

Minisink Valley Central School District  
Board Meeting – February 8, 2018

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on February 8, 2018.

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

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: 35  
PRESS: 0

President Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:01 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 January 18, 2018. (9-0)

Minutes

President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. Members of the middle school drama club invited board members to their upcoming production of Seussical, Jr.

Visitors

Mr. Monahan introduced Mr. Michael Larsen, middle school principal, who introduced Mr. Rich Budd, technology teacher, and Mr. Jonathan Clemmons, technology, who presented information regarding the technology program. Along with Mr. Clemmons and Mr. Budd were students Jenna Chirico and Griffin Worthington who showed and shared examples of projects they have completed in the program. They added that this program allows for a hands-on opportunity to express creativity. Mr. Budd and Mr. Clemmons thanked the board of education and the administration for their continued support of the technology department. Mr. Monahan and the board of education thanked Senator John Bonacic, Assemblyman Karl Brabenec, Assemblyman James Skoufis and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther for their hard work to obtain aid for the district. This aide has helped to enhance the department, which has made the transition from the middle school to the high school flawless and has created many more opportunities for students to explore.

Minisink MS Present.

Mr. Monahan gave an overview of the construction that has been taking place throughout the district. He said the fencing on the Route 6 campus is complete and the new electronic sign is installed. Mr. Monahan said that the roof line at the pool is being reviewed and that new starting blocks have been installed in the pool area. Also, an electronic gate has been installed at the transportation department and a canopy over the fuel station will be constructed in the near future, thanks to Senator Bonacic for the aide that he secured for the district. Mr. Monahan said the EXCEL project is completed and that the plans for the next project have been submitted to NYSED.

Construc Update

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 resignations: (9-0)

Resign

Marielena Raccioppi, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective at the close of business on 1/19/18.

Andrea Ferguson, middle school technical director, effective 1/12/18.

A motion was made by Mr. Emery, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following appointments: (9-0)

Appt.

extracurricular appointment of Debra Crowe, intermediate school technical director, for the 2017-2018 school year. Group 6, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

extracurricular appointment of Jessica Grasso, middle school technical director, for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. Group 4, step 1, one-half compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Substitute teacher 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.*

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

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Mr. Ranaudo introduced Ms. Teresia Parker, Supervisor of Office of Professional Learning who gave an overview of the staff development planned district wide on March 15, 2018. They said this enrichment day will include over 45 various sessions for faculty and staff. Mr. Ranaudo thanked the board of education and the community for their investment and support of the Office of Professional Learning and said that he anticipates this to be the best conference day throughout the county. Mrs. Parker extended an invitation to board members to attend the conference day.

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 January 16, 19, 25, 26 and 29, 2018 pertaining to student #24712, 25480, 24514, 25490, 25238, 25278, 25389, 25390, 25185, 25521, 25491, 23268 and 24061 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE  
CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mr. Emery, and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on January 11, 12, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30 and February 1, 2018 pertaining to student #23536, 22907, 20314, 23068, 25543, 23130, 25526, 25423, 19933, 23925, 25497, 25434, 23536, 20829, 23698, 19310, 19343, 19221, 20980, 20486, 19969, 23685, 25122, 17824, 25434, 21514, 25468, 25542, 23225, 24614, 21975, 18461, 19972, 20803, 18933, 22732 and 21170 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's report for the following warrants: (9-0)

Finance

- General Fund Warrant # 23, 24
- Capital Fund Warrant # 7
- Special Aid-Q Fund Warrant # 3
- Special Aid-U Fund Warrant # 5
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 16

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, adopt and/or amend the following tax exemptions, in order to align with recently enacted Orange County legislation, based upon maximum income eligibility levels for homeowners pursuant to Sections 467, 459-C, and 458-b respectively, of Real Property Tax Law for the following categories: (9-0)

- 1) Persons who are Sixty-Five Years of Age or Older, (Section 467)
- 2) Persons with Disabilities, (Section 459-C)
- 3) Persons who are Cold War Veterans, (Section 458-b)

The Income Ranges and Percentages of Exemption to be adopted for all three property tax exemptions shall be as follows:

| INCOME RANGE                    | EXEMPTION % |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| \$0 but less than \$29,000      | 50%         |
| \$29,000 but less than \$30,000 | 45%         |
| \$30,000 but less than \$31,000 | 40%         |
| \$31,000 but less than \$32,000 | 35%         |
| \$32,000 but less than \$32,900 | 30%         |
| \$32,900 but less than \$33,800 | 25%         |
| \$33,800 but less than \$34,700 | 20%         |
| \$34,700 but less than \$35,600 | 15%         |
| \$35,600 but less than \$36,500 | 10%         |
| \$36,500 but less than \$37,400 | 5%          |

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts and files the 2017-18 Second Quarter Financial Reports, which include Revenues, Budget Transfers and the Extraclassroom Activity Fund. (9-0)

Mr. Cooper reported on the finance committee meeting held earlier in the evening. He said that eleven budgets were reviewed. He announced that the next finance committee meeting will be on February 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Otisville Elementary School. Mr. Cooper encouraged the community to attend.

Finance Comm.

Mr. Monahan announced that the February 22, 2018 board of education meeting will be held at the Otisville Elementary School at 8:00 p.m.

BOE Mtg. Venue Change

President Flaherty said that the OCSBA meeting scheduled for February 7, 2018 was canceled due to inclement weather and, therefore, had no report for this evening.

OCSBA

President Flaherty discussed the Capital Conference that is being hosted by NYSSBA and said that he will be attending.

Capital Conf.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Emery and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the reimbursement of district established conference travel mileage costs to attend The Capital Conference hosted by NYSSBA on February 12, 2018.

Mr. Cooper attended the Wrestling Team Duals in Syracuse with Mr. Monahan. He also attended the Battle of the Belt match and the intermediate schools drama production of AristoCats. Mr. Cooper announced that the Otisville elementary schools drama production was this evening and Friday night and that the middle school and high school drama production are coming soon. Mr. Monahan gave kudos to the swimming and diving team who will be competing in section playoffs soon. Mr. Monahan thanked the buildings and grounds and transportation departments for all their amazing work when there is inclement weather.

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 9:45 PM to discuss employment histories of particular persons, a matter made exempt under federal law, FERPA, and a matter of negotiations with MVTA and MVAA. (9-0)

Exec.

President Flaherty invited Mr. Larsen 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 MVTA and MVAA.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:41 PM. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, and unanimously carried that the District's law firm, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP, be and is authorized to take such actions as may be necessary to defend the District in the matter of C.D., individually and on behalf of W.D. v. Minisink Valley Central School District. (9-0)

W.D.

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 10:42 PM. (9-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk