

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, March 25, 2024
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:04 PM.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Wade Abbott, Danielle Ciampino, Julie Power, Pat Ryan, Ericka Montagino, Chad McFarland, and Melissa Laudano*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others in Attendance: *None*

Executive Session

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano at 6:05 PM, that an Executive Session be convened for the purpose of discussing a specific personnel matter. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Return to Public Session

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 6:33 PM.

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:37 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, Chad McFarland, Ericka Montagino, and Melissa Laudano*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others in Attendance: *Liesha Sherman, Tara Wolfanger, Emily Gibson, and Rebecca Milano*

Personnel

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education move the personnel section to the beginning of the meeting.

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations.

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

Tenure

Tara Wolfanger

Appointment: Elementary Education

Effective Date: August 31, 2024

Lorena Hurst
Appointment: Elementary Education
Effective Date: August 31, 2024

Emily Gibson
Appointment: Elementary Education
Effective Date: August 31, 2024

Bianca Lyon
Appointment: Elementary Education
Effective Date: August 31, 2024

Rebecca Milano
Appointment: Elementary Education
Effective Date: September 19, 2024

Appointments

Sandra Sheeley (amended from March 11, 2024)
Appointment: Probationary
Tenure Area: Foreign Language Academic Areas
Date of Commencement: July 1, 2024
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2028
Certification Status: Spanish 7-12 Professional Certificate and English
Speaker of Other Languages Professional Certificate
Step/Salary: Step 10 plus Graduate Credits

Indira Singh
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Date of Commencement: March 20, 2024
Salary: Step 2

Marianne Weden
Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Location: Varies
Date of Commencement: March 25, 2024
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Arielle Coons
Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Location: Varies
Date of Commencement: March 20, 2024
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Samantha Robbins
Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Location: Varies
Date of Commencement: March 20, 2024
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Lynn Nuzback
Appointment: Cafeteria Aide
Location: Pinewood
Date of Commencement: March 25, 2024
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Xhayne Epperson
Appointment: Lifeguard, WSI Aide, WSI
Location: District Pool
Effective Date: April 1, 2024
Salary: Lifeguard \$15.00/ hour, WSI Aide \$15.50/ hour, and WSI \$16.50/
hour

Stella Cox
Appointment: Lifeguard, WSI Aide, WSI
Location: District Pool
Effective Date: April 1, 2024
Salary: Lifeguard \$15.00/ hour, WSI Aide \$15.50/ hour, and WSI \$16.50/
hour

Resignations

Marsha Elliott
Appointment: 3rd Grade Teacher
Effective Date: Close of business August 31, 2024

Jared Leader
Appointment: Cleaner
Effective Date: March 22, 2024

Tammy Price
Appointment: Substitute Cafeteria Aide
Effective Date: March 15, 2024

Victoria Robbins
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
Effective Date: March 15, 2024

Removal from Service

Chelsea Gonzalez
Appointment: Substitute Cafeteria Aide
Effective Date: March 15, 2024

Ben Fares Ferdaons
Appointment: Substitute Cafeteria Aide
Effective Date: March 15, 2024

Colleen Kayser
Appointment: Substitute Cafeteria Aide
Effective Date: March 15, 2024

Alexandra Jerreld
Appointment: Substitute Cafeteria Aide
Effective Date: March 15, 2024

Guillermina Otero
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
Effective Date: March 15, 2024

Joseph Giso
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
Effective Date: March 15, 2024

Barbara Leoardo
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
Effective Date: March 15, 2024

Shawn Bishunath
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
Effective Date: March 15, 2024

David Marchesani
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
Effective Date: March 15, 2024

Albert Tariello
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
Effective Date: March 15, 2024

Armondo Rodriguez
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
Effective Date: March 15, 2024

**Communications -
Superintendent**

Mr. Ruberti gave the BOE a presentation on the proposed budget for 2024-25. He indicated that they would be voting on adopting this spending plan later in the meeting and that would be the budget that would go before the voters on May 21m, 2024. During the presentation he indicated that the District had added \$150,000 to appropriated fund balance to leave open the option of adding another School Resource Officer (SRO) to the District next year without impacting any of the other staffing and expenses in the budget. Mr. Ruberti then reviewed the overall budget timeline and answered other questions from the Board.

Mr. Shine then continued the discussion on having an additional SRO split time between the elementary buildings. He asked the Board what their main concerns were and what was the best way to address those concerns. Mr. Ryan said he liked the continuity for the students of having law enforcement on site from elementary to secondary age. It was decided to put an additional \$150,000 into the appropriated fund balance in order to allow for the possibility of an additional SRO in 2024-25.

Mr. Abbott asked for a motion to amend the proposed 2024-2025 school year budget.

MOTION was made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino that the Board of Education approve of amending the proposed 2024-2025 school year budget.

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

Public Privilege Of The Floor

No one wished to address the Board of Education.

Communications - Board of Education

Mr. McFarland applauded the students and staff who participated in the musical, Anastasia.

Mr. Abbott said he thought Coffee and Conversation was a success. He added that staff from the transportation said that many of their concerns from the previous year had been addressed.

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 Ms. Laudano 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.

Approval for the Drone Soccer Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip

Request Approval for the Drone Soccer Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the Drone Soccer Team to participate in an out of area trip.

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

New Business - Business/Personnel

Approval to Adopt the Amended Proposed 2024-2025 School Year Budget

Request for Approval to Adopt the Amended Proposed 2024-2025 School Year Budget

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve to adopt the amended proposed 2024-2025 school year budget.

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

Approval of Summer School/Summer Programs Salary Schedule

Request for Approval of Summer School/Summer Programs Salary Schedule

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve of the summer school/summer programs salary schedule.

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

*Approve Borrowing for
Bus Purchases*

Request to Approve Borrowing for Bus Purchases

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve borrowing for bus purchases.

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

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

Request for Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Guilderland 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 Guilderland Central School District.

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

Approved Minutes

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of March 11, 2024.

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

Financial Reports

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Board of Education approve the financial reports for February 2024.

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

Bids

*Approval to Participate in
Cooperative Waste
Removal Services Bid*

Request for Approval to Participate in Cooperative Waste Removal Services Bid

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve to participate in Cooperative Waste Removal Services bid.

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

Executive Session

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that an executive session be convened at 7:43 PM for the purpose of discussing a particular legal matter.

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

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:49 PM and return to the open meeting.

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

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:49 PM.

The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.