

# Mohonasen Central School District

*Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, February 3, 2025  
Mohonasen High School LGI*

## **Call to Order**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Montagino, at 6:02 PM.

## **Roll Call**

Board Members Present: *Danielle Ciampino, Chad McFarland, Ted Perretta, Melissa Laudano, Ericka Montagino, Nick Giardino and Patrick Ryan*

Board Members Absent: *None*

Administrators Present: *Shannon Shine, Laurel Logan-King, Chris Ruberti, Leslie Smith and Jason Thompson*

Others in Attendance: *None*

## **Executive Session**

*Executive session for the purpose of tenure review*

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mrs. Ciampino, that an executive session be convened at 6:02 PM for the purpose of tenure portfolio review.

## **Return to Public Session**

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Mr. McFarland, that the executive session be adjourned at 6:33 PM. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

## **Roll Call**

The Board meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Montagino, at 6:35 PM. Mrs. Montagino requested those present to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Members Present: *Danielle Ciampino, Chad McFarland, Ted Perretta, Melissa Laudano, Ericka Montagino, Nick Giardino and Patrick Ryan*

Board Members Absent: *None*

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

Others in Attendance: *Brittney Laudenschlager, Jeff Laudenschlager, Mike Solomon, Dan Hoke and three members of the community.*

## **Personnel**

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

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

MOTION made by Mr. Ryan, 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*

Jeffrey Laudenschlager  
Appointment: Social Studies  
Effective Date: April 13, 2025

Daniel Hoke  
Appointment: Music  
Effective Date: August 31, 2025

Brittney Laudenschlager  
Appointment: School Psychologist  
Effective Date: August 31, 2025

*Retirements*

Douglas Hallberg  
Assignment: Physical Education Teacher  
Expiration Date: July 1, 2025

Scott Sabourin  
Assignment: Social Studies Teacher  
Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Jen Fahsel  
Assignment: Special Education Teacher  
Effective Date: July 1, 2025

Colleen Palleschi  
Assignment: First Grade Teacher  
Effective Date: June 30, 2025

Christine Baumann  
Assignment: Kindergarten Teacher  
Effective Date: June 30, 2025

Angela Lasher  
Assignment: Teacher Assistant  
Effective Date: September 4, 2025

Susan Barnes  
Assignment: Teaching Assistant  
Expiration Date: Close of business July 1, 2025

*Appointments*

Urmila Narain  
Appointment: Teaching Assistant  
Assignment: P/T Teaching Assistant (6 hours)  
Date of Commencement: February 3, 2025  
Salary: Step 1

Shawna O’Neill  
 Appointment: Administrative School Aide  
 Location: Pinewood Intermediate School  
 Date of Commencement: February 5, 2025  
 Salary: \$33,726

Nora Ewiss  
 Appointment: IPS 1  
 Location: Draper Middle School  
 Effective Date: January 30, 2025  
 Salary: \$22,400

Gloria Concepcion  
 Appointment: IPS 1  
 Location: Pinewood Intermediate School  
 Effective Date: February 3, 2025  
 Salary: \$33,499

**Driver Education Fall 2024 A2330.150-00-0000**

Name	Assignment	Amount
Stephen Leader	Driver Education	\$6,400

**Indoor Color Guard/Percussion 2024-2025**

Name	Staff Position	Stipend
Danielle Greklek	Pinewood Instructor	\$1,040
Nicole Hoffman	Pinewood Director	\$1,560

**Pinewood After School AIS 2024 - 2025**

Name	Assignment	Dates	Time	Rate
Ashley Fiacco	AIS	1/27/25 -6/30/25	Up to 3 hrs/week	\$37.01

*Resignations*

Diana Jones  
 Appointment: Clerk  
 Effective Date: January 29, 2025

Angela Triolo  
 Appointment: Substitute Food Service Helper  
 Effective Date: January 27, 2025

**Communications - Superintendent**

*Tax Cap Update, General Support, BOCES, and Employee Benefits - Chris Ruberti*

Mr. Ruberti provided the Board updates on the tax cap, general support, BOCES and employee benefits. The Foundation Aid increase is approximately \$1.8 million, while the tax levy limit calculation suggests an estimated 1.9% homeowner impact. Staffing includes key administrative roles, and budget allocations for general support, insurance, and BOCES services reflect moderate increases. The district's BOCES aid ratio is projected at 72.1%, with historical net aid recovery around 52-55%. Employee benefits costs, particularly health insurance are rising. Key upcoming dates include budget adoption on March 24, the budget hearing on May 12, and the final vote on May 20, 2025.

**Public Privilege of the Floor**

Taknika Mickey expressed her concern about some communication issues her daughter has had with the Girls' Wrestling program.

**Communications - Board of Education**

Ms. Laudano applauded the Color Guard team's performance at Shenendehowa.

Mrs. Montagino asked the Board their thoughts on writing an advocacy letter in response to New York State's electric bus mandate. Mrs. Ciampino indicated she was in favor of such a letter. Ms. Laudano noted that she would like to collaborate on writing an advocacy letter. Mr. Ryan said he would like to see the results of the Wendell study before making any decisions. Mr. Giardono expressed his concern regarding the lack of state aid for the electric bus mandate. Mr. Shine clarified that while NYS Energy and Research provides some support, there is no indication there will be a dedicated budget provided beyond the standard transportation reimbursements.

**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 Mr. McFarland, 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 High School Students Field Trip to Gilbert Lake State Park, Laurens, New York, on June 22 - June 23, 2025*

**New Business -  
Business/ Personnel**

*Approval for  
Additional School  
Resource Officer  
Position*

**Request Approval for Additional School Resource Officer  
Position**

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Mr. Giardono, that the Board of Education approve an additional school resource officer position.  
After some discussion on the details of the position the motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Approved Minutes**

MOTION made by Mr. Perretta, seconded by Ms. Laudano, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of January 21, 2025.  
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 7:34 PM for the purpose of an internal security discussion.  
The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

MOTION made by Ms. Laudano, seconded by Mr. Giardono, that the executive session be adjourned at 8:01 PM and return to the open meeting. The motion was passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

**Adjournment**

MOTION made by Mrs. Ciampino, seconded by Mr. Giardono, that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 8:01 PM.  
The motion passed unanimously, seven members present and voting.

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*Christopher Ruberti*

*Clerk - Board of Education*

*Assistant Superintendent for Business*