

Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, December 9, 2024
Center for Technology/Mohonasen Main Campus*

Public Hearing

*Volunteer Firefighter
Tax Exemption*

A public hearing was conducted to review a proposed tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers exemption. Mr. Ruberti provided an explanation of how the exemption would function and outlined its financial impact on taxpayers. He explained that based on the information from the three (3) towns that the impact in the shift of the tax burden would be minimal. No questions or comments were raised by the public.

Call to Order

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Montagino, at 6:31 PM.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Danielle Ciampino, Nick Giardono, Chad McFarland, Ted Perretta, Pat Ryan, Ericka Montagino and Melissa Laudano

Board Members Absent: None

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

Others in Attendance: Matt Ronca, Tom O'Connor, Angie Santabarbara, Kyra Grimsley, Amy Nikles, Carol Eckl, Katie Lossi, Lyndsey, Bernadette Callendar, Daniella DeLuca, Craig Chandler, Sarah Christy Leslie Smith, Jason Thompson, Steve Karandy, Josh Hughes, Maureen Geagan, Lori Giattino, Tisha Pitterson, Alisha Faucett, Evan Denning, Emily Burns, Linda Beeler, Mary Ann Nickloy, Amy Frost, Tara Millhouse, Liesha Sherman, 16 students, 22 members of the community, and student representatives Nyah Allen, Anthony Tremblay, Laila Phinizy, Emily Warlik, and Quinn Farrell

Communications - Superintendent

Student Representatives

Student representatives, Nyah Allen, Anthony Tremblay, Emily Warlik and Quinn Farrell introduced themselves and gave the Board an update on each of the schools. High School students held a semi-formal dance and the play Little Women was performed by Mohon Masque; at Draper Middle School students who earned high honor roll were rewarded with Dunkin' Donuts and students raised money for disabled veterans; Pinewood students are participating in the Positivity Project where they focus on their character strengths; at Bradt there is a Bradt Giving Tree Initiative to collect snacks for families in need and students are looking forward to the upcoming spirit week.

*Matt Ronca Fall
Athletics Recognition -
Boys' Varsity Soccer
Team, Girls' Swim*

Mr. Ronca reported to the Board on Mohonasen's exceptional fall athletic season. The Boys' Varsity Soccer team went undefeated in the regular season with a record of 17-1 overall. Coach Riley Ford was named Coach of the Year. The girls' Swimming and Diving team

*Section 2 Champions
and Rachel Miller
Section 2 Cross Country
Champion*

excelled as Colonial Council and Division 2 Section 2 Champions, with four swimmers qualifying for the New York State Meet and earning strong state-level finishes. Rachel Miller had an exceptional cross-country season, becoming the Section 2 Class B Champion, placing 16th at the NYS Championship Meet, and breaking records in Winter Indoor Track. These achievements highlight an outstanding season for all teams.

*Bradt Elementary
School Building Goals -
Mrs. Smith*

The 2024-2025 goals for Bradt School focus on improving academic achievement, attendance, discipline, and professional development. Academic goals aim for a 5% increase in reading and math scores using data-driven and differentiated instruction, parental involvement, and progress monitoring. Attendance initiatives target a 10% reduction in chronic absenteeism through early interventions, incentives, and community support. Discipline efforts focus on reducing referrals by 10% using Positive Behavior Support (PBIS) and restorative practices. Professional development plans emphasize literacy strategies, curriculum alignment, and assessment tools, with structured training sessions and collaborative teacher support.

**Public Privilege of the
Floor**

No one wished to address the Board of Education.

**Communications -
Board of Education**

Mrs. Montagino noted that the BOCES Annual Report had been released and urged her fellow Board members to take a look at it.

Mrs. Montagino thanked the Mohonasen Teachers' Association for supporting the community during the holidays by holding a fundraiser for those in need. She added that the Board would be making a donation.

**New Business -
Instructional**

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

Request made by Mrs. Montagino to approve all items on a consent agenda.

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve New Business - Instructional on consent agenda.

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

*Approval for the Track
and Field Team to
Participate in an Out of
Area Trip*

*Approval for the Boys'
and Girls' Varsity and
Junior Varsity Bowling
Teams to Participate in*

Out of Area Trips

*Approval for the Varsity
Ice Hockey Team to
Participate in Out of
Area Trips*

**New Business -
Business/ Personnel**

*Approval for Sale of
Equipment*

*Approval of Resolution
to Authorize
Expenditures for
School Buses*

Approved Minutes

Financial Reports

Personnel

Retirements

Appointments

Request made by Mrs. Montagino to approve all items on a consent agenda.

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. McFarland that the Board of Education approve New Business - Business/Personnel on consent agenda.

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

MOTION made by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of November 18, 2024.

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

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Perretta, that the Board of Education approve the financial reports.

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

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

Galo Acosta
Appointment: Cleaner
Effective Date: December 31, 2024

Ashley Cruz
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Location: Draper Middle School
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)
Effective Date: December 9, 2024
Salary: Step 4

Syeed Turner
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Location: Draper Middle School
Effective Date: November 25, 2024
Salary: Step 2

Molly Baker
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Location: High School
Effective Date: November 25, 2024
Salary: Step 6

Savannah Marx
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Location: Bradt
Effective Date: November 25, 2024
Salary: Step 1

Alexandrya Wilhelm
Appointment: Teaching Assistant
Location: Mohonasen High School
Effective Date: December 11, 2024
Salary: Step 7

Jaclyn Archambault
Assignment: Head Secretary
Location: Mohonasen High School
Effective Date: December 2, 2024
Salary: \$3,000 annual - prorated

Patricia Shendler
Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper
Location: Districtwide
Effective Date: December 2, 2024
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Shannon Kayser
Appointment: Substitute Cafe Monitor
Location: Bradt Elementary School
Effective Date: December 6, 2024
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Evelyn Bilili
Appointment: Substitute Cafe Monitor
Location: Bradt Elementary School
Effective Date: December 2, 2024
Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Fernando Laboy-Caraballo
 Appointment: Part-time Security Monitor
 Location: Draper Middle School
 Effective Date: November 25, 2024
 Salary: \$16.38 per hour

Gerald Barr
 Appointment: Substitute Security Monitor
 Location: Districtwide
 Effective Date: November 25, 2024
 Salary: \$15.75 per hour

Anthony Brown
 Appointment: Part-time Bus Driver
 Location: Transportation
 Effective Date: December 4, 2024
 Salary: \$23.18 per hour

Nicole Judekis-Jeffers
 Appointment: Substitute Bus Aide
 Location: Transportation
 Effective Date: December 6, 2024
 Salary: \$15.00 per hour

2024 - 2025 Curriculum Work \$33.54 Hr.

Name	Hours
Sara Bach	6 hrs.
Corey Baumann-Wolfe	6 hrs
Jennifer Palleschi	6 hrs
Kim Trestick	6 hrs

2024-2025 Student Teacher/Intern

Name	Bldg.	Teacher/Co unselor	Dates
Kaitlyn Smith	High School	Ms. Sacks	3/17/25 -5/9/25

2024-2025 Draper PM School Tutoring

Name:	Assignment
Joshua Whipple	PM School Tutor

**Draper Middle School 2024-2025 Extra Curricular
 Activities/Advisors & Facilitators**

Name:	Assignment
Kim Whipple	Model Trains/NASCAR

2024-2025 Intramurals

Name	Building
Ray Kearney	High School

Winter Coaches 2024-2025

Name	Sport/Level	Coaching Step	Longevity /Notes
Rochelle Obie	JV Cheerleading	Step 7 (.5)	
Courtney Sebring	JV Cheerleading	Step 7 (.5)	
Jean-Marie Davis	Freshman Cheerleading:	Step 1	
Glenn Wolin	Varsity Girls Assistant Indoor Track & Field	Step 7 (.5)	
Nicole Soblosky	Varsity Girls Assistant Indoor Track & Field	Step 7 (.5)	
Mike LaCouture	Varsity Girls Wrestling Head Coach	Step 1	
Frank Famiano	Varsity Boys Wrestling Volunteer Coach	Volunteer	
Keehan Saxton	Varsity Boys Basketball Assistant Coach	Step 1	Amended
Cassi Brancato	Modified Girls Volleyball Coach	Step 5	Amended
Ava Fasolino	JV & Varsity Girls Basketball Volunteer	Volunteer	

Pinewood After School AIS 2024 - 2025

Name	Assignment	Dates	Time	Rate
Kelly Mullen	AIS	11/25/24 -6/30/25	Up to 3 hrs/week	\$37.01
Brooke Haviland	AIS	11/25/24 -6/30/25	Up to 3 hrs/week	\$37.01
Brianne Clark	AIS	11/25/24 -6/30/25	Up to 3 hrs/week	\$37.01
Lisa Smith	AIS	11/25/24 -6/30/25	Up to 3 hrs/week	\$37.01

Resignations

Leslie Gangemi
Appointment: SPED Teacher
Effective Date: Close of business January 17, 2025

Robin Winkelman
Appointment: Substitute Health Office Assistant (10 month)
Effective Date: Close of business September 20, 2024

Regina Hill
Appointment: Teacher Assistant
Effective Date: Close of business November 25, 2024

Matt Hopper
Appointment: Boys' Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach
Effective Date: Close of business November 15, 2024

Monique Smalls
Appointment: Bus Driver
Effective Date: November 4, 2024

Adjournment

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Giardono, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 7:22 PM.
The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

Christopher Ruberti

Clerk - Board of Education

Assistant Superintendent for Business