

Minutes

Board of Education

2018-2019

Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – October 11, 2018

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in middle school room 108 on October 11, 2018.

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

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: 7
PRESS: 0

President Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:04 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 September 20, 2018. (7-1 abstention, President Flaherty)

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President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. There were none

Visitors

MR. CAHILL ENTERED THE MEETING AT 8:06 PM.

Mr. Monahan introduced Ms. Julie Fraino from Nugent and Haeussler will presented a summary of the audit report.

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts and files the 2017-18 audited financial statements from Nugent and Haeussler, P.C. (9-0)

Audit

Mr. Monahan said that October 22 - October 26 has been designated as School Board Recognition Week by Governor Cuomo for the Empire State. He thanked the board members for their commitment to the students, parents, and community and shared facts regarding board service members. Mr. Monahan presented each board member with a gift of appreciation.

Board
Recog.

Mr. Monahan gave an overview of the district's current enrollment. He said that the total number of students is 3,573, which is a decrease of 1.6%.

BEDS

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 resignations: (9-0)

Resign

Tonya Newcomb, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 10/8/18.

Shawna Swaine, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 10/12/18.

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 childcare leave of absence for Allyson Kingly, math teacher, assigned to the Middle School, effective on or about 1/14/19 and ending on or about 2/25/19. (9-0)

Leave

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, amends the appointment adopted at the September 20, 2018 board of education meeting of Juan Glasgow, substitute school bus driver, to reflect that the appointment is retroactive to 9/17/18. (9-0)

Amend

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 creations: (9-0)

Creation

One school bus monitor position, effective 10/12/18.

One school bus driver position, effective 10/12/18.

A motion was made by Mr. Briecke, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the probationary appointment of Shawna Swaine, head bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 10/13/18 with probation ending 10/12/19. Salary at \$60,500, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed. (9-0)

Appts.

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

Abbe Hughes, temporary appointment as a school social worker, assigned to Otisville Elementary School, effective on or about 11/26/18 and ending on or about 1/27/20, contingent upon the passing of a school social worker certification exam. Special Subject Tenure Area: school social worker. Certification: school social worker provisional certificate (pending). Step 1 MA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Pamela Witkowski, probationary appointment as a part-time teacher aide, assigned to Otisville Elementary School, effective 10/15/18 with probation ending 10/14/19. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Substitute teachers, aide, and nurse appointments for the 2018-2019 school year, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2018 reorganization meeting.

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

Tutor appointment for the 2018-2019 school year, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2018 reorganization meeting.

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Substitute bus monitor appointments for the 2018-2019 school year, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2018 reorganization meeting.

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Extracurricular appointments for the 2018-2019 school year, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

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

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Coaching appointments for the winter 2018 athletic season, pending completion of coaching requirements, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

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Volunteer coaching appointments for the winter 2018 athletic season.

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A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that in accordance with section 3012-d of the NYS Education Law and upon recommendation of the superintendent, that Thomas Rickard has received the required training and is hereby certified by the board of education to serve as Lead Evaluators of Teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. (9-0)

Lead Eval.

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on September 27, 2018 pertaining to student #24551, 25797 and 25889 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE CSE

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on September 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, October 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2018 pertaining to student #18633, 20870, 24298, 19159, 18140, 18518, 14717, 18608, 25615, 22497, 20798, 19328, 25202, 23811, 24343, 23908, 19343, 19844, 25596, 18220, 24912, 24595, 20042, 21879, 21206, 23654, 23497, 18538, 20751, 24395, 23225, 25952, 25870, 21681, 24099, 18167, 18166, 19288, 22020, 23506, 21184, 21079, 25801, 21080, 22752, 25829, 24786, 25936, 25872, 25880, 20810, 18615, 24105, 25202, 18531, 18952, 18167, 22889, 20507, 18608, 16180, 19145, 19524, 19889, 17049, 21908, 19933 and 25975 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, approves the following: (9-0)

Finance

- General Fund Warrant # 11
- Special Aid-Q Fund Warrant # 1
- School Aid-U Fund Warrant # 1
- Capital Fund Warrant # 3
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 7

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, declares the attached list of vehicles and equipment as surplus and/or obsolete equipment for the purpose of disposing of the items to the highest responsible bidder. (9-0)

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

A motion was made by Mr. Briecke, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, adopt the attached resolution regarding State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) as an unlisted action with no significant adverse effect on the environment. (9-0)

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

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 2018-2019 goals of the board of education: (9-0)

- The district will cultivate an atmosphere that embraces Minisink Valley’s diversity and supports a learning environment respectful of all students, staff, and community members.
- The district will develop and successfully pass a fiscally responsible budget for the 2019-2020 school year that complies with the New York State Tax Cap Law and supports a quality education for all of our students.
- The district will complete a review of existing administrative regulations and implement all necessary changes to ensure alignment with the board of education policy manual adopted on August 30, 2018. The district will further ensure that the new regulations are compliant with all State and Federal laws and regulations.
- The district will continue to expand and improve upon communication capabilities with our staff, students and community to help promote all the positive attributes of Minisink Valley. This will include the implementation of a new website by the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year.
- The district will continue to maintain oversight for the additional construction phases of the Capital Project.

President Flaherty reported on the audit committee meeting held earlier in the evening. He said the district has received a clean opinion.

Audit

President Flaherty reported on the Orange County School Boards Association, OCSBA, meeting that he attended. He said there were two quest speakers talking about the overall well-being of students and the need to respect one another.

OCSBA

Mr. Cooper attended 2nd grade grandparents day, middle and high school open house nights and played in the wrestling golf outing. Mrs. Prezioso talked about the high school’s pep rally where several board members attended. She also attended middle school open house. Mr. Salamone and Mr. Emery attended middle and high school open house nights. Mr. Emery also attended financial aide event and a football game. President Flaherty attended the fire department event at the elementary school. Mr. Odland attended x-country’s senior night.

District Events

A motion was made by Mr. Christopher Briecke seconded by Mrs. Catherine Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, adopt the attached resolution regarding State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) as an unlisted action with no significant adverse effect on the environment. (See attached). (9-0)

Attachment referenced above:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Minisink Valley Central School District (“Board”) has under consideration a SMART Schools Technology and Security Improvement capital project consisting of construction improvements and reconstruction of various School District Buildings and facilities, (the “Proposed Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Board proposes to proceed with the Proposed Action and wishes to take all actions necessary in connection therewith in order to comply with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), including designating itself as Lead Agency for the purpose of determination of the environmental impact of the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the Proposed Action is an Unlisted action under Section 617.5 of the SEQRA Regulations; and

WHEREAS, William G. Wisbauer of Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers has prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) and has determined that the Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Part 617 of the SEQRA Regulations, other Involved Agencies have been provided with written notice of the Board’s intent to serve as Lead Agency for the SEQRA Review for this Unlisted Action;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, pending receipt of responses from the other Involved Agencies within 30 days from October 11, 2018, the Board of Education hereby designates itself as Lead Agency for the Proposed Action and that a coordinated review is not needed; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, after having reviewed the components and aspects of the Project and the Short EAF, hereby determines that such Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and makes a negative declaration for the purpose of the SEQRA and no further action is necessary; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes Brian Monahan, Superintendent of Schools, to execute the Short EAF on behalf of the Board and to file or have filed on behalf of the District/Board all documents necessary to comply with SEQRA.

The contact person for the Minisink Valley Central School District is Matthew Bourgeois, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 9:06 PM to discuss the employment histories of particular persons, a matter made exempt under federal law, FERPA and a matter of real property. (9-0)

Exec.

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

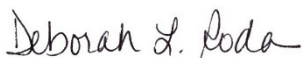
A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:06 PM. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education hereby appoints Elizabeth A. Ledkovsky of Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, L.L.P. to serve as a Special Title IX and Title VII investigator for the District. (9-0)

Investigator

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 PM. (9-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk