

# Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024  
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

## **Roll Call**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:34 PM. Mr. Abbott requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

**Board Members Absent:** *Pat Ryan*

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

**Others in Attendance:** *Liesha Sherman, Tara Wolfanger, Bryannah Green, Joyce Long, Lori Giattino, Brittany Laudenschlager, Nikki Ouellette, Nicole Schaap, Ashley Geyer, Nick Giardono, Ted Perretta, and one member of the community.*

## **Communications - Superintendent**

The names of the three Board of Education candidates were randomly selected for the ballot order by Mrs. Wolfanger. The order on the ballot will be Ericka Montagino, Ted Perretta, and Nick Giardono.

It was decided to table the discussion on Security Resource Officers until the May 13, 2024 meeting.

The Board discussed the 2024-2025 meeting schedule. It was agreed that the meetings will continue to meet at 6:30 PM. After discussing various options it was decided that the Board would continue the conversation after Mr. Shine provides a list of 2024-2025 presentations.

## **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, six members present and voting.

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

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

## *Retirements*

Wendy Bank  
Assignment: Cleaner (Pinewood)  
Effective Date: May 1, 2024

## *Appointments*

Kimberly Karly-Ramsundar  
Appointment: Probationary  
Location: High School

Tenure Area: School Counseling and Guidance  
Date of Commencement: July 1, 2024  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2028  
Certification Status: School Counselor Provisional Certificate  
Step/Salary: Step 6 plus Graduate Credits

Jean-Marie Davis  
Appointment: Probationary  
Location: Draper  
Tenure Area: School Counseling and Guidance  
Date of Commencement: July 1, 2024  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2028  
Certification Status: School Counselor Initial Certificate  
Step/Salary: Step 2 plus Graduate Credits

Tucker McKewon  
Appointment: Probationary  
Location: High School  
Tenure Area: Science Academic Areas  
Date of Commencement: July 1, 2024  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2028  
Certification Status: Earth Science 7-12 Initial Certificate, Biology 7-12 Initial Certificate, General Science 7-12 Extension Initial Extension Annotation  
Step/Salary: Step 8 plus Graduate Credits

Melissa Williams  
Appointment: Probationary  
Location: Pinewood  
Tenure Area: Elementary Pre-K-6  
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2024  
Expiration Date: Close of business August 31, 2028  
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial Certificate  
Step/Salary: Step 3 plus Graduate Credits

Abigail Simon  
Appointment: Probationary  
Location: Pinewood  
Tenure Area: Elementary Pre-K-6  
Date of Commencement: September 1, 2024  
Expiration Date: Close of business August 31, 2028  
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional Certificate  
Step/Salary: Step 4 plus Graduate Credits

Bryannah Green  
Appointment: Probationary  
Location: Pinewood  
Tenure Area: Elementary Pre-K-6

Date of Commencement: September 1, 2024  
Expiration Date: Close of business August 31, 2028  
Certification Status: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Initial Certificate  
Step/Salary: Step 1 plus Graduate Credits  
Kelsey Simonds  
Appointment: Teaching Assistant  
Location: Pinewood  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
Date of Commencement: April 8, 2024  
Salary: Step 1

Kaitlynn Geremonte  
Appointment: Teaching Assistant  
Location: Pinewood  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
Date of Commencement: April 16, 2024  
Salary: Step 1

David Nixon  
Assignment: Computer Operations Support Specialist  
Location: Districtwide  
Effective Date: February 13, 2023  
Salary: \$50,980.00

Tyler Judekis  
Appointment: Bus Driver  
Location: Transportation  
Effective Date: April 17, 2024  
Salary: \$21.30 per hour

Thomas Brush II  
Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide  
Location: Transportation  
Effective Date: April 10, 2024  
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Debbie Young  
Appointment: Cleaner  
Location: Pinewood  
Effective Date: April 17, 2024  
Salary: \$31,320 (2nd shift differential)

Lorraine Girard  
Appointment: Cafe Aide (Breakfast)  
Location: Bradt  
Effective Date: April 11, 2024  
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Anjani Balgobin  
 Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
 Location: Varies  
 Effective Date: April 15, 2024  
 Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Mason Carney  
 Appointment: Lifeguard and WSI Aide  
 Location: District Pool  
 Effective Date: May 1, 2024  
 Salary: Lifeguard \$15.00/ hour and WSI Aide \$15.50/ hour

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

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Gerard Smith	PM School Tutor

**2023-2024 Draper PM School Tutoring**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Kevin Bates	PM School Tutor

**2024 APEX July 8, 2024 – August 1, 2024 3 hrs. per day  
 (Monday–Thurs)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Step</b>
Danielle Heidcamp	Teacher	3
Jennifer McGuire	Teacher	7
Ashley Samborin	Teacher	2
Erin Degnan	Teacher	4
Tecia Pitterson	Teacher	1
Erika Riddick	Teacher	1
Milvia Mendez	Teacher	2
Marcia Figueroa	Teacher Assistant	1

**2024 Summer Work Guidance Counselors**

<b>Name</b>	<b># Days</b>
Kyra Grimsley	12
Angie Santabarbara	12
Kim Ramsundar	15
Jean Marie Davis	12
Danielle Conway	7
Amy Huszar	15
Taylor Diffley	15
Bernadette Nichols	15
Becky Pauley	12

**2024 Expedition Academy July 8, 2024 – August 1, 2024 3 hrs. per day (Monday-Thurs)**

Name	Assignment	Step
Erin Degnan	Teacher	4
Amie Espinola	Teacher	2
Kim Trestick	Teacher	10
Sara Bach	Teacher	5
Paola Cummings	Teacher	4
Melissa Goncerz	Teacher	4
Kyra Grimsley	Teacher	3
Brittney Laudenschlager	Teacher	2

**2024 Bradt Summer Stars Teachers- July 8 – August 1, 2024-3 hrs. per day/Mon. - Thurs.**

Name	Assignment	Step
Jennifer Perretta	Jump Start	2
Melissa Tracy	Jump Start	7
Chloe Bellcourt	Jump Start	4
Katlyn Cowee	Summer Stars Grade 1	1
Maria Savallo	Summer Stars Grade 1	2
Brittney Willsie	Summer Stars Grade 1	4
Maria Andrew	Summer Stars Grade 2	1
Allison McCormack	Summer Stars Grade 2	1
Danielle Klein	Summer Stars Grade 2	1
Elizabeth Rocco	Reading Specialist	10
Heather Higgins	Reading Specialist	1
Michele Hackett	Substitute Teacher	1
Amanda Ross	Substitute Teacher	1

**2024 Bradt Summer Stars Teacher Assistants- July 8 – August 1, 2024-3 hrs. per day/Mon. - Thurs.**

Name	Assignment	Step
Phyllis DelVecchio	Teacher Assistant	9
Brianna Coons	Teacher Assistant	1
Cindy Teriele	Teacher Assistant	1

**2024 Pinewood Summer Stars Teachers- July 8 – August 1, 2024-3 hrs. per day/Mon. - Thurs.**

Name	Assignment	Step
Kristen Adams	Teacher	3
Bailey Pangman	Teacher	2
Leah Kruzinski	Teacher	3
Amy Chevalier	Teacher	3
Melissa Williams	Teacher	3
Brianne Clark	Teacher	1

Kristen Taylor	Teacher	6
Richard Duff	Teacher	1
Amanda Gauvin	Teacher	4
Emily Gibson	Teacher	3
Maria Horn	Teacher	1
Amalia Luibrand	Teacher	1
McKenzie Ryan	Teacher	1
Tammy Pangman	Substitute Teacher	1
Brianna Coughlin	Substitute Teacher	1

**2024 Pinewood Summer Stars Teacher Assistants- July 8 - August 1,  
2024-3.5 hrs. per day/Mon. - Thurs.**

Name	Assignment	Step
Jasmine Hildreth	Teacher Assistant	1
Michael Noland	Teacher Assistant	1

**2023 - 2024 Curriculum Work - \$32.63/Hour**

Name	Hours
Diane Blinn	1.5
Melissa Goncerz	1.5
Edmund Rohrmeier	1.5

**2024 Summer Food Distribution and Anchor Room**

Name	Rate	Days/Hours
Diane Blinn	\$24.05/per hour	Up to 40 hours
Autumn Wallace	\$24.05/per hour	Up to 40 hours

**2024 High School Summer Health**

Name	Assignment	Hours	Step
Marcus Cronin	Health Teacher	60	1

**2024 Studio in Art Summer Session**

Name	Assignment	Hours	Step
Mike York	Art Teacher	105	1

**2024 Spring Coaches**

Name	Sport/Level	Step
Anthony Raimo	Modified Baseball	Volunteer
Ben Pierson	Unified Basketball	6
Diane Blinn	Unified Basketball	\$1,000

*Resignations*

Michelle Goss  
Appointment: High School Nurse  
Effective Date: May 31, 2024

Indira Singh  
 Appointment: Teaching Assistant  
 Effective Date: March 25, 2024

Rebecca Indovina  
 Appointment: Teaching Assistant  
 Effective Date: May 3, 2024

Kimberly Quinlivan  
 Appointment: Cafe Aide Bradt  
 Effective Date: March 28, 2024

Nick Giardono  
 Appointment: Substitute Monitor  
 Effective Date: April 12, 2024

**Return to  
 Communications-  
 Superintendent**

Director of Special Education, Joyce Long, along with Lori Giattino, Brittany Laudenschlager, Nikki Ouellette, Nicole Schaap, and Ashley Geyer gave the Board an update on the Special Education Department. They provided information on new programs being used, transition plans and an overview of the special education department.

**Public Privilege of the  
 Floor**

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

**Communications -  
 Board of Education**

Mrs. Montagino said she attended a JV softball and the sound system was amazing.

Ms. Laudano congratulated Mohonasen on being named a “Best Education Community” again.

Mr. Abbott announced that he would not be running for another term. Stating that he had only planned on serving for 1-2 terms and he has done that. He added that it has been his privilege to serve.

**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, six members present and voting.

*Approval for the Varsity Baseball Team to Participate in an Out of Area Trip*

**Approval for the Varsity Baseball 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 varsity baseball team participate in an out of area trip.

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

**New Business - Business/Personnel**

*Vote on BOCES 2024-2025 Administrative Budget*

**Vote on BOCES 2024-2025 Administrative Budget**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education vote in favor of the BOCES 2024-2025 Administrative Budget.

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

*Annual BOCES Board Election: Candidate LYNNE LENHARDT*

**Annual BOCES Board Election: Candidate LYNNE LENHARDT**

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education vote to elect BOCES Board candidate Lynne Lenhardt.

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

*Annual BOCES Board Election: Candidate KIMBERLY TULLY*

**Annual BOCES Board Election: Candidate KIMBERLY TULLY**

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education vote to elect BOCES Board candidate Kimberly Tully.

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

*Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with Averill Park Central School District*

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with Averill Park Central School District.

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

*Approval of Health and Welfare Contract with North Colonie Central School District*

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve a health and welfare contract with North Colonie Central School District.

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

*Approval of Resignation and Agreement with Michelle Goss*

**Resignation and Agreement with Michelle Goss**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the resignation and agreement with Michelle Goss.

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

*Approval of Property Tax Report Card*

**Request for Approval of Property Tax Report Card**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the property tax report card.

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



*Approval to Enter into a Service Agreement with Capital Region BOCES*

**Request for Approval to Enter into a Service Agreement with Capital Region BOCES**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve entering into a service agreement with Capital Region BOCES.

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

*Approval for Continuation of Mohonasen-Schalmont-Duanesburg Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving Team for the 2024-2025 School Year*

**Approval for Continuation of Mohonasen-Schalmont-Duanesburg Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving Team for the 2024-2025 School Year**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the continuation of Mohonasen-Schalmont-Duanesburg Girls Varsity Swimming and Diving Team for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

**Approved Minutes**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of March 25, 2024.

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

**Financial Reports**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the financial reports for March 2024.

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

**Bids**

*Approval to Award Cooperative Purchasing Contract for the Resurfacing of the Track on the Main Campus*

**Request for Approval to Award Cooperative Purchasing Contract for the Resurfacing of the Track on the Main Campus**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve to award a cooperative purchasing contract for the resurfacing of the track on the main campus

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

*Approval to Award Bid for Contract #01-2 – Resilient Flooring*

**Request for Approval to Award Bid for Contract #01-2 – Resilient Flooring**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve to award a bid for contract #01-2 – Resilient Flooring

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

**Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that an executive session be convened at 7:58 PM for the purpose of discussing the superintendent's annual evaluation.

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:29 PM and return to the open meeting. The motion was passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

**Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:29 PM.

The motion passed unanimously, six members present and voting.

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Christopher Ruberti  
Clerk - Board of Education  
Assistant Superintendent for Business