

Minisink Valley Central School District
Board Meeting – December 7, 2017

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on December 7, 2017.

BOE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Joseph Flaherty, President
Mr. William Cooper, Vice-president
Mrs. Kathlee DeRose
Mr. James Emery, Jr.
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, Ass. Supt. for Curr. and Instruction
Mr. Matthew Bourgeois, Asst. Supt. for Business
Mr. Michael Giardina, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources
Ms. Elizabeth Law, Director of Pupil Personnel
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 16
PRESS: 0

President Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

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 November 15, 2017. (8-0)

Minutes

President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. One community member spoke about bullying in schools.

Visitors

Mr. Monahan introduced Mr. Jerry Sander, high school Students Against Destructive Decisions, SADD, advisor, who introduced club president Nick Mikulski and club vice president Brittany Ruff. Mr. Sander gave an overview of the program and the students talked about what the club does to raise awareness of the destruction caused by opioid use and how to get help. Nick Mikulski and Brittany Ruff highlighted the film that the club recently produced call "78". They named the film "78" because 78 people die a day from opioid overdose. President Flaherty and Mr. Monahan thanked Mr. Sander, the students, and their parents for attending the board meeting and presented the students with certificates of excellence.

Kudos

Mr. Monahan introduced Mr. Vincent Biele, Otisville Elementary principal. Mr. Biele, along with Julia Downey, assistant principal, Ms. Melissa Grasso, OT teacher, gave a *Power Point* presentation regarding the Handwriting is a Skill program. They said that adding this initiative to the current curriculum helps because the student focus on learning rather than forming letters.

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A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried, hereby authorizes the law firm of Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to appeal from the November 20, 2017 Decision and Order/Judgment of the Supreme Court for Albany County in Board of Education of the Minisink Valley Central School District et.al. v. MaryEllen Elia, etc., et. al., Index number 3124-17, to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the Third Department. (8-0)

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 following leaves of absences: (8-0)

Leaves

Nicole Gallo, math teacher, assigned to the high school, childcare leave of absence effective on or about 3/1/18 and ending on or about 4/17/18.

Debra Schifano, special education teacher, assigned to Otisville Elementary School, childcare leave of absence effective 1/10/18 and ending on 2/27/18.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Odland and unanimously carried that the board of education, approves the creation of one English as a New Language Teacher, assigned to the district, effective 12/8/17. (8-0)

Creation

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, amends the extracurricular appointment adopted at the September 14, 2017 board of education meeting for Michael Goliber, districtwide AV coordinator, to reflect a change in salary from \$2,000 to \$4,100. (8-0)

Amend

A motion was made by Mr. Emery, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following appointments: (8-0)

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Jennifer Ayers, temporary appointment as an elementary teacher, assigned to Otisville Elementary School, effective 9/1/17 and ending 11/28/17. Special Subject Tenure Area: elementary. Certification: childhood education grades 1-6 initial certificate. Step 1 BA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Christina Moscatello, temporary appointment as a special education teacher, assigned to Otisville Elementary School, effective 11/21/17 and ending 2/28/18. Special Subject Tenure Area: special education. Certification: students with disabilities grades 1-6 initial certificate. Step 1 BA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Blake Smith, temporary appointment as a math teacher, assigned to the High School, effective on or about 1/16/18 and ending on or about 4/17/18. Special Subject Tenure Area: mathematics. Certification: mathematics 7-12 initial certificate. Step 1 BA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Elizabeth Perricelli, probationary appointment as a part-time teacher aide, assigned to Otisville Elementary School, effective 12/8/17 with probation ending 12/7/18. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Extracurricular appointments for the 2017-2018 school year, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

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

Substitute teacher and nurse appointments for the 2017-2018 school year, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2017 reorganization meeting.

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Substitute bus driver/monitor appointments for the 2017-2018 school year, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2017 reorganization meeting.

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Thomas O'Donnell, Supervisor of Transportation, contingent upon Civil Service approval, probationary appointment effective 12/1/17 with probation ending 11/30/18. Salary at \$120,000, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the AMVA and the BOE as listed.

Mr. Ranaudo introduced Mrs. Teresia Parker, Office of Professional Learning administrator. Mrs. Parker introduced the two OPL coaches Eileen Cook and Judy Lynn who gave an interactive *Power Point* presentation regarding their goals of wellness, awareness and appreciation, literacy and technology/data integration. Board members played Kahoot, a web-based game for a hands-on experience to the professional learning that is taking place throughout the district. Mr. Ranaudo thanked the board of education for their support and added that, not only is the OPL office giving ideas, but the faculty and staff have a place to go to ask for various programs to help enhance student learning.

C & I

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on November 15, 28 and 29, 2017 pertaining to student #24573, 25285, 25475 and 25201 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (8-0)

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 November 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30 and December 1, 2017 pertaining to students #18632, 25096, 22841, 23596, 23597, 24215, 23290, 22174, 21687, 21286, 25468, 24348, 24034, 25455, 20531, 23066, 23808, 20944, 18149, 22472, 22249, 21034, 20466, 22071, 21284, 21184, 20689, 24749, 19221, 20680, 20728, 19959, 23766, 20361, 18938, 22626, 24851, 15354, 19310, 24124, 23067, 19812, 19261, 19260, 19728, 18608, 18615, 25478, 18867, 23440, 23088, 24500, 25423, 24496, 21283, 22621, 21095, 19320, 21054, 25066, 21820, 23065, 20496, 23103, 25375, 18272, 15950, 18252, 23398, 15502, 22418, 17923, 17824, 18403, 19136, 18585, 22083, 22082, 23497, 25434 and 21921 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's report for the following warrants: (8-0)

Finance

- General Fund Warrant # 16, 17
- School Lunch Fund Warrant # 5
- Capital Fund Warrant # 5
- Special Aid-Q Fund Warrant # 2
- Special Aid-U Fund Warrant # 3
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 10, 11

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2017. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Emery, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Mercy College for their Graduate Program in Physical Therapy from November 16, 2017 through June 30, 2018. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, declares the attached list of school buses and other equipment as surplus and/or obsolete equipment for the purpose of disposing of the items to the highest responsible bidder. (8-0)

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

Mr. Odland reported on the policy committee meeting held earlier in the evening. He said the committee reviewed policy series 5000 and that they will meet again to continue the process.

Policy
Comm.

President Flaherty reported on the OCSBA meeting that he attended on December 6, 2017. He said the meeting agenda included talk about state aid, unfreezing foundation aid formula, student poverty, tax cap and pilot agreements.

OCSBA

Athletic committee set a meeting for December 13, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. to be held in central office administration.

Athletic Comm.

Buildings and grounds committee requested that an update of the various construction projects be added to the January agenda.

B & G Comm.

Mr. Cooper attended the high school chours concert and a wrestling match where he accepted a donation on behalf of Minisink Cares. He gave kudos to Coach Kevin Gallagher who will be inducted into the Wrestling Hall of Fame. President Flaherty and Mr. Monahan attended the girls' swim banquet. Mr. Monahan also attended the x-country dinner. Mr. Salamone reported on the robotics club competition that he attended. Mrs. Prezioso attended the holiday concert.

District Events

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 10:08 PM to discuss employment histories of particular persons, a matter of negotiations with AMVA and a matter made exempt under federal law, FERPA. (8-0)

Exec.

During executive session, the board discussed employment histories of particular persons, a matter of negotiations with AMVA and a matter made exempt under federal law, FERPA.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:47 PM. (8-0)

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 probationary appointment of Rebecca Bracken, custodial worker, assigned to buildings and grounds, effective 1/2/18 with probation ending 1/1/19. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed. (8-0)

Appt.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to direct a comprehensive medical examination and evaluation, including psychiatric and/or psychological examination and evaluation, if necessary, of Employee No. 001003, in accordance with the provisions of Section 913 of the Education Law, and

Employee 001003

Further resolved, that the Board hereby directs that Employee No. 001003, submit their medical records, if any, to the extent and for the time as determined by the examining physician(s) to the Board designated examining physician(s) at or before such examination/evaluation. (8-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 PM. (8-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk