

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, June 5, 2023
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:35 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, Julie Power, and Lisa Gaglioti (virtual)*

Board Members Absent: *Lisa Gaglioti arrived virtually at 6:45 PM and signed off at 7:35 PM.*

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

Others in Attendance: *Board member elects Pat Ryan and Danielle Caimpino, Danielle Coffey, Liesha and Bill Sherman, Cheryl Donovan, Mary Ellen Nickloy, Rebecca Pollock-Sawyer, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ronca, Mr. Hubbell, Mr. Vacca, Mrs. Lossi, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. DeLuca, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Arket, Mrs. Wolfanger, Mrs. D'Annibale, Ella Obie, Evan Pena-Ramirez, Gino Palleschi and Kyleigh Millett and 12 members of the community.*

Communications - Superintendent

Student representatives, Ella Obie, Evan Pena-Ramirez, Gino Palleschi and Kyleigh Millett gave the Board an overview of recent events at each of the schools. At Bradt four students got a surprise homecoming by their father who has been deployed for the last year; at Pinewood 297 participated in the Spring Concert which is almost half of the school population involved with the music program; Draper Middle School orchestra and select choir students participated in the Great East Musical Festival then went to Six Flags New England for a field trip; the High School held a signing ceremony for 11 athletes who have committed to playing sports in college.

Mr. Abbott then recognized the student representatives for their monthly updates and said they were the highlights of the Board meetings. He wished them great success in their future endeavors and presented the students with certificates and Mohonasen pins.

Mohonasen Teachers' Association representatives Lori Giattino, Liesha Sherman, and Maureen Geagan handed out some treats and thanked the Board for all of their hard work and they look forward to continuing to work together.

Matt Ronca presented the Annual Athletic Report to the Board. He noted that each athletic season saw an increase in student participation. Mr. Ronca reported that several Mohonasen teams did very well in their divisions including Girls' Swimming and Girls' Bowling being Colonial Council and Section 2 Champions, Unified Bowling being Section

Champions, and Track Section 2 Champions Alexis Brown, Blake Gannon, and Melissa Quinlivan.

The Board discussed the Board of Education meeting schedule for 2023-2024. Mr. Abbott pointed out that the newly elected Board members should have some input on this discussion. It was decided to postpone discussing it further until the next meeting when Mr. Ryan and Mrs. Ciampino could have some input.

Mr. Shine explained that the Board adopts a set of District Goals each year and it was optimal to have that done prior to the reorganization meeting in July. Mr. McFarland noted that it was one of the most important aspects of being on the Board of Education. He also had some questions regarding the student assessments with the pilot programs and asked Mr. Shine to provide some additional information about them. Mrs. Montagino suggested the word “continue” be added to the statement on engaging faculty and staff.

Mr. Abbott gave an update on upcoming changes to Mohonasen’s team name and logo. He said the Board had hoped to keep the logo and the Warrior name; however, that will not be possible. He added that if they take the issue to court they would certainly lose and the cost would be significant. At the June 20th meeting the Board will be passing a resolution saying they will comply with the regulation changes by the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. McFarland added that the Board has been saying all along they would welcome the community’s input and involvement.

Mr. Shine thanked those who attended the Tenure and Retirement Reception and congratulated the faculty and staff who were honored, including Board members Mrs. MacTurk and Mrs. Gaglioti.

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: Rebecca Pollick-Sawyer, Deb Escobar, Matt Robbins, Todd Lewis, Lizzie Lewis

Communications - Board of Education

Mrs. Power stated that she agreed with those who have been coming to Board meetings saying that all students need to feel like they belong and are welcome and she would like it addressed by the Board. Mr. Abbott said he recognized that they have not made a statement on this issue and that as a Board of seven members they have their challenges. Mr. Shine pointed out that they do not yet have a formal DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) policy.

Mr. Abbott reminded the Board that there were plenty of events going on to participate in like the Issues Fair and advocacy opportunities.

Old Business**New Business -
Instructional**

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

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. Montagino, 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 03/08/2023, 03/16/2023, 03/21/2023, 04/04/2023, 04/05/2023, 04/06/2023, 04/17/2023, 04/18/2023, 04/19/2023, 04/21/2023, 04/25/2023, 04/26/2023, 04/27/2023, 04/28/2023, 05/01/2023, 05/02/2023, 05/03/2023, 05/04/2023, 05/05/2023, 05/08/2023, 05/09/2023, 05/10/2023, 05/11/2023, 05/12/2023, 05/15/2023, 05/16/2023, 05/17/2023, 05/18/2023, 05/19/2023.

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

*Approval for Field
Trip to Italy, France
and Spain in April
2025*

Request Approval for a Field Trip to Italy, France and Spain in April 2025

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the 2025 trip to Italy, Spain and France.

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

**New Business -
Business/****Personnel**

*Authorization to
Enter into an
Agreement with
CDB Connections
for the Summer
2023 and the
2023-2024 School
Year*

Request Authorization to Enter into an Agreement with CDB Connections for the Summer 2023 and the 2023-2024 School Year

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education authorize an agreement with CDB Connections for the Summer 2023 and the 2023-2024

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

*Approval of
Agreement with
The Charlton
School for the
2023-2024 School
Year*

Request for Approval of Agreement with The Charlton School for the 2023-2024 School Year

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the agreement with the Charlton School for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Teachers' Association and the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District

Request for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Mohonasen Teachers' Association and the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. MacTurk, that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Mohonasen Teachers' Association and the Rotterdam-Mohonasen Central School District.

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

Acceptance of a National Fitness Campaign Grant

Request for Acceptance of a National Fitness Campaign Grant

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education accept a National Fitness Campaign Grant

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

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power that the Board of Education approve the minutes of May 8, 2023.

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

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power that the Board of Education approve the minutes of May 16, 2023 - Budget Vote.

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

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Montagino that the Board of Education approve the minutes of May 23, 2023.

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

Personnel

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.

Appointments

Nicole Mason

Appointment: Probationary

Position: English Language Arts

Tenure Area: English Academic areas

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023

Expiration Date: August 31, 2024

Certification Status: English Language Arts (Grades 5-9) Professional certificate

Salary: Step 10 plus graduate credits

Taylor Grabo
Appointment: Probationary
Position: Algebra
Tenure Area: Mathematics 7-12
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023
Expiration Date: August 31, 2027
Certification Status: Pending Certification
Salary: Step 1 plus graduate credits

Stephen Fucarino
Appointment: Probationary
Position: Special Education Teacher (High School)
Tenure Area: Education of children with handicapping conditions-general
special education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023
Expiration Date: August 31, 2026
Certification Status: Special Education, Permanent
Salary: Step 18 plus graduate credits

Taylor Wood
Appointment: Probationary
Position: Special Education Teacher (Bradt)
Tenure Area: Education of children with handicapping conditions-general
special education
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2023
Expiration Date: August 31, 2027
Certification Status: Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Initial
Salary: Step 4 plus graduate credits

Blaise Milliman
Appointment: P/T Cleaner
Location: High School
Effective Date: May 30, 2023
Salary: \$14.20/per hour

Albert Tariello
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
Location: Transportation
Effective Date: May 30, 2023
Salary: \$14.20/per hour

Alexis Sledewski
Appointment: Bus Aide
Location: Transportation
Effective Date: May 30, 2023
Salary: \$14.20/per hour

Zoey Flansburg
 Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper
 Location: Varies
 Effective Date: May 18, 2023
 Salary: \$14.20/per hour

2023 (Bradt) Summer Curriculum Work - \$190.62/Day July 1 - August 31, 2023

| Name | # Days |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Andrea Pigliavento | 2 |
| Anna Dagostino | 2 |
| Brittney Willsie | 2 |
| Colleen Palleschi | 2 |
| Elizabeth Ciccone | 2 |
| Elizabeth Kelly | 2 |
| Emily Burns | 2 |
| Jessica Filarecki | 2 |
| Kathleen Sansone | 1 |
| Kerriane Pace | 2 |
| Kristen Dietz | 5 |
| Laura Eggleston | 2 |
| Marianne Masick | 3 |
| Melissa Goard | 1 |
| Melissa McGowan | 2 |
| Susan Yates | 2 |
| Jessica Rau | 6 |
| Chloe Bellcourt | 1 |
| Christine Baumann | 1 |
| Renee Poutre | 2 |
| Michele Hackett | 2 |
| Maria Andrew | 2 |

2023 (Draper) Summer Curriculum Work - \$190.62/Day July 1 - August 31, 2023

| Name | # Days |
|---------------------|---------------|
| MaryAnn Nickloy | 5 |
| Michelle Gafney | 1 |
| Nikki Schaap | 3 |
| Lori Giattino | 3 |
| Michelle Fraser | 1 |
| Brittney Jory | 3 |
| Ashley Samborin | 6 |
| Mary Frances Gorton | 5 |

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| Jenna Niles | 5 |
| Carolyn Lundy | 5 |
| Sara Bach | 5 |
| Joanna Keith | 5 |
| Jenn Fritz-Walbroehl | 3 |
| Dan Hoke | 2 |
| Abigail Fast | 2 |
| Bill VanWie | 3 |
| Josh Sawicki | 3 |
| Will Grady | 3 |
| Anya Makovik | 10 |
| Danielle Heidcamp | 6 |
| Renee Gandrow | 5 |
| Amie Espinola | 4 |
| Jennifer McGuire | 4 |
| Cathy Scheer | 5 |

2023 (High School) Summer Curriculum Work - \$190.62/Day July 1 - August 31, 2023

| Name | # Days |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Rebecca Bartlett | 4 |
| Brian Shaffer | 2 |
| Priscilla Perry | 5 |
| Kristen Vachon | 2 |
| Tara Halliday | 2 |
| Mal Martin | 7 |
| Taylor Grabo | 5 |
| Jen Spore | 3 |
| Evan Denning | 3 |
| Jeff Laudenshlager | 3 |
| Katie Bartone | 5 |
| Adam Barr | 5 |
| Meredith McLeod | 5 |
| Victoria Mitchell | 5 |
| Brian Galati | 5 |
| Dawn Aulita | 3 |
| Alex Niedbalec | 3 |
| Rebecca Shea | 6 |

2023 (K-12 SEL) Summer Curriculum Work - \$190.62/Day July 1 - August 31, 2023

| Name | # Days |
|------------------|---------------|
| Savanah Crouch | 3 |
| Jeanna Stapleton | 2 |

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| Mary Frances Gorton | 2 |
| Briana Tiernan | 3 |
| Diane Blinn | 2 |
| Jenn Jeffs | 2 |

2023 SPED Summer Curriculum Work - \$190.62/Day July 1 - August 31, 2023

| Name | # Days |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Amanda Brooks | 2 |
| Amanda Kuhn | 1 |
| Amanda Rider | 1 |
| Ben Pierson | 4 |
| Brittney Jory | 2 |
| Christine Cipriano | 1 |
| Erica Restifo | 4 |
| Jen Fahsel | 3 |
| Jessica Rau | 1 |
| Kerry Vumbaco | 1 |
| Liz Haynesworth | 1 |
| Lori Giattino | 3 |
| Michelle Fraser | 1 |
| Nikki Schapp | 1 |
| Sarah Urbanski | 1 |
| Stephanie Arnold | 1 |
| Anthony Amitrano | 1 |
| Casey Collins | 1 |
| Kate Daggett | 1 |
| Ann Delaney | 1 |
| Ashley Geyer | 1 |
| Cassandra Mastracy | 1 |
| Krista Zajesky | 1 |
| Michelle Gaffney | 2 |
| Danielle Coffey | 1 |
| Kitty Sansone | 1 |

2023 (TA) Summer Curriculum Work - \$ Hourly Rate July 1 - August 31, 2023

| Name | # Days |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Mary Gradoni | 1 |
| Mandy Moore | 1 |
| Mark Mullens | 1 |
| Mary Walsh Pacifico | 1 |
| Megan Thompson | 1 |
| Brian Atwell | 1 |
| Cheryl Balko | 1 |
| Francesca DiNola | 1 |

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| Dina Gianatano | 1 |
| Marsci Gunn | 1 |
| Kelly LaRue | 1 |
| Erica MacDormand | 1 |
| Nicholas Palazeke | 1 |
| Shawn Quinlivan | 1 |
| Melissa Roggio | 1 |
| Tiffany Varma | 1 |

2023 Bradt Summer Stars Teachers- July 5 - August 1, 2023-3 hrs. per day/Mon. - Thurs.

| Name | Assignment | Dates | Step |
|------------------|------------|-------------------|------|
| Madison Crandell | Teacher | July 5 - August 1 | 1 |
| Jennifer Peretta | Teacher | July 5 - August 1 | 1 |
| Brooke Haviland | Teacher | July 5- August 1 | 1 |
| Alysa Green | Teacher | July 5- August 1 | 1 |

2023 Summer Work Guidance Counselors

| Name | # Days |
|--------------------|--------|
| Kyra Grimsley | 10 |
| Angie Santabarbara | 10 |
| Amy Huszar | 13 |
| Duane Wood | 10 |
| Deborah Wood | 10 |
| Hannah Deisinger | 10 |
| Bernadette Nichols | 15 |
| Danielle Conway | 10 |
| Becky Pauley | 7 |

2023-2024 Student Teacher

| Name | Bldg. | Assignment | Dates |
|-------------|-------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Hannah Boss | Bradt | Kindergarten Teacher | 9/5/23 - 12/19/23 |

2022-2023 Intramurals

| Name | Building |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Jim Huggins | High School |
| Douglas Hallberg | Draper Middle School |
| Nicole Schaap | Draper Middle School |

2022-2023 Just Run Track Club

| Name | Payment |
|----------------|---------|
| Bill Sherman | \$292 |
| Liesha Sherman | \$292 |

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| Tom Howley | \$292 |
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2023-2024 - Instructional Leaders

| Name | Position | Stipend |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Andrea Pigliavento | Kindergarten | \$2491 |
| Laura Eggleston | First Grade | \$2491 |
| Rita McGuire | Second Grade | \$2491 |
| Michele Hackett | PBIS Bradt | \$2491 |
| Kasey Califano | PBIS Pinewood | \$2491 |
| Diane Krawiecki | Third Grade | \$2491 |
| Marina Strang | Fourth Grade | \$2491 |
| Aime Tanuzzo | Fifth Grade | \$2491 |
| Kim Whipple | Sixth Grade | \$2491 |
| Kim Trestick | Sixth Grade | \$2491 |
| Jenna Niles | Seventh Grade | \$2491 |
| Josh Whipple | Seventh Grade | \$2491 |
| William VanWie | Eighth Grade | \$1245.50 |
| Danielle Grainer | Eighth Grade | \$1245.50 |
| Erika Pangburn | Eighth Grade | \$2491 |
| Ashley Geyer | K-5 Special Education | \$2491 |
| Amanda Rider | 6-8 Special Education | \$2491 |
| Mary Ann Nickloy | 6-8 Mathematics | \$2491 |
| Brian Shaffer | 6-12 Social Studies | \$2491 |
| Maureen Geagan | World Language 7-12 | \$2491 |
| Robert Higgins | 9-12 Mathematics | \$2491 |
| Rebecca Shea | 6-12 Science | \$2491 |
| Jamie Murray | K-6 Art | \$2491 |
| Allison Vaughn | 7-12 Art | \$2491 |
| Jeff Hayes | English 9-12 | \$2491 |
| Rochelle Obie | Business Advisory Board | \$2491 |
| Josh Whipple | Athletic Hall of Fame Coordinator | \$2491 |
| Sharon Berschwinger | Literacy Coach | \$2491 |
| Heidi Depiero | Literacy Coach | \$2491 |
| Autumn Wallace | Student Resource Center | \$1245.50 |
| Diane Blinn | Student Resource Center | \$1245.50 |
| Angie Lasher | Anchor Room | \$2491 |
| Krista Zajesky | Wilson Instructor | \$2491 |
| Erin Dangan | MS Dean | \$2491 |
| Kyra Grimsley | MS Counseling | \$2491 |

Resignations

Kevin Reiss
 Appointment: Teacher Assistant
 Effective Date: May 26, 2023

Shaun Bishunath
Appointment: Bus Driver
Effective Date: April 28, 2023

Marcsi Gunn
Appointment: Teacher Assistant
Effective Date: Close of business June 23, 2023

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mrs. MacTurk seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that an executive session be convened at 9:10 PM for the purpose of discussing the contract negotiations. Mrs. Gaglioti rejoined the meeting and Mr. Ryan and Mrs. Ciampino were also present.

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the executive session be adjourned at 11:18 PM. Mrs. Gaglioti left at 10:15 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 11:19 PM.

The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business