

Minisink Valley Central School District
Board Meeting – January 18, 2018

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on January 18, 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. 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 January 9, 2018. (9-0)

Minutes

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

Visitors

MR. SALAMONE ENTERED THE MEETING AT 8:01 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that in accordance with Section 3012 of the NYS Education Law and upon recommendation of the superintendent, the following probationary teacher is hereby granted tenure by the Board of Education to the following position in the tenure area designated: (9-0)

Tenure

Cynthia Careccia –Tenure Area: Special Education, effective tenure date 4/13/18.

Mr. Monahan introduced Mr. Paul Dombal, Minisink Intermediate school principal, who introduced Mrs. Deborah Gallant, assistant principal, Mrs. Allison Vreeland, school counselor, Mrs. Jessica Klein, school psychologist, and Ms. Theresa Uhlesky, physical education teacher who presented information regarding health and wellness awareness for the students. They highlighted the new web page, which provides families with various resources to help them during non-school hours. Mr. Dombal added that student needs drives each of the new programs.

Minisink Inter. Present.

Mr. Monahan reviewed budget building process and said that the process has begun for the 2018-2019 budget. He invited the community to attend the finance committee meetings that begin on February 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the middle school auditorium.

Budget

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 the budget timeline for the May 15, 2018 Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Election. (9-0)

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

Retire

Margaret Lazzari, health teacher, assigned to the High School, effective 6/30/18.

Shirley Ruscher, part-time teacher aide, assigned to the Elementary School, effective at the close of business on 4/27/18.

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: (9-0)

Leaves

Jessica Dickman, English teacher, assigned to the Middle School, childcare leave of absence extension effective 2/27/18 and ending on 6/30/18.

Danielle Zamorski, health teacher, assigned to the High School, childcare leave of absence effective on or about 4/4/18 and ending on 6/30/18.

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following amendments: (9-0)

Appointment resolution adopted at the June 8, 2017 board of education meeting for Kelly Collins, reading teacher, assigned to the Elementary School, to reflect a three year probationary term, effective 9/1/17 with probation ending 8/31/20, except to the extent required by educational law section 3012. In order to be granted tenure, a classroom teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law § 3012-c and/or § 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. Further, if the classroom teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he/she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time, in which case the Board of Education, in its discretion, may extend the teacher's probationary term for an additional year.

Appointment resolution adopted at the June 22, 2017 board of education meeting for Beth Stanitski-Wendell, English teacher, assigned to the High School, to reflect a three-year probationary term, effective 9/1/17 with probation ending 8/31/20, except to the extent required by educational law section 3012. In order to be granted tenure, a classroom teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law § 3012-c and/or § 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. Further, if the classroom teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he/she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time, in which case the Board of Education, in its discretion, may extend the teacher's probationary term for an additional year.

Appointment resolution adopted at the June 22, 2017 board of education meeting for Matthew Nilsson, social studies teacher, assigned to the High School, to reflect a three year probationary term, effective 9/1/17 with probation ending 8/31/20, except to the extent required by educational law section 3012. In order to be granted tenure, a classroom teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law § 3012-c and/or § 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. Further, if the classroom teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he/she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time, in which case the Board of Education, in its discretion, may extend the teacher's probationary term for an additional year.

Appointment resolution adopted at the June 22, 2017 board of education meeting for Leiny Valet, English teacher, assigned to the High School, to reflect a three-year probationary term, effective 9/1/17 with probation ending 8/31/20, except to the extent required by educational law section 3012. In order to be granted tenure, a classroom teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law § 3012-c and/or § 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. Further, if the classroom teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he/she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time, in which case the Board of Education, in its discretion, may extend the teacher's probationary term for an additional year.

Appointment resolution adopted at the August 14, 2017 board of education meeting for James Wiley, biology teacher, assigned to the High School, to reflect a three year probationary term, effective 9/1/17 with probation ending 8/31/20, except to the extent required by educational law section 3012. In order to be granted tenure, a classroom teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law § 3012-c and/or § 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. Further, if the classroom teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he/she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time, in which case the Board of Education, in its discretion, may extend the teacher's probationary term for an additional year.

Appointment resolution adopted at the September 29, 2016 board of education meeting for Sarah McMonigle, special education teacher, assigned to the High School, to reflect a three year probationary term, effective 10/31/16 with probation ending 10/30/19, except to the extent required by educational law section 3012. In order to be granted tenure, a classroom teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law § 3012-c and/or § 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years. Further, if the classroom teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he/she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time, in which case the Board of Education, in its discretion, may extend the teacher's probationary term for an additional year.

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

Appt.

Ashley Michelitch, temporary appointment as an English teacher, assigned to the Middle School, effective 2/8/18 and ending on 6/30/18. Special Subject Tenure Area: English. Certification: English Language Arts 7-12 initial certificate. Step 1 MA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Substitute teacher and aide 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.

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

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A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried that Whereas, the District desires to assign Jill Stramiello, a tenured Elementary tenure area teacher, to an Instructional Coach position, which constitutes an Instructional Support Services ("ISS") position within the meaning of Part 30 of the Regents Rules; and

Whereas, the Superintendent deems Jill Stramiello to be competent and qualified to perform the services of an Instructional Coach based upon her Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-6 Permanent certification and more than three years teaching experience in the Elementary tenure area; and

Whereas, in accordance with Part 30 of the Regents Rules and Section 3013 of the New York State Education Law, Jill Stramiello shall continue to accrue seniority in the Elementary tenure area while serving in this ISS position;

Now, therefore, resolved that Jill Stramiello is assigned to an Instructional Coach position for the 2018-2019 school year, and thereafter, unless returned to a classroom teaching position in her tenure area of employment. (9-0)

Mr. Ranaudo gave a *Power Point* presentation on computer based testing for grades 3 – 8 for the Spring assessments.

C & I

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on January 5, 2018 pertaining to student #25467 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE
CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on January 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2018 pertaining to students #24145, 23744, 24751, 24750, 24343, 19524, 22795, 24562, 24343, 21120, 23230, 19868, 23290, 22071, 19921, 24590, 25509 and 24858 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

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 claims auditor's report for the following warrants: (9-0)

Finance

- General Fund Warrant # 22, 18
- School Lunch Fund Warrant # 7
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 14, 15

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 expenditure of \$120 for board member James Emery, Jr. to participate in the online course of Mandatory Training for New School Board members in Fiscal Oversight Fundamentals. (9-0)

BOE
Training

Mr. Cooper attended the 2nd Eastern States Wrestling Tournament. President Flaherty and Mr. Monahan attended boys' swim senior night. Mr. Monahan announced that there are a lot of fun exciting things coming up: intermediate school band concert, Otisville school band concert, intermediate school drama production, first ever team championship tournament in wrestling, Project Graduation Tricky Tray and Kiwanis Pancake Day.

District
Events

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 9:07 PM to discuss employment histories of particular persons, a matter of negotiations with MVTA and a matter made exempt under federal law, FERPA. (9-0)

Exec.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:03 PM. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the Board hereby appoints Steven M. Latino of Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, L.L.P. to serve as a Special Title IX and Title VII investigator for the District. (9-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 PM. (9-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk