the Comptroller's Office and the most updated State Aid and Foundation Aid information. Mr. Ruberti then went on to present on General Support, BOCES costs and Employee Benefits. He indicated the significant changes in each of the areas and discussed the volatility of employee benefits and impact on budget development. He explained that the two retirement systems, ERS and TRS, would actually have no net increase in expenses for 2023-24, but that he expected to see a significant increase of over \$400,000 in health insurance costs.

**Public Privilege of the
 Floor**

No one wished to address the Board

**Communications -
 Board of Education**

Ms. Laudano said Coffee and Conversation was a wonderful experience and she really enjoyed visiting Bradt.

Mr. Abbott reported that he accompanied several students to the Capitol building to once again advocate for Universal Free Lunches and they represented the issue very well. He also noted that NYSSBA held a virtual capital conference which included a Q&A session with Commissioner Rosa and Chancellor Banks. Mr. Abbott said he had heard from the Governor's office regarding Universal Free Lunches and although they seemed receptive to the idea of the program the Governor feels like it should be provided by the Federal Government. While visiting the Capitol, Mr. Abbott had the opportunity to hand out the written testimony on Universal Free Lunches to local legislators.

**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. MacTurk, seconded by Ms. Laudano 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 10/26/2022, 12/07/2022, 01/10/2023, 01/12/2023, 01/20/2023, 01/24/2023, 01/26/2023, 01/27/2023, 01/31/2023, 02/06/2023, 02/07/2023, 02/08/2023, 02/09/2023, 02/10/2023, 02/15/2023, 02/16/2023, 02/21/2023.

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

*Approval for High
School Select Choir
Field Trip to New York
City on June 10, 2023*

**Request Approval for High School Select Choir Field Trip to New York
City on June 10, 2023**

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the High School Choir field trip to New York City.
The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approval for
Mohonasen/Draper/Pine
wood Winter Color Guard
and Indoor Percussion to
Participate in Various
Competitions*

**Request Approval for Mohonasen/Draper/Pinewood Winter Color
Guard and Indoor Percussion to Participate in Various Competitions**

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve for the Mohonasen/Draper/Pinewood Winter Color Guard and Indoor Percussion to Participate in Various Competitions.
The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

**New Business -
Business/Personnel**

*Approval of Health and
Welfare Contract with
Bethlehem Central School
District*

**Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Bethlehem
Central School District**

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve of a Health and Welfare Contract with Bethlehem Central School District.
The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approval of Resolution to
Authorize Expenditures
for School Buses*

**Request for Approval of Resolution to Authorize Expenditures for
School Buses**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve a resolution to authorize expenditures for school buses
The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of February 6, 2023.
The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

Financial Reports

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

Warrant #6 - December 14, 2022

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #28	\$2,461,030.11
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #6	\$77,287.46
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #12	\$4,860.97
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #9	\$426,633.49
Trust and Agency	Warrant Schedule #13	\$765.96
TOTAL #6		\$2,970,577.99

Warrant #6P - December 29, 2022

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #32, #33, "	\$2,100,103.52
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule	\$
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #13	\$78,622.27
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #10	\$57,969.64
Trust and Agency	Warrant Schedule #14	\$8,061.74
TOTAL #6P		\$2,244,757.17

Warrant #7 - January 7, 2023

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #35 & #36	\$2,332,429.44
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule #9	\$67,599.44
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #14 & #15	\$12,289.06
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #11	\$801,108.39
Trust and Agency	Warrant Schedule #15	\$634.58
TOTAL #7		\$3,214,060.91

Warrant #7P - January 31, 2023

General Fund	Warrant Schedule #28 & #40	\$1,893,970.11
School Lunch Fund	Warrant Schedule	\$
Federal Fund	Warrant Schedule #16	\$22,410.04
Capital Fund	Warrant Schedule #12	\$11,186.97
Trust and Agency	Warrant Schedule #16	\$3,820.96
TOTAL #7P		\$1,931,388.08

Bids

*Approval of
Transportation Contracts
with Amazing Grace
Transportation LLC for
School Year 2022-23*

Request for Approval of Transportation Contracts with Amazing Grace Transportation LLC for School Year 2022-23

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve transportation contracts with Amazing Grace Transportation LLC for the school 2022-23.

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

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that an executive session be convened at 9:13 PM for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Annual Performance Review.

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

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the executive session be adjourned at 10:11 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, four members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 10:12 PM.

The motion passed unanimously, four members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business