

Minisink Valley Central School District  
Board Meeting – April 20, 2017

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on April 20, 2017.

BOE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Joseph Flaherty, President  
Mr. William Cooper, Vice-president  
Mrs. Kathlee DeRose  
Mr. Alfred Gibbs  
Mr. John Odland  
Mrs. Catherine Prezioso  
Mr. Thomas Salamone

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Shawn Cahill

DIST. PERSONNEL PRESENT: Mr. Brian C. Monahan, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Christian Ranaudo, Asst. Supt. for Curr. & Instr.  
Mr. Matthew Bourgeois, Asst. Supt. for Business  
Mr. Michael Giardina, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources  
Ms. Elizabeth Law, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 29  
PRESS: 0

President Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and the pledge of allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence in memory of currently sitting board member, Paul Rickard, who passed away recently. Board members, administration and the district clerk shared memories of Mr. Rickard and how his love of education will be missed at Minisink Valley. They extended their condolences to the family.

Pledge

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education of March 23, 2017. (7-0)

Minutes

President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. There were none.

Visitors

Mr. Monahan introduced Mr. Paul Dombal, intermediate school principal, gave a brief background of the Odyssey of the Mind program and then introduced coaches, Stefani Caporlingua and Danielle Cornacchio. The coaches introduced the intermediate school's Odyssey of the Mind team: Autumn Crawford, Alyssa Gale, Eva Fitzpatrick, Skylar Fogarty, Avary Hoffmann, Allison Lukiansky and Lydia Penaluna. The team explained the problem that they had to solve and then preformed the skit. President Flaherty presented certificates of excellence to the coaches and team and congratulated them on placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in competition.

Kudos

Mr. Monahan gave a *Power Point* presentation regarding the proposed 2017-2018 budget.

2017-2018  
Prop. Budget

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, adopts the proposed 2017-2018 budget in the amount of \$97,407,604 to be presented for public vote on May 16, 2017. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the Orange-Ulster Board of Cooperative Educational Services administrative budget in the amount of \$6,460,529. (7-0)

BOCES  
Vote

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education cast one vote for Martha Bogart and one vote for Lawrence Berger for the two vacancies on the BOCES Board. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following retirements: (7-0)

Kyra Socci, reading teacher, assigned to Minisink Elementary, effective 6/30/17.

Ada Pardini, occupational therapist, assigned to the district, effective 6/30/17.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following resignation: (7-0)

Resign

Alexander Vignogna, English teacher, assigned to the High School, effective 6/30/17.

Shanna Holmes, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 4/21/17.

Henry St. Hilaire, school security aide, assigned to Otisville Elementary, effective 3/15/17.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following leaves of absences: (7-0)

Leaves

Michael Giannini, school bus monitor, assigned to the transportation department, leave of absence effective the second half of 3/27/17 and ending on 6/23/17.

Danielle Avenier, reading teacher, assigned to the intermediate school, childcare leave of absence effective on or about 9/1/17 and ending on or about 10/6/17.

Denise Russo, school district treasurer, assigned to the business office, leave of absence effective 4/21/17 and ending upon the district's receipt of the school business assistant exam results provided by the Orange County Department of Human Resources.

Megan Mead, school nurse, assigned to the high school, leave of absence effective 4/18/17 and ending on 4/28/17.

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following amendments: (7-0)

Amend

Appointment adopted at the March 23, 2017 board of education meeting for David Hamilton, junior varsity boys tennis coach, to reflect his declination of said appointment.

Appointment adopted at the March 23, 2017 board of education meeting for Corinne Yanis, junior varsity boys tennis coach, to reflect a change in the capacity served to unshared.

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following appointments: (7-0)

Appoints

Tina Klushin, probationary appointment as a part time teacher aide, assigned to the Intermediate School, for a one year probationary term, effective 4/21/17 with probation ending 4/20/18. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Denise Russo, provisional appointment as a school business assistant, assigned to the business office, effective 4/21/17. Salary at \$98,551, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the AMVA and the BOE as listed.

Greeter appointments, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2016 reorganization meeting.

*Note: A complete list is attached to the official minutes on file in the central office.*

Substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 school year, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2016 reorganization meeting.

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A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and unanimously carried that the board of education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the Board President to sign an Agreement extending the probationary term of Employee No. 42017, a pedagogical employee, for a twelve month period, through close of business on September 1, 2018. A copy of said Agreement, as presented to the Board at this meeting, shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Ext.  
Prob.

Mr. Ranaudo provided an overview of the March 16th conference day. He said that various professional development opportunities were presented throughout the district including workshops regarding the new science standards, autism, and secondary level social studies.

C & I

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on March 17, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 and April 4, 6 and 7, 2017 pertaining to student #24158, 24757, 24456, 23256, 24317, 23025, 24997, 23750, 24713, 24932, 25062, 24139, 23284, 24812, 24863, 24173, 24567, 24705, 24008, 23960, 24080, 23566, 24107, 23739, 24445, 24767, 24658 and 23749 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (7-0)

CPSE  
CSE

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on February 7, 8, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, March 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30, 31 and April 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2017 pertaining to student #24358, 22392, 21893, 24192, 21532, 21211, 22398, 21206, 21879, 22736, 22752, 18511, 19259, 19186, 19088, 19868, 24820, 19157, 15950, 22286, 15425, 23042, 15318, 16990, 19428, 17049, 23546, 23398, 16249, 18817, 20828, 24372, 23389, 24378, 19433, 16048, 23843, 18273, 24288, 19197, 19201, 22020, 19889, 21049, 17703, 18709, 17419, 19924, 15425, 21601, 17156, 22889, 18167, 22119, 20044, 20764, 16324, 17439, 18404, 21953, 17925, 24213, 24215, 22810, 20965, 14774, 14059, 22283, 17036, 18933, 19117, 18531, 18670, 18141, 17640, 22984, 16516, 15608, 21694, 19424, 23939, 19946, 21922, 18138, 17111, 21513, 20889, 19405, 23811, 19923, 22566, 24846, 17923, 15650, 19547, 15130, 21605, 18812, 18998, 22626, 18973, 19851, 19972, 18537, 24285, 21193, 22645, 22836, 24912, 24190, 22606, 24852, 18869, 15499, 16142, 18727, 18375, 16047, 15855, 24243, 21656, 21768, 21205, 24853, 22651, 14568, 20042, 25067, 25068, 24031, 23390, 23320, 18817, 22260, 21765, 16180, 16825, 22418, 17114, 19334, 22810, 24652, 19933, 25169, 22559, 22038, 22218, 18628, 18817, 25109, 22319 and 24652 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's report for the following warrants: (7-0)

Finance

- General Fund Warrant # 35, 32, 30
- Special Aid-Q Fund Warrant # 5, 7
- Trust & Agency Fund Warrant # 18, 19, 20

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following contracts: (7-0)

Contract with Tetra Tech Architects and Engineers for architectural and engineering professional services. The scope of services shall encompass all development and design aspects of the \$36.9M capital project. The contract fees shall be awarded as outlined in the letter from Tetra Tech. Total contract award is \$2,035,000.

Contract with Tetra Tech Architects and Engineers for construction administration services for capital projects associated with EXCEL III-B in the amount of \$20,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2017. (7-0)

Discussion regarding the recent entrance closures due to Excel Project work. The board members and Mr. Monahan thanked the buildings and grounds department and the State Police for helping to make the project go as smoothly as possible.

Entrance  
Closures

Board members discussed and set a date for the annual board dinner.

Board Dinner

Board members discussed setting a buildings and grounds committee meeting at a later date. They also discussed that, with the passing of Mr. Rickard, Mr. Cooper will sit on the buildings and grounds committee for the remainder of this year.

B & G Comm.

Mr. Salamone reported that the food service has improved greatly and that there is more student participation. Mr. Cooper attended several softball games and a baseball game. President Flaherty and Mr. Monahan attended the Scholar Athlete Breakfast which honored athletes Erin Clifford and Jack Golden. Mrs. DeRose gave kudos regarding the high school drama production for an amazing show. She also talked about the importance of having the class trips back. Mr. Salamone also commented on the class trips being reinstated and how positive it is for the student body.

District  
Events

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 9:38 PM to discuss the employment histories of particular persons, a matter made exempt under Federal Law, FERPA and a matter of contract negotiations with MVTA and CSEA. (7-0)

Exec.

During executive session, the board discussed the employment histories of particular persons, a matter made exempt under Federal Law, FERPA and a matter of contract negotiations with MVTA and CSEA.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:27 PM. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the appointment of Chet Krinsky, girls' lacrosse varsity assistant, for the Spring 2017 athletic season, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed. (7-0)

Appt.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, hereby ratifies the Provisions of Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the CSEA dated April 20, 2017 related to the district's health insurance benefits and the terms of the 2014 - 2018 collectively negotiated agreement with the CSEA. (7-0)

CSEA  
MOA

*Note: A complete Memorandum of Agreement is attached to the official minutes on file in the central office.*

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 PM. (7-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk