

# Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, February 26, 2024  
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

## **Call to Order**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:01 PM.

## **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** *Wade Abbott, Danielle Ciampino, Julie Power, Pat Ryan and Chad McFarland; Melissa Laudano (attended virtually, nonvoting)*

**Board Members Absent:** *Ericka Montagino*

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

**Others in Attendance:** *Craig Chandler and Tom O'Connor*

## **Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power at 6:01 PM, that an Executive Session be convened for the purpose of reviewing tenure portfolios. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

## **Return to Public Session**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 6:28 PM.

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, Julie Power, Pat Ryan, and Chad McFarland; Melissa Laudano (attended virtually, nonvoting)*

**Board Members Absent:** *Ericka Montagino*

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

**Others in Attendance:** *Kim Kondenar, Nicole Gabriel, Brittany Willsie, Chloe Bellcourt, Paige Greene, Teresa Bancheri, Liesha Sherman, student a capella group - 4 Good Measure, and 12 members of the community.*

## **Personnel**

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education move the personnel section to the beginning of the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations.

Mr. Abbott abstained from voting.

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

*Tenure*

Brittany Willsie  
Appointment: Elementary Education  
Effective Date: August 31, 2024

Chloe Bellcourt  
Appointment: Elementary Education  
Effective Date: August 31, 2024

Paige Greene  
Appointment: Elementary Education  
Effective Date: August 31, 2024

Teresa Bancheri  
Appointment: Reading  
Effective Date: August 31, 2024

*Appointments*

Valerie Talbot  
Appointment: Probationary  
Location: Mohonasen High School  
Tenure Area: School Social Worker  
Date of Commencement: March 28, 2024  
Expiration Date: Close of business March 27, 2028  
Certification Status: School Social Worker Permanent Certificate  
Step/Salary: Step 7 plus Graduate Credits

Jasmine Hildreth  
Appointment: Teaching Assistant  
Location: Pinewood  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
Date of Commencement: February 26, 2024  
Salary: Step 2

Ciarra Ferrara  
Appointment: Teaching Assistant  
Location: Mohonasen High School  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
Date of Commencement: February 12, 2024  
Salary: Step 4

Mya Romeo  
Appointment: Clerk  
Location: Mohonasen High School  
Effective Date: February 26, 2024  
Salary: \$21,500.00

Brian Dobies  
 Appointment: Substitute Monitor  
 Location: Districtwide  
 Effective Date: February 28, 2024  
 Salary: \$15.75 per hour

Brian Gage  
 Appointment: Security Monitor  
 Location: Districtwide  
 Effective Date: February 28, 2024  
 Salary: \$27,463.00

John Helion  
 Appointment: Security Monitor  
 Location: Districtwide  
 Effective Date: February 26, 2024  
 Salary: \$27,463.00

Lisa Davis  
 Appointment: Security Monitor  
 Location: Districtwide  
 Effective Date: March 18, 2024  
 Salary: \$27,000.00

Tyler Judeikis  
 Appointment: P/T Security Monitor  
 Location: Districtwide  
 Effective Date: February 26, 2024  
 Salary: \$16.50 per hour

Tyler Judeikis  
 Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide  
 Location: Transportation  
 Date of Commencement: February 12, 2024  
 Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Victoria Jimenez  
 Appointment: Substitute Cafeteria Aide  
 Location: Bradt  
 Date of Commencement: February 12, 2024  
 Salary: \$15.00 per hour

#### **Instructional Duty 2023-2024**

| <b>Name</b> | <b>Activity</b> | <b># Hours</b> | <b>Rate</b> |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Jeff Abrey  | School Banking  | Up to 40 hours | \$36.28     |

#### **2023-2024 High School PM School Tutoring**

| <b>Name:</b>    | <b>Assignment</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Kathy Holoboski | PM School Tutor   |

**Mentor 2023-2024** (stipend per MTA contract) Pro rated from 3/28/24

| <b>Name</b>     | <b>Building</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Margaret Sutton | High School     |

**Extra Curricular Activities 2023-2024**

| <b>Name</b>                     | <b>Advisor(s)</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Black and Latino Achievers Club | Milvia Mendez     |
| Robotics Club                   | Rob Buehler       |

**2024 Spring Coaches**

| <b>Name</b>              | <b>Sport/Level</b>                      | <b>Coaching Step</b>   |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Kevin Sheremeta          | Varsity Baseball                        | 7                      |
| James Dilbone            | Varsity Baseball Assistant              | 7                      |
| Richard Caruso           | JV Baseball                             | 7                      |
| (Jim) Demetrious Huggins | Freshman Baseball                       | 7 + Longevity<br>\$575 |
| Jon Caffarella           | Modified Baseball                       | 1                      |
| Bianca Lyon              | Varsity Softball                        | 7                      |
| Michael Fratus           | Varsity Softball Assistant              | 6                      |
| Mike Thompson            | JV/Varsity Softball Volunteer Assistant | Volunteer              |
| Kayla Fountain           | JV Softball                             | 2                      |
| Taylor Lupi              | Modified Softball                       | 2                      |
| Bart Metzold             | Boys Varsity Tennis                     | Paid by<br>Schenectady |
| Tom Howley               | Track & Field Head                      | 7                      |
| Tara Halliday            | Boys Track Assistant                    | 7                      |
| Janey Julian             | Boys Track Assistant                    | 7                      |
| Evan Denning             | Girls Track Assistant                   | 2                      |
| Emily Burns (.5)         | Girls Track Assistant (.5)              | 7                      |
| Brian Atwell             | Boys/Girls Throws Coach                 | 3                      |
| Wade Abbott              | Boys Modified Track                     | Volunteer              |
| Nicole Soblosy           | Boys Modified Track                     | 3                      |
| Rochelle Obie            | Girls Modified Track                    | 3                      |
| Open                     | Girls Modified Track                    |                        |
| Matt Marotta             | Boys Varsity Lacrosse                   | Paid by                |

|                   |                                     |                        |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                   |                                     | Schenectady            |
| Rich Burega       | Boys Varsity Lacrosse<br>Assistant  | Paid By<br>Schenectady |
| Alex Cook         | Boys JV Lacrosse                    | Paid By<br>Schenectady |
| Dominic Meola     | Boys Modified Lacrosse              | Paid By<br>Schenectady |
| Keith Pollizatto  | Girls Varsity Lacrosse              | Paid By<br>Schenectady |
| Delaney Kendricks | Girls Varsity Lacrosse<br>Assistant | Paid By<br>Schenectady |
| Brielle Frank     | Girls JV Lacrosse                   | Paid By<br>Schenectady |
| Open              | Girls Modified Lacrosse             | Paid By<br>Schenectady |
| Ray Kearney       | Strength and Conditioning           | 7                      |

*Resignations*

Patrick Nichols  
Appointment: Teacher Assistant  
Effective Date: Close of business March 2, 2024

Kathleen Mangina  
Appointment: Cafeteria Aide  
Effective Date: Close of business February 16, 2024

*Terminations*

Crystal Hiscock  
Appointment: Security Monitor  
Effective Date: Close of business February 29, 2024

Melissa Roggio  
Appointment: Teacher Assistant  
Effective Date: Close of business February 26, 2024

*Removal from Service*

Svitlana Mausler  
Appointment: Food Service Helper  
Effective Date: Close of business February 5, 2024

**Communications -  
Superintendent**

Kim Kondenar shared some highlights from the 2023-2024 year for the music department. The high school and middle school have had some very successful theatrical performances and are looking forward to Anastasia in March. Several students were invited to compete on the all state level and other area contests. The Mohonasen High School a cappella group, 4 Good

Measure, are heading to the regional semi-finals in March and the marching band are the current state champions. 4 Good Measure then performed a portion of their act for the Board. Mr. McFarland and Mr. Abbott congratulated the students and music department teachers and coaches on their long history of musical accomplishments.

Mr. Ruberti gave the BOE an update on the calculation of the tax cap for the 2024-25 budget year. The final calculation submitted to the NYS Comptroller's Office was 1.84% on the prior year levy. Mr. Ruberti then estimated the expected impact on the average taxpayer in the District to be about \$40 for a \$150,000 full value home.. He then reported on several components of the budget, including BOCES, employee benefits, and general support. Mr. Ruberti shared the various increases in benefits which comprise a significant part of the overall budget. The largest increases in the coming year are for health insurance, but there are also increases in the contribution rates for both retirement systems, ERS and TRS. He concluded by reviewing the budget calendar and upcoming presentations. He answered questions throughout the presentation.

### **Public Privilege Of The Floor**

*No one wished to address the Board of Education.*

### **Communications - Board of Education**

Mr. Abbott reminded the Board that there was still an opportunity for members to sign up for Coffee and Conversations at three out of the four locations.

Mr. Abbott said he was very appreciative of being asked to attend Career Day at Pinewood recently. He added that the students asked some great questions.

### **Old Business**

*Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policies - 6190 Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement*

### **Request for Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policy - 6190 Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the second reading of policy 6190.

After some discussion, the motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

*Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policies - 7350 Timeout and Physical Restraint*

### **Request for Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policy - 7350 Timeout and Physical Restraint**

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the second reading of policy 7350.

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

*Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policies - 7618 Use of Time Out Rooms*

### **Request for Approval of Second Reading and Deletion of Board Policy - 7618 Use of Time Out Rooms**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the second reading of policy 7618.

The motion was passed unanimously, five 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 Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino 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, five members present and voting.

**New Business -  
Business/Personnel**

*Approval of Agreement  
with Capital Area School  
Development Association  
(CASDA)*

**Request for Approval of Agreement with Capital Area School Development Association (CASDA)**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve the agreement with Capital Area School Development Association (CASDA).

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

*Approval of Contract  
with St. Colman's Home  
Inc. for the 2023-2024  
School Year*

**Request Approval of Contract with St. Colman's Home Inc. for the 2023-2024 School Year**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve of the contract with St. Colman's Home Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

*Approval for Amending  
the 2023-2024 Board of  
Education Meeting  
Dates*

**Request Approval for Amending the 2023-2024 Board of Education Meeting Dates**

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the amending of the 2023-2024 Board of Education meeting dates.

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

*Acceptance of Monetary  
Donation to  
MohonCARES from  
Thomas Pest Services*

**Request for Acceptance of Monetary Donation to MohonCARES from Thomas Pest Services**

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education accept a monetary donation to MohonCARES.

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

*Approval of Health and  
Welfare Contract with  
the City School District  
of Albany*

**Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with the City School District of Albany**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the City School District of Albany.

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

*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. Ciampino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with the Bethlehem Central School District.

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

*Approval of Resolution to Authorize Expenditures for School Buses some discussion*

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

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve of a resolution to authorize expenditures for school buses some discussion

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

**Approved Minutes**

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of February 5, 2024.

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

**Financial Reports**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the financial reports for January 2024.

After some discussion the motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

**Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:43 PM.

The motion passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

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Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business