

Minisink Valley Central School District
Board Meeting – February 23, 2017

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in the auditorium of the middle school on February 23, 2017.

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

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Paul Rickard

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. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 18
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 February 2, 2017. (7-1, abstention Mr. Cahill)

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the minutes of the special meeting of the board of education of February 7, 2017. (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 to amend the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education of January 19, 2017. (8-0)

President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. Students A.J. Bubilo, Tobias Enoch, Casey Imbarrato, Brooke Melendez and Hannah Veety from the middle school drama production cast invited the board of education to the upcoming performances.

Visitors

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that that in accordance with Section 3012 of the NYS Education Law and upon recommendation of the superintendent, the following probationary teachers and/or administrators are hereby granted tenure by the Board of Education to the following positions in the tenure areas designated: (8-0)

Tenure

Danielle Ulbrich –Tenure Area: School Social Worker, effective tenure date 3/21/17.

Mr. Monahan thanked the community for their support with the Capital Project referendum vote that was held on February 7, 2017. He said the district will be meeting with associates from Tetra Tech in the near future to outline the project. Mr. Monahan said that the paving work at the high school could start in spring and apologized for any inconvenience this may cause. He thanked the board of education, the administration, Mr. Roda and his department and Ms. Roda and the clerks for all of

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their work with the capital project preparations and vote. President Flaherty thanked Ms. Roda for her dedication to the district and said, on behalf of the board of education, they are grateful to her as district clerk.

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 resignations: (8-0)

Resign

Alison McCaffrey, greeter, assigned to Otisville Elementary School, effective 2/6/17.

April Reynolds, part time teacher aide, assigned to the Intermediate School, effective 2/27/17.

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 leave of absences: (8-0)

Leave

Marie Demchak, school psychologist, assigned to the district, childcare leave of absence effective 2/23/17 and ending on 5/8/17.

Sandra Macaluso, school bus monitor, assigned to the transportation department, unpaid leave of absence effective 2/21/17 and ending on 4/10/17.

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 new positions: (8-0)

New Position

One English as a New Language Teacher, assigned to the district, effective 2/24/17.

One 12 month senior typist, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective 2/24/17.

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 appointments: (8-0)

Appoint

Amy Maher, temporary appointment as a math teacher, assigned to the Middle School, effective 4/4/17 and ending 6/23/17. Subject Tenure Area: Mathematics. Certification: Mathematics 7-12 initial certificate. Step 1 MA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Alison McCaffrey, probationary appointment as a part time teacher aide, assigned to Otisville Elementary School, for a one year probationary term, effective 2/7/17 with probation ending 2/6/18. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Cynthia Fiedler, probationary appointment as a full time teacher aide, assigned to Otisville Elementary School, for a one year probationary term, effective 2/24/17 with probation ending 2/23/18. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 school year, 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.

Coaching appointments for the spring 2017 athletic season, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

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Volunteer coaching appointments for the spring 2017 athletic season.

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Mr. Ranaudo provided an overview of the spring testing calendar, including the administration of NYS assessments. He said that the district will continue to use paper-based assessments and that middle school will be using final exams this year.

Curr. & Instr.

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 February 3 and 14, 2017 pertaining to student #25000, 24008, 24238, 25005 and 25037 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (8-0)

CPSE
CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on January 27 and 30, 2017 and February 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14 and 15 pertaining to student #23320, 21821, 20385, 24577, 23744, 21683, 22044, 21095, 21080, 19544, 22281, 15319, 23026, 16033, 16721, 24699, 16568, 24928, 19356, 25053, 23764, 21120, 20765, 22800, 21702, 24358, 22392, 21893, 22507, 24492, 23837, 23367, 22944, 19914, 20046, 22472, 23924, 19335, 21450, 24635, 24636, 20213, 21922, 24936, 21184, 20728, 23828, 21194, 23574, 21681, 21765, 22563, 19910, 20557, 23690, 20361, 19294, 20944, 22281 and 22600 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (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, accepts the claims auditor's report for the following warrants: (8-0)

Finance

- General Fund Warrant # 21, # 23, # 27
- School Lunch Fund Warrant # 7
- Special Aid-U Fund Warrant # 5
- Trust & Agency Fund Warrant # 15

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

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the donation of a Baldwin upright piano with an estimated value of \$850-\$1,000 from Doly Gutowski to be used in the district's music programs. (8-0)

Mr. Bourgeois thanked the buildings and grounds department for their help with the piano.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, establish a Cold War Veteran's exemption for qualified veterans up to 15% of the assessed value with a maximum exemption of \$12,000. Additionally, establish a Cold War Veteran's disability exemption with a maximum exemption of \$40,000. (8-0)

Mr. Cooper reported on the finance committee meeting that was held earlier in the evening. He said the budgets from the high school, middle school, pupil personnel services, technology and audio visual were reviewed. He announced that the next finance committee meeting will be on March 9th at 6:30 pm in the intermediate school auditorium and encouraged the community to attend.

Finance Comm.

Mr. Monahan announced that the finance committee meeting and the board of education meeting that will be held on March 9th will be held in the intermediate school auditorium.

Mtg. Location

Mr. Monahan asked board members to let him know who is available to attend the Orange-Ulster BOCES Public Budget Presentation and Dinner. President Flaherty thanked Mr. Mike Bello, board member of OU BOCES, for being the liaison for Minisink.

Mr. Cooper attended the intermediate and Otisville elementary schools drama productions. He reminded everyone of the upcoming middle and high schools productions. Mr. Monahan attended Otisville elementary school drama production, a wrestling match, a swim meet and the senior night

District Events

for boys' basketball. President Flaherty attended the Section IX Wrestling Semi-Finals and wished the wrestlers going to state competition good luck. Mr. Odland attended the POPS concert. Mrs. DeRose announce Project Graduation's Annual Tricky Tray to be held on February 25th and said they are accepting donations. The board of education and Mr. Monahan gave kudos to the music department.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 9:18 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. (8-0)

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. Prezioso and unanimously carried to resume public session at 9:43 PM. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, appoints John Farago, Esq. to serve as Impartial Hearing Officer for an impartial hearing regarding student #18585. (8-0)

IHO

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education hereby authorizes the law firm of Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to appeal the Decision of the Commissioner of Education in Appeal of Amanda DeRosa, Decision No. 17028, dated January 19, 2017 to the New York State Supreme Court, Albany County. (8-0)

Appeal
DeRosa

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM. (8-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk