

Minisink Valley Central School District
Board Meeting – November 2, 2017

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on November 2, 2017.

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
Mrs. Catherine Prezioso

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Shawn Cahill
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
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 6
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 October 18, 2017. (7-0)

Minutes

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

Visitors

Mr. Monahan gave an update of the final stages of the EXCEL project. He said that the project is nearing completion. Mr. Monahan also provided an update on the Capital Project that began recently. He said that many areas of the project i.e. fence on the Route 6 campus, electronic sign, high school kitchen design, LED lighting in the pool area, have all begun and are going well.

EXCEL & Capital Project Update

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 retirement of Linda Pacion, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 12/29/17. (7-0)

Retire

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 leaves of absences: (7-0)

Leaves

Lucy Hildenbrand, full-time teacher aide, assigned to the Intermediate School, unpaid leave of absence effective on or about 10/23/17 and ending on or about 11/22/17.

Denise Alston, part-time teacher aide, assigned to the Middle School, unpaid leave of absence extension effective 11/4/17 and ending on or about 12/4/17.

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

Appt

Blake Smith, temporary appointment as a math teacher, assigned to the High School, effective 10/24/17 and ending 11/27/17. Special Subject Tenure Area: mathematics. Certification: mathematics 7-12 initial certificate. Step 1 BA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Coaching appointments for the winter 2017-2018 athletic season, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

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

Volunteer coaching appointments for the winter 2017-2018 athletic season.

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

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

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Lori Luciano, probationary appointment as a part-time teacher aide, assigned to the Elementary School, for a one year probationary term, effective 11/3/17 with probation ending 11/2/18. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Mr. Ranaudo gave a *Power Point* presentation regarding the 2017 grades 3-8 assessment data. He reviewed the trends and how important these are to show progress and areas in need of improvement. Mr. Ranaudo also discussed test refusals and their impact on data. Mr. Ranaudo added that the district is moving towards computer based testing this year.

C & I

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, and unanimously carried having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on October 17, 18, 24 and 25, 2017 pertaining to student #25285, 24713, 24566, 25346, 23896, 24658, 25032, 25212, 25213, 23750 and 25223 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. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on October 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25 and 26, 2017 pertaining to students #23390, 22600, 24500, 17114, 23441, 23895, 23897, 24496, 22680, 20944, 20802, 23230, 21284, 23690, 22083, 18733, 16285, 18140, 18973, 18777, 18547, 22889, 23811, 25431, 25444, 16196, 25054, 23230, 25429, 25428, 23904, 22836, 21670, 21152, 21921, 20829, 20239, 19844, 21588, 19473, 18599 and 18273 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, 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 # 14
- School Lunch Fund Warrant # 4
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 8

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 month of September 2017. (7-0)

Mr. Bourgeois said that there is a name change in the Tech Crew Activity Club to Audio Visual (AV) Tech Crew to avoid confusion with the Technology Club.

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 Key Construction contract change orders GC-04 (+\$3,450.00) and GC-05 (+\$27,130.71) for EXCEL project III-B. (7-0)

President Flaherty gave a report on the Orange County School Board Association’s meeting he attended. He said the meeting reviewed the budget and that there was a representative there from Orange County Health Department to discuss the opioid crisis in this area.

Board members and Mr. Monahan spoke about the Mid-Hudson School Study Council Awards Dinner where eight Minisink employees received awards of excellence in various areas. Mr. Gibbs said he was thankful for the nomination and said that each board member is deserving of the award. He thanked his wife and family for their continued support. Mrs. DeRose said that the district is fortunate to have a board of education that works well together and, therefore, can accomplish so much more. Mr. Monahan added that the board of education at Minisink Valley is always focused on what is right for students.

MHSSC

Mr. Cooper, Mr. Odland and Mrs. Prezioso attended the National Honor Society’s induction. Mr. Cooper attended the Otisville Elementary and the Minisink Elementary Halloween parades. Mr. Cooper announced that the high school drama production, Almost, Maine, begins this evening. Mr. Gibbs read a letter from 4H Alumni regarding the Toy Show event that was held recently. They thanked the district for helping them.

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 9:25 PM to discuss employment histories of particular persons, a matter of negotiations with AMVA and MVTA and a matter made exempt under federal law, FERPA. (7-0)

Exec.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:02 PM. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried that the board of education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Minisink Valley Teachers’ Association, dated November 2, 2017 regarding language clean-up, rate of pay and classification for extracurricular and coaching assignments, and rate of pay for middle school period coverage. A copy of such Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. (7-0)

MVTA MOA

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 10:04 PM. (7-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk