

Minisink Valley Central School District  
Board Meeting – May 4, 2017

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in the middle school auditorium on May 4, 2017.

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

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Alfred Gibbs

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. Elizabeth Law, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 142  
PRESS: 0

President Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and the pledge of allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence in memory of Christine Thomas, high school guidance counselor that passed away suddenly. Mrs. Thomas served in our high school counseling department for 16 years and was a valued and beloved member of our school community. She will be dearly missed.

Pledge

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 minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education of April 20, 2017. (6-0)

Minutes

President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. One member spoke about Project Graduation, the all night alcohol and drug free event held at the end of the year for seniors.

Visitors

MR. ODLAND ENTERED THE MEETING AT 8:11 PM.

Mr. Monahan introduced Mrs. Megahn Hughes, music teacher at Otisville Elementary. Mrs. Hughes introduced the Otisville chorus and they performed two songs from their upcoming concert. The students invited the board members to attend the various concerts that will be held throughout the district in the coming weeks. Mrs. Stern, retired music teacher, played the piano for the performance. President Flaherty presented certificates of excellence to the each of the students and to Mrs. Hughes. Mr. Monahan thanked Mrs. Stern for her accompaniment, the parents and students for coming to the meeting and Mrs. Hughes for all of her work in organizing the performance.

Kudos

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 retirement of Patti-Lynn Decker, technology integration specialist, assigned to the K-5 building level, effective 6/30/17. (7-0)

Retire

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 resignation: (7-0)

Resign

Robin Sklar, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 5/5/17.

Judi Zollweg, science teacher, assigned to the High School, effective 6/30/17.

George Ford, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 5/12/17.

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 leaves of absences: (7-0)

Leaves

Jenna McElroy, art teacher, assigned to the High School, childcare leave of absence extension effective 9/1/17 and ending on 1/26/18.

Marie Demchak, school psychologist, assigned to the district, childcare leave of absence extension effective 5/9/17 and ending on 6/30/17.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, creates the following positions, effective 7/1/17: (7-0)

New Positions

- Three (3) FTE AIS Reading positions in the remedial reading special subject tenure area
- Two (2) FTE Special Education positions in the special education special subject tenure area
- Two (2) FTE Spanish positions in the secondary foreign language tenure area
- One (1) FTE AIS Math position in the elementary tenure area
- One (1) FTE Physical Education position in the physical education tenure area
- One (1) FTE Social Studies position in the social studies tenure area
- One (1) FTE English position in the English tenure area
- One (1) FTE Supervisor of Professional Learning position in the administrative tenure area
- One (1) FTE Technology Integration Specialist
- Three (3) FTE Teacher Assistant positions
- One (1) FTE Physical Therapist position
- One (1) FTE Physical Therapist assistant position
- One (1) FTE LPN position

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 appointments: (7-0)

Appoints

Eden Held, probationary appointment as a Spanish teacher, assigned to the Middle School, for a four year probationary term, effective 9/1/17 with probation ending 8/31/21, 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. Subject Tenure Area: Secondary Foreign Languages. Certification: Spanish 7-12 initial certificate. Step 2 MA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MTA 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.*

Tutor appointments for the 2016-2017 school year, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the May 4, 2017 Board of Education meeting.

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Greeter appointments, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2016 reorganization meeting.

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Marie Demchak, temporary .6 appointment as a school psychologist, assigned to the district, effective 5/9/17 and ending on 6/30/17. Special Subject Tenure Area: School Psychologist. Certification: school psychologist provisional certificate. Step 2 MA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Mr. Ranaudo provided a report detailing assessment refusals for the 2017 assessment administration. He said our schools are still dealing with high percentages of testing refusals on the 3-8 state assessments. Additionally, Mr. Ranaudo discussed how these test refusals may have a negative impact on accountability.

C & I

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on April 6, 19, 20 and 26, 2017 pertaining to student #24715, 24212, 24761, 23739, 23904, 23895, 23719, 24949, 24016, 24500, 24424, 23703, 24054, 25056, 24794 and 24314, arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (7-0)

CPSE  
CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on March 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, and April 4, 6, 10, 18, 19, 25 and 26, 2017 pertaining to student #22347, 21670, 22919, 22811, 23863, 23325, 23596, 23597, 23225, 22622, 24855, 21686, 19260, 19728, 19959, 20213, 24635, 24636, 19919, 23632, 17424, 17047, 18459, 15502, 23969, 24298, 21975, 24851, 23975, 21852, 22549, 24577, 23924, 20559, 20385, 18608, 22471, 19335, 22472, 18633, 18269, 23107, 17755, 18538, 18956, 23766, 17053, 19314, 23446, 22948, 23437, 22651, 22179, 23868, 17859, 19953, 24105, 19891, 21952, 20212, 16285, 24838, 21034, 18132, 20957, 17616, 17159, 22935, 24822, 18304, 19535, 24270, 23360, 22853, 22594, 24715, 24212, 24761, 23904, 23088, 24946, 23140, 23895, 23719, 24949, 24500, 23122, 19933, 17424, 24852, 31881 and 22881 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (7-0)

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: (7-0)

Finance

- General Fund Warrant # 34, 36
- School Lunch Fund Warrant # 9
- Special Aid-U Fund Warrant # 8
- Trust & Agency Fund Warrant # 21

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

Technology Equipment and Supplies for the 2017-18 school year to the lowest responsible bidders for a total bid award of \$14,245.93.

Tire Recapping and Service Bid for the 2017-18 school year to Custom Bandag of Newburgh as the lowest responsible bidder on an "item by item" basis as per the bid document.

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 2017-18 Third Quarter Financial Reports: Revenue, Budget Transfers and Extraclassroom Activity Fund. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, amend the 2016-17 budget to reflect the receipt of the following revenues for the purpose of acquiring two (2) 3-D printers for the Middle School and High School Technology programs. (7-0)

Revenue A3289 – Other State Aid - \$75,000.00  
Revenue A2680 – Insurance Recoveries - \$39,221.16  
Revenues – A960 - \$114,221.16

Expense A2630-220-00-2033 Computer Hardware \$114,221.16  
Expenditures – A522 \$114,221.16

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Salamone, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approve an increase to the home tutoring hourly rate from \$25 to \$35 effective March 17, 2017 to remain competitive within the region. (7-0)

President Flaherty reported on the OCSBA meeting that he attended. He brought a packet from the meeting to be shared with all board members that was provided by the guest speaker who was an education service specialist. President Flaherty said the meeting also included the nomination of officers and budget report. He reported that he will be holding the office of second vice-president.

OSCBA

A buildings and grounds committee meeting was set for May 4, 2017.

B & G Comm.

Mr. Monahan discussed the unused snow days and said that all schools will be closed on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> as a “give-back” day.

Unused Snow Day

Board members discussed and set a date for the annual board dinner.

Board Dinner

Mr. Cooper attended softball and baseball games. He reported that the softball team is currently undefeated. Mr. Monahan and President Flaherty, along with high school administration and teachers, attended the MHSSC’s Excellence in Teacher Award dinner honoring high school teacher Emily Rufino. Mr. Monahan also attended softball, baseball and lacrosse games, the scholar athlete and fine arts award programs.

District Events

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 8:56 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. (7-0)

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.

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to resume public session at 9:51 PM. (7-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 PM. (7-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk