

Minisink Valley Central School District
Board Meeting – October 5, 2017

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on October 5, 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
Mr. Thomas Salamone

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Shawn Cahill
Mrs. Catherine Prezioso

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: 8
PRESS: 0

President Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Pledge

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 minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education of September 14, 2017. (7-0) Minutes

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

President Flaherty and Mr. Monahan presented Mrs. Rickard and the Rickard family with a personalized jacket in memory of Mr. Rickard, board member that passed away recently. Board members and the Rickard family shared many loving stories of Mr. Rickard. The Rickard family said they would be starting a \$2,500 scholarship for a graduating senior in memory of Mr. Rickard. The board of education thanked the family for their generosity of the scholarship and for sharing Mr. Rickard’s time as a volunteer board member. Rickard Family

Mr. Monahan gave an overview of the district’s current enrollment. BEDS

Mr. Monahan reviewed the schedule for the upcoming open houses and those that had already taken place. He said that there will be shuttle busses available during the high school open house. Mr. Monahan encouraged parents to attend open house for their child(ren). Open House

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the retirement of Pamela Reyer, school bus driver instructor-examiner, assigned to the transportation department, effective at the close of business on 10/10/17. (7-0) Retire

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 following resignations: (7-0) Resign

Jennifer Duggan, high school assistant play director/choreographer for both the Fall and Spring shows, effective 9/22/17.

Andrea Ferguson, middle school AV coordinator, effective 9/27/17.

Walter Wentland, automotive mechanic, assigned to the transportation department, effective 10/13/17.

Christina Faline, greeter, assigned to Otisville Elementary School, effective 9/29/17.

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

Linda Horan, teacher aide, assigned to the High School, unpaid leave of absence effective 10/2/17 and ending on 10/6/17.

Jessica Dickman, English teacher, assigned to the Middle School, childcare leave of absence effective on or about 1/9/18 and ending on or about 2/26/18.

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 the creation of one administrative assistant position, effective 10/6/17. (7-0)

Creation

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, amends the extracurricular appointment adopted at the September 14, 2017 board of education meeting for Ezra Clementson, high school youth in government advisor, to reflect a change in capacity served to shared. (7-0)

Amendment

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: (7-0)

Appt

Cara Connelly, probationary appointment as an English teacher, assigned to the Middle School, for a four year probationary term, effective 9/25/17 with probation ending 9/24/21, 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. 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. (7-0)

Alexis Reyes, temporary appointment as an AIS reading teacher, assigned to the Intermediate School, effective 10/11/17 and ending 11/6/17. Special Subject Tenure Area: remedial reading. Certification: literacy B-6 initial certificate. Step 1 MA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Christina Faline, probationary appointment as a part-time teacher aide, assigned to Otisville Elementary, for a one year probationary term, effective 10/2/17 with probation ending 10/1/18. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

John Mottola, driver education instructor for the 2017-2018 school year, compensation at the rate of \$40.00 per hour.

Extracurricular appointments for the 2017-2018 school year, 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 extracurricular appointments for the 2017-2018 school year.

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Mentor appointments, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed. (7-0)

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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. (7-0)

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Substitute bus driver appointments for the 2017-2018 school year, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2017 reorganization meeting. (7-0)

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Mr. Ranaudo gave a *Power Point* presentation regarding the 2017 School Climate Survey results. He said the data from the survey was helpful and thanked those that participated. Mr. Ranaudo said the administrative team would continue to analyze the information received and address areas of weakness or concern.

C & I

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on September 19, 26 and 27, 2017 pertaining to student #24566, 24350, 25299, 24731 and 24566 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 September 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27 and 29, 2017 pertaining to student #22935, 15289, 17114, 17604, 24851, 25203, 19088, 25328, 22549, 20810, 24500, 18973, 19017, 19289, 25356, 25427, 18220, 25289, 20703, 22621, 22897, 24277, 20934, 21152, 23811, 24630, 19600, 18547, 18596, 19334, 17116, 18140, 18167, 25420, 17015, 19896, 23897, 20728, 21717, 23974, 20646, 22563, 21577, 22071. 20008, 22006, 21034, 19924, 16303, 16897, 22008, 24715, 23187, 20802, 23529 and 22907 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Emery, 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 # 10, 11
- School Lunch Fund # 3
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 6

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2017. (7-0)

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 contract with PAS for the purpose of providing Driver Education classes for the 2017-18 school year. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Emery, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the following change orders: (7-0)

Napp Electric contract change orders EC-01 (+\$15,055.93), EC-02 (+\$26,972.00), and EC-03 (-\$13,924.50) for EXCEL project III-B.

Key Construction contract change orders GC-01 (-\$35,484.00), GC-02 (+\$33,010.53), and GC-03 (-\$3,816.16) for EXCEL project III-B.

Boyce Excavating, Inc. contract change orders SC-01 (+\$12,027.70), SC-02 (+\$9,744.34), and SC-03 (+\$10,457.00), SC-04 (+\$14,048.00) and Sc-05 (-\$61,619.50) for EXCEL project III-B.

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Salamone, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the 2017-2018 goals of the board of education. (7-0)

- The district will develop and successfully pass a fiscally responsible budget for the 2018-2019 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 the review an implementation of the updated board of education policies and ensure that they are in compliance with all New York State laws and begin the review of the administrative regulations associated policies.
- The district will continue to expand and improve upon our communication capabilities with our staff, students and community to help promote all the positive attributes of Minisink Valley.
- The district will expand the curriculum and extracurricular offerings at all levels to help facilitate student achievement.
- The district will ensure proper planning for the construction phase of the Capital Project.

President Flaherty gave a report on the audit committee meeting held earlier in the evening. He said that Ms. Julie Fraino from Nugent and Haeussler reviewed the summary of the draft report. Mr. Fraino said the district has a clean opinion.

Audit

President Flaherty reported on the OCSBA meeting of October 4, 2017 that he attended. He said the meeting included information on McKinney Vento grant and the upcoming convention.

OCSBA

Mr. Cooper attended the open house for grades 7 and 8 and Otisville elementary. He also spoke of the Sunday morning softball classics. Mrs. DeRose said the Harlem Wizards game is in full swing and well attended. Mr. Monahan reported that he played in the game prior to the meeting. Mr. Salamone commended the Color Run fundraiser. Mr. Emery attended the middle school open house, football game and college night. Mrs. DeRose attended the youth football game.

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 9:15 PM to discuss employment histories of particular persons, a matter of negotiations with AMVA and a matter made exempt under federal law, FERPA. (7-0)

Exec.

Mr. Tom O'Donnell was invited into executive session.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried to resume public session at 9:52 PM. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried that the board of education, hereby ratifies and makes appropriations for the Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement between the district and the Association of Minisink Valley Administrators, dated September 29, 2017, which provides for a retirement incentive to unit members eligible to retire. Said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. (7-0)

SMOA

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM. (7-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk