

# Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, June 17, 2024  
Farnsworth Technology Center/Mohonasen High School*

## **Call to Order**

The Board meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Mrs. Montagino at 5:36 PM. Mrs. Montagino requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

## **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Wade Abbott (arrived at 5:40 PM), Danielle Ciampino, Patrick Ryan (arrived at 5:40 PM), Ericka Montagino, Julie Power, Melissa Laudano, and Chad McFarland

**Board Members Absent:** None

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

**Others Present:** Resource Officer - Brandon DeLuke, and board member elects - Ted Perretta and Nick Giardono

## **Executive Session**

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that an executive session be convened at 5:36 PM for the purpose of discussing a security matter. The motion was passed unanimously, five members present and voting.

## **Return to Public Session**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the Executive Session be adjourned at 6:47 PM. The motion was passed, seven members present and voting.

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Abbott, at 6:52 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, Ted Perretta, and Nick Giardono

## **Communication - Superintendent**

The Board discussed the 2024-2025 District Goals. Mrs. Montagino suggested that chronic absenteeism be addressed in the goals. Mr. McFarland said he would like to see a goal of citizenship added. It was decided that the resolution to adopt the 2024-2025 District Goals

would be tabled until the July 10, 2024 meeting.

**Public Privilege of the Floor**

No one wished to address the Board of Education.

**Communications - Board of Education**

Mrs. Montagino congratulated Pinewood on a job well done on the school's field days. She thanked Mrs. Power and Mr. Abbott for their service as Board members.

Mr. Abbott reported that he and Mrs. Ciampino attended the High School Entrepreneur Fair and the students did very well at presenting their ideas. He also noted that the academic awards ceremony and athletic awards were excellent events.

Mrs. Power expressed her appreciation for many of Mohonasen's programs especially the music department and added that the District's teachers were all special people.

**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 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.

**New Business - Business/Personnel**  
*Authorization to Fund Reserve Accounts*

**Authorization to Fund Reserve Accounts**

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mrs. Montagino that the Board of Education authorize the funding of reserve accounts.

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

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

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

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Ms. Laudano that the Board of Education approve the health and welfare contract with the Enlarged City School District of Troy.

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

*Approval of First Reading of Board Policies*

**Request for Approval of First Reading of Board Policies**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino that the Board of Education approved the first reading of Board policies. After some discussion the motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Acceptance of the  
District's Goals for  
2024-2025*

**Request for Acceptance of the District's Goals for 2024-2025**  
MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino that the Board of Education table approving the District's Goals 2024-2025 until the July 10, 2024 meeting.  
The motion was unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Approval of Minutes**

MOTION made by Mrs. Montagino, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of June 3, 2024.  
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Financial Reports**

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that the Board of Education approve the financial reports from April 2024 and May 2024.  
The Motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Bids**

*Approval to Award  
Cooperative Waste  
Removal Services*

**Request for Approval to Award Cooperative Waste Removal Services**  
MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Montagino, that the Board of Education approve to award cooperative waste removal services.  
The Motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Personnel**

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Power, that the Board of Education approve the personnel recommendations..  
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

*Retirement*

Duane Wood (amended from the January 8, 2024 meeting)  
Assignment: Guidance Counselor  
Expiration Date: Close of business June 29, 2024

*Appointment*

Karla Empie  
Assignment: Interim Director of Special Education  
Effective Dates: June 24, 2024 – 3 days per week  
Salary: \$600.00 per diem rate

Cathy Scheer  
Appointment: Probationary  
Location: Draper Middle School  
Tenure Area: Mathematics Academic Areas  
Date of Commencement: July 1, 2024

Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2026  
 Certification Status: Mathematics 7-12 Professional Certificate  
 Step/Salary: Step 3 plus Graduate Credits

Jennifer Gallego-Hidalgo  
 Appointment: Probationary  
 Location: Bradt Elementary School  
 Tenure Area: School Counseling and Guidance  
 Date of Commencement: July 1, 2024  
 Expiration Date: Close of business June 30, 2027  
 Certification Status: School Counselor, Provisional  
 Step/Salary: Step 2 plus Graduate Credits

Jessica Elena Ramirez (*amended from the June 3, 2024 meeting*)  
 Appointment: P/T Monitor  
 Location: Districtwide  
 Date of Commencement: May 28, 2024  
 Salary: \$17.69 per hour

Dan Aniolek  
 Appointment: Substitute Monitor  
 Location: Districtwide  
 Date of Commencement: July 1, 2024  
 Salary: \$17.50 per hour

Kyle Barnoski  
 Appointment: Substitute Monitor  
 Location: Districtwide  
 Date of Commencement: June 24, 2024  
 Salary: \$15.75 per hour

Connor Candee  
 Assignment: Summer Cleaner  
 Location: Districtwide  
 Effective Date: June 17, 2024  
 Salary: \$15.00 per hour

**2024 TA Summer Professional Development - \$ Hourly Rate July 1 – August 31, 2024**

| Name           | # Days |
|----------------|--------|
| Kelsey Simonds | 2      |

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

| Name            | Assignment         | Step |
|-----------------|--------------------|------|
| Delilah Purcell | Reading Specialist | 1    |

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

| <b>Name</b>     | <b>Assignment</b>  | <b>Step</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Catherine Jiang | Substitute Teacher | 1           |

**2024 Summer Anchor Room**

| <b>Name</b>   | <b>Rate</b>                 | <b>Hours</b>   |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Angela Lasher | Hourly rate as per contract | Up to 40 hours |

**Extra Curricular Stipends Updated for 2023-24**

| <b>POSITION</b>                 | <b>School</b> | <b>2023-2024</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Animal Club                     | DMS           | \$950            |
| Art Club                        | MHS           | \$1,750          |
| Baking Club                     | DMS           | \$1,750          |
| Black and Latino Achievers Club | MHS           | \$2,000          |
| Class Advisor- 10th Grade       | MHS           | \$950            |
| Class Advisor- 11th Grade       | MHS           | \$2,000          |
| Class Advisor- 12th Grade       | MHS           | \$2,750          |
| Class Advisor- 9th Grade        | MHS           | \$950            |
| Computer Science club           | MHS           | \$950            |
| Creating Writing Club           | PW            | \$950            |
| DMS TV (2)                      | DMS           | \$2,000          |
| Drone Soccer Club               | MHS           | \$1,750          |
| Drone Soccer Team               | MHS           | \$2,000          |
| ESports                         | MHS           | \$2,000          |
| Fitness and Nutrition Club      | DMS           | \$950            |
| French Honor Society            | MHS           | \$950            |
| Gaming Club                     | MHS           | \$2,000          |
| GSA Club                        | DMS           | \$950            |
| Impressions Magazine            | MHS           | \$1,500          |
| Key Club- Do Something Club     | MHS           | \$2,000          |
| Lego Club                       | DMS           | \$1,750          |
| Library Book Club               | MHS           | \$950            |

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| Library Book Club                      | DMS  | \$950   |
| Master Minds                           | MHS  | \$1,750 |
| Math Counts Club                       | DMS  | \$950   |
| Math Honor Society                     | MHS  | \$950   |
| Math Olympiad                          | PW   | \$1,750 |
| Media Arts & Live Production Club      | MHS  | \$1,500 |
| Minecraft Club                         | DMS  | \$950   |
| Mock Trial                             | MHS  | \$2,000 |
| Mohon Masque Jr.                       | DMS  | \$3,000 |
| Music Production                       | MHS  | \$1,200 |
| National Business Honor Society        | MHS  | \$1,750 |
| National Honor Society                 | MHS  | \$1,750 |
| National Junior Honor Society          | DMS  | \$1,750 |
| Newspaper                              | MHS  | \$2,750 |
| Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator        | K-12 | \$2,000 |
| Olympics of Visual Arts (OVA)          | MHS  | \$1,750 |
| Peers Club                             | DMS  | \$2,000 |
| Peers for Peace                        | DMS  | \$950   |
| Peers for Peace/ Study Circles         | MHS  | \$950   |
| Photography Club                       | DMS  | \$950   |
| Pinewood Scoop                         | PW   | \$1,500 |
| Science Club                           | MHS  | \$1,750 |
| Science Club                           | DMS  | \$2,000 |
| Science Honor Society                  | MHS  | \$950   |
| Ski & Snowboarding Club (Co-Advisor)   | MHS  | \$1,200 |
| Ski & Snowboarding Club (Head Advisor) | MHS  | \$1,800 |
| Spanish Honor Society                  | MHS  | \$950   |

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| Stop Motion Video Club    | DMS | \$950   |
| Student Council           | DMS | \$1,750 |
| Student Council           | PW  | \$1,200 |
| Student Senate            | MHS | \$2,571 |
| Technology Club (2)       | DMS | \$1,750 |
| Tri-M Music Honor Society | MHS | \$950   |
| World Languages           | DMS | \$950   |
| Yearbook                  | DMS | \$2,000 |
| Yearbook                  | MHS | \$3,700 |

**Extra Curricular Stipends Updated for 2023-24**

|                   |          |                |
|-------------------|----------|----------------|
| Drone Soccer Club | MHS      | Rob Buehler    |
| Drone Soccer Team | MHS      | Rob Buehler    |
| Pinewood Scoop    | Pinewood | Liesha Sherman |

**2024 (Bradt) Summer Curriculum Work - \$201.25/Day July 1 - August 31, 2024**

| Name             | # Days |
|------------------|--------|
| Ann Delaney      | 1      |
| Michelle Gaffney | 1      |

**2024 (Pinewood) Summer Curriculum Work - \$201.25/Day July 1 - August 31, 2024**

| Name                  | # Days |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Tammy Pangman         | 2      |
| Danielle Tyler        | 3      |
| Amanda Gauvin         | 1      |
| Amy Stannard          | 1      |
| Elizabeth Haynesworth | 1      |
| Kasey Califano        | 1      |
| Megan Thompson        | 1      |
| Liesha Sherman        | 1      |
| Jeanna Stapleton      | 1      |
| MaryBeth Pierrot      | 1      |
| Lorena Hurst          | 2      |
| Kaitlyn Gaug          | 1      |
| Emily Felter          | 1      |
| Heidi DePiero         | 1      |

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| Brianna Coughlin | 1 |
| Melissa Williams | 2 |
| Lauren Neale     | 1 |
| Amanda Gauvin    | 1 |
| Jody Rossetti    | 1 |
| Marina Strang    | 1 |
| Madeline Percy   | 1 |
| Kristen Taylor   | 7 |
| Bryannah Green   | 1 |
| Brianne Clark    | 1 |

**2024 (Draper) Summer Curriculum Work - \$201.25/Day July 1 - August 31, 2024**

| <b>Name</b>             | <b># Days</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Erin Degnan             | 5             |
| Brittney Laudenschlager | 3             |
| Paola Cummings          | 1             |
| Melissa Goncerz         | 1             |
| Kyra Grimsley           | 1             |
| Michelle Gaffney        | 2             |
| Steve Blais             | 1             |

**2024 (High School) Summer Curriculum Work - \$201.25/Day July 1 - August 31, 2024**

| <b>Name</b>   | <b># Days</b> |
|---------------|---------------|
| Diane Traver  | 5             |
| Mal Martin    | 2             |
| Tara Halliday | 2             |
| Mike York     | 2             |
| Evan Denning  | 1             |
| Tina Mathieu  | 1             |
| Alison Vaughn | 1             |

**2024 (SPED) Summer Curriculum Work - \$201.25/Day July 1 - August 31, 2024**

| <b>Name</b>         | <b># Days</b> |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Matthew Fitzpatrick | 1             |

**2024 (K-12 SEL) Summer Curriculum Work - \$201.25//Day July 1 - August 31, 2024**

| <b>Name</b>     | <b># Days</b> |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Diane Blinn     | 10            |
| Peg Sutton      | 5             |
| Melissa Goncerz | 3             |
| Eddie Rohrmeir  | 1.5           |



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|-------------------------|-----|
| Valerie Talbot          | 7.5 |
| Michelle Gaffney Cuva   | 3   |
| Brittney Laudenschlager | 3   |
| Laura Eggleston         | 1   |
| Lauren Neale            | 1   |
| Erin Degnan             | 1   |
| Priscilla Perry         | 1   |

**2024 (TA/Monitor) Summer Curriculum Work - \$ Hourly Rate  
July 1 - August 31, 2024**

| Name           | # Days |
|----------------|--------|
| John Cook      | 4      |
| Andrea Nellis  | 4      |
| Joe Pugliese   | 4      |
| Richard Caruso | 4      |
| Becky Miller   | 4      |
| Dana Pantalone | 4      |
| Maggie Hurne   | 1      |

**2024 Guidance Summer Work - July 1 - August 31, 2024**

| Name     | Assignment          | Rate             |
|----------|---------------------|------------------|
| Deb Wood | Transition Planning | Retired Sub Rate |

**2024 Student Support Services Summer Work - July 1 - August 31, 2024**

| Name                   | Assignment             | Hours  | Step |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------|------|
| Betty Young            | CSE/504<br>Evals       | 10 hrs | 5    |
| Cassandra<br>Mastracey | CPSE/CSE<br>evals/mtgs | 60 hrs | 5    |
| Mary Beth Pierrot      | CSE evals              | 40 hrs | 1    |

*Resignation*

Joyce Long

Appointment: Director of Special Education and Alternative Education

Effective Date: Close of business August 31, 2024

Alyssa Zito

Appointment: Draper Assistant Principal

Effective Date: Close of business August 31, 2024

Katharine Kohler

Appointment: Teacher Assistant

Effective Date: Close of business August 16, 2024

Mya Romeo  
Appointment: Clerk  
Effective Date: June 30, 2024

Laurie Regina  
Appointment: Monitor  
Effective Date: June 26, 2024

**Return to  
Communications -  
Board of Education**

Mr. Abbott reflected on serving as a Board member for the last 6 years and the legacy he would leave as he opted not to run for another term. He noted that he gave the Board his best efforts and would like to thank the staff, faculty, administrators, colleagues, and students. He added that he recommends Ms. Laudano as Board President and Mrs. Montagino as Vice President.

**Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mrs. Power, seconded by Mr. Abbott, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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Christopher Ruberti  
Clerk - Board of Education  
Assistant Superintendent for Business