

Minisink Valley Central School District
Board Meeting – February 26, 2018

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in the cafetorium of the Otisville Elementary School on February 26, 2018.

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
Mr. Thomas Salamone

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Shawn Cahill
Mrs. Catherine Prezioso

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 Services
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 53
PRESS: 0

President Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Pledge

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Salamone, 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 8, 2018. (7-0)

Minutes

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

Visitors

Mr. Monahan congratulated board member Mrs. Catherine Prezioso on the birth of her grandson.

Congrat

Mr. Monahan gave kudos to the Otisville elementary school for all that they do with the enrichment program. He introduced Mr. Vincent Biele, principal, and Mrs. Julia Downey, assistant principal. They distributed a catalog of the enrichment programs offered and introduced the teachers and the students in attendance. Faculty gave a brief overview of the program that they teacher and the students showed the board members their enrichment projects. President Flaherty presented a certificate of excellence to those in attendance: teachers Ms. Suzanne Balfour, Ms. Gina Attinello, and students Austin Arredondo, Madelyn Giufre and Ava Nicole Conklin.

Kudos

Mr. Monahan introduced Mr. Kenneth Hauck, high school principal, who introduced Ms. Carolyn Russell, biology teacher, Mr. Seth Johnson, business teacher, and Ms. Dolores Lombardo, media specialist. Along with students Nicholas Mikulski, Meghan Putnam, Sierra Catlietti, Evan Strouber, Ben DiTrocchio, William Schiele, Cassandra Logedo and Nicolena Lombardo, they shared information about the value of school field trips and how the trips have enhanced the classroom curriculum and classroom experiences and why field trips are so important to the course curriculum. Mr. Hauck thanked the board of education and central administration for recognizing the importance of field trips and how it brings to life what the students learn in class.

HS Present.

Mr. Monahan gave a brief report on the Capital Project. He said that the district has completed all necessary paperwork and has submitted it to NYSED. Mr. Monahan said that there are many projects from various districts throughout the county waiting for approval causing delays in the process.

Capital Project

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

Resign

Jonathan Brooks, JROTC Senior Army Instructor, assigned to the High School, unpaid leave of absence effective on or about 2/20/18 and ending on or about 3/9/18, and effective on or about 4/9/18 and ending on or about 4/20/18.

Dillon Lichwick, custodial worker, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, unpaid leave of absence effective 3/21/18 and ending on or about 6/21/18.

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

Appt.

Amy Winship-Sava, probationary appointment as school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 2/23/18 with probation ending 2/22/19. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

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

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

Coaching appointments for the Spring 2018 athletic season, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

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Mr. Ranaudo presented a five-year technology plan that would better prepare our students throughout their educational career and on to college. He said that each student, at the end of five-years, would have daily access to a device, i.e. chrome book to expand their learning opportunities to outside the classroom. Mr. Ranaudo explained that this important investment is critical to our students and thanked the board of education for their support of technology in the district. Board members thanked Mr. Ranaudo for all his hard work in putting together this plan. Mr. Ranaudo thanked the tech team for attending the meeting and for all they do for the district.

C & I

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and unanimously carried having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on February 6, and 8, 2018 pertaining to student #25453 and 25466 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (7-0)

CPSE
CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Emery, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on January 5, 26, 29, 30 and 31, February 5, 6, 8, 12, 13 and 14, 2018 pertaining to student #23529, 19135, 24851, 21195, 16721, 20915, 16568, 24958, 15941, 22785, 16033, 19861, 18033, 22881, 22785, 19135, 23529, 22853, 24838, 22897, 23043, 23659, 23904, 24496, 20531, 24357, 24830, 24420, 20965, 22421, 20559, 18536, 21908, 22472, 18149, 19959, 19844, 20338 and 21049 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mr. Cooper, 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 # 26
- School Lunch Fund Warrant # 8
- Capital Fund Warrant # 8
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 17

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves a contract with the Goshen Central School District for the 2017-18 school year for the provision of health services to forty (40) Minisink-resident students who attend private school within the Goshen Central School District, and approves payment in the amount of \$25,100.80. (7-0)

Mr. Bourgeois explained that the board of education had previously approved an exemption for the Cold War Veterans in February 2017. The sliding scale exemption approved on February 8, 2018 does not apply to the Cold War Veterans but only to persons who are sixty-five of age or older and to persons with disabilities not related to military. Orange County amended the Cold War Veterans exemption to remove the ten year limitation. The district and the county exemptions are now aligned. He asked for the following resolution for clarification:

A motion was made by Mr. Emery, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, amends the Real Property tax exemption resolution approved on February 8, 2018 to exclude Cold War Veterans (Section 458-b). (7-0)

President Flaherty thanked Mr. Bello from OU BOCES for attending our meetings.

Mr. Cooper reported on the finance committee meeting held earlier in the evening. He said that various budgets were reviewed. He announced that the next finance committee meeting will be on March 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. and to be held at the Otisville Elementary School.

Finance Comm.

Mr. Monahan said the OU BOCES Annual Budget Presentation and Dinner would be held on Wednesday, April 4th and asked for board members to let Ms. Roda know who would like to attend.

OU BOCES

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the student calendar for the 2018-2019 school year.

2018-2019 Student Calendar

Mrs. DeRose reported that the Project Graduation Tricky Tray was very successful and she thanked the community for their support. She also thanked the buildings and grounds department for all of their help. Mr. Cooper attended the Otisville elementary drama production, the Section IX wrestling championship match, the NYS champion match in Albany, the induction of Mr. Kevin Gallagher into the Wrestling Hall of Fame ceremony and the high school POPS concert. He announced that the middle school drama production is next week. Mr. Monahan, President Flaherty and Mr. Emery also attended the Wrestling Hall of Fame induction ceremony for Mr. Kevin Gallagher. Mr. Salamone announced that the boys modified lacrosse team would be at the dome in Milton. President Flaherty attended Lobby Day at the Capital Conference in Albany, New York. Mrs. DeRose announced that the varsity boys' swimmers are heading to States. She also gave kudos to Ms. Uhelsky and wished her and the track team well as they head to States this weekend.

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 made exempt under federal law, FERPA, and a matter of negotiations with AMVA. (7-0)

Exec.

President Flaherty invited Mr. Hauck into executive session.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried to resume public session at 11:13 PM. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. DeRose 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. 00000647, in accordance with the provisions of Section 913 of the Education Law; and

00000647

Further resolved, that the Board hereby directs that Employee No. 00000647 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. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, retroactively amends the hourly rate of pay for Carol Lamanna (Doty) dispatcher, and Anne Zito head bus driver, in accordance with the CSEA contract language and schedules in effect at the time of their respective appointments during the 2013-14 school year. (7-0)

Retro

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 PM. (7-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk