

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

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

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

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Shawn Cahill
Mr. James Emery, Jr.

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: 6
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 Mr. Gibbs, 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 26, 2018. (7-0)

Minutes

President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. A community member spoke about school safety and a community member asked about the district becoming a warming station during weather related incidents.

Visitors

Mr. Monahan announced the upcoming National Honor Society sponsored Senior Citizen Drama Production and Dinner. He said it will take place on March 14, 2018 and asked if board members would like to volunteer their time to help with serving the senior citizens.

Senior Citizen Event

Mr. Monahan thanked the transportation and buildings and grounds departments for their hard work with snow removal and clean up. He discussed the two unused emergency days and said that there will be more information at the next board meeting.

Unused Emerg. Days

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried that the following proposition be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Minisink Valley Central School District, to be conducted between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. on May 15, 2018, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine on the following proposition:

Bus Prop

“Shall the Board of Education of the Minisink Valley Central School District, Orange County and Sullivan Counties, New York, be authorized to purchase school buses, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$954,539, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said

School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued."; and

Further resolved, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this proposition in the designated newspapers four (4) times in the seven (7) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting in accordance with Section 2004 of the Education Law. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Odland and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, directs the district clerk to give notice to the qualified voters of the school district of the Annual School District Public Hearing on Budget and Annual School District Election and Budget Vote; and

Vote

Further resolved, that the board authorizes the District Clerk to amend the Notice of Annual School District Public Hearing and Annual School District Election and Budget Vote from time to time as in her discretion such amendment may be required. (7-0)

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 names listed for chief inspectors, inspectors, and assistant clerks for Election District 1 and Election District 2 for the May 15, 2018 Annual Budget Vote and Election. The district clerk is authorized to contact eligible persons as needed to assist with the vote. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education nominates Michael Bello and Eugenia Pavek for candidacies on the Orange-Ulster Cooperative Board for three year terms. (7-0)

BOCES

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the retirement of Linda Horan, full-time teacher aide, assigned to the High School, effective 6/30/18. (7-0)

Retire

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 leaves of absences: (7-0)

Resign

James Morgan, custodial worker, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective at the close of business on 6/22/18.

Albert DiPaola, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective at the close of business on 6/30/18.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Odland and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approves the terms and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Separation Agreement between the District and Employee No. 00000198 dated February 23, 2018. A copy of said Separation Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. (7-0)

Agree.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried that the board of education, amends the extracurricular appointment adopted at the February 26, 2018 board of education meeting for Joan Walker, softball program assistant, to reflect a change in step from Step 1 to Step 6, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed. (7-0)

Amend

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the list of substitute teacher appointments for the 2017-2018 school year, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2017 reorganization meeting. (7-0)

Appt.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on February 15, 21, 28 and March 1, 2018 pertaining to student #25528, 24671, 25490, 24549, 24995, 24959, 25134, 23956, 24997, 25062, 25059 and 25201 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (7-0)

CPSE
CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on February 5, 13, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28 and March 1, 2018 pertaining to student #20919, 20415, 25204, 21735, 24288, 15484, 25423, 24348, 24510, 24345, 16368, 21206, 21879, 19919, 21450, 20213, 24636, 24535, 20507, 20385, 20199, 24482, 22593, 20486, 23986, 25596, 23216, 24694, 24715, 24185, 23056, 24590, 22675, 24725, 22800, 25497, 18733, 23924, 18599, 20385, 25598, 22023, 22758, 19590, 23535, 25396, 23807, 22559, 14717, 18132, 20360, 18144, 22935, 20957, 21790 and 19590 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (7-0)

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: (7-0)

Finance

- General Fund Warrant # 27
- Capital Fund Warrant # 9
- Special Aid-U Fund Warrant # 6
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 18

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 Warwick Valley Central School District for the 2017-18 school year for the provision of health services to nine (9) Minisink-resident students who attend private school within the Warwick Valley Central School District, and approves payment in the amount of \$7,416.81. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the months of December 2017 and January 2018. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, declares the attached list of equipment as surplus and/or obsolete equipment for the purpose of disposing of the items to the highest responsible bidder. (7-0)

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 would be on March 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school auditorium. Mr. Cooper added that the committee would be doing a complete review of all budgets presented.

Finance
Comm.

President Flaherty said the OCSBA meeting scheduled for this month was canceled due to inclement weather.

OCSBA

Mr. Monahan discussed the final phases of the 2018-2019 budget building process and said it will be as follows:

Budget
Bldg.
Process

- Finance Committee Meeting of March 22
- Public Budget Overview – At the conclusion of the finance committee meeting on March 22, there will be a final overview of all 2018-2019 budgets and any final questions from the community can be asked at that time.
- 2018-2019 Draft budget proposals adopted at the April 19th board of education meeting.
- Public Budget Hearing will be held on May 3, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the middle school auditorium. There is no public comment at this hearing.

Mr. Cooper attended the middle school drama production and the high school chorus *Music in Our Schools* event along with Mr. Monahan and Mr. Odland. He announced the high school drama production, *Working*, will be presented on March 15, 16 and 17.

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 8:37 PM to discuss employment histories of particular persons, a matter made exempt under federal law, FERPA, to hear the appeal of student 19932 regarding a five-day suspension, and a matter of negotiations with AMVA. (7-0)

Exec.

During executive session, the board discussed employment histories of particular persons, a matter made exempt under federal law, FERPA, to hear the appeal of student 19932 regarding a five-day suspension, and a matter of negotiations with AMVA.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:30 PM. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the probationary appointment of Rose Serafin, senior typist, assigned to the Athletic Department, effective 3/23/18 with probation ending 3/22/19. Step 3, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed. (7-0)

Appt.

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon review of the record, to uphold the principal's short term, five-day suspension for student #19932. (7-0)

Appeal

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Salamone and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 PM. (7-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk