

Minisink Valley Central School District  
Board Meeting – May 19, 2016

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on May 19, 2016.

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

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Paul Rickard

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 Gillespie, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources  
Mrs. Elizabeth Law, Director of Pupil Personnel  
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 106  
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 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, 2016. (6-0)

Minutes

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

Visitors

The meeting was moved to the auditorium to accommodate the kudos section.

Mr. Monahan introduced Mrs. Marcolina, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at the intermediate school. Mrs. Marcolina and her class gave an overview of the *Veterans Visit* program that has been taking place for over twenty years. The students introduced themselves: Nicholas Balz, Logan Barton, Brighton Blake, Adisyn Bobish, Elizabeth Cerutti, Stephanie Cohen, Reilly Donders, Ryan Dullester, Gregory Furman, Pierce Gurney, Madison Hauck, Michael Heron, Ciara Howard, Kaitlin Kostic, Trevor Luther, Noah Mandel, Fiona McElduff, Noah McGinnis, Joshua Ortiz, Liam Rothbaum, Jonathan Samse, Elizabeth Skalski, AnnMarie Solimando, and Sofia Speranza. They explained that they all have committee assignments to help organize the event to make it successful. Mrs. Marcolina explained how the program involves ELA and math. She thanked the parents for their support and for providing the refreshments. Former students Justin Donders, Nicholas Abruzzese, Emily Abruzzese, Victoria Abruzzese, and William Schiele spoke about how the program helped them to understand the sacrifices that servicemen make and how they have great respect for the veterans because of this program. Mrs. Marcolina introduced Mrs. Becky Olah, middle school aide, who continues the program in the middle school. President Flaherty thanked them for a wonderful presentation and gave each of them a certificate of excellence. Mr. Monahan thanked them on how it connects school, students, community, and veterans.

Kudos

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

The meeting was moved back to room 108.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and unanimously carried that in accordance with Section 3012 of the NYS Education Law and upon recommendation of the superintendent, the following probationary teachers and/or administrators are hereby granted tenure by the Board of Education to the following positions in the tenure areas designated: (8-0)

Tenure

Timothy Bult– Administrative Tenure Area: Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, effective tenure date 7/15/16.

Jonathan Clemmons– Academic Tenure Area: Science, effective tenure date 9/2/16.

Megan Clark– Special Subject Tenure Area: Special Education, effective tenure date 9/3/16.

Megan Shafer–Special Subject Tenure Area: Music, effective tenure date 9/3/16.

Heather Berman–Special Subject Tenure Area: Physical Education, effective tenure date 9/3/16.

Joann Westby–Special Subject Tenure Area: School Counselor, effective tenure date 9/3/16.

Andrew Mink–Special Subject Tenure Area: Industrial Arts, effective tenure date 9/2/16.

James Ventriglia– Academic Tenure Area: Social Studies, effective tenure date 9/2/16.

Previously tenured: Andrew Sciulara–Academic Tenure Area: Science, effective tenure date 1/30/16.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent,

Mr. Monahan congratulated everyone. President Flaherty requested that the meeting recess at 8:55 PM for a brief reception to honor the newly tenured administrators and teachers. The meeting resumed at 9:12 PM.

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 results of the May 17, 2016 Annual Budget Vote and Election. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the members of the voter registration board for the 2016 - 2017 school year. (8-0)

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 following retirements: (8-0)

Retire

Eileen Jacobs, elementary teacher, assigned to Minisink Elementary, effective 6/30/16.

Cathy Eurich, senior typist, assigned to the transportation department, effective 6/30/16.

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 following retirements: (8-0)

Resign

Raymond Turse, assistant maintenance mechanic, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective 5/11/16.

Ashley Hamilton, co-junior varsity boys tennis coach, assigned to the boys tennis program, effective 5/12/16.

Keri Smith, special education teacher, assigned to the high school, effective 6/30/16.

Margaret Monto, typist, assigned to the middle school, effective 6/30/16.

Brenda Travers, typist, assigned to the high school, effective 6/30/16.

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: (9-0)

Sheree Longcor, teacher aide, assigned to the high school, unpaid leave of absence effective 6/10/16 and ending on 6/30/16.

Catina Brooks, special education teacher, assigned to the high school, childcare leave of absence extension effective 7/1/16 and ending on 1/29/17.

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, amends the extracurricular appointment adopted at the March 3, 2016 board of education meeting for David Hamilton, to reflect a change from the position of co-junior varsity boys' tennis coach to junior varsity boys tennis coach. (8-0)

Amend

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the summer school appointment of Thomas Rickard as the summer school principal, contingent upon enrollment, effective 5/19/16, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed. (8-0)

Appt.

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on April 18, 19, 20 and May 2, 10 and 11 pertaining to student #24237, 24201, 23671, 23596, 23597, 24211, 24145, 23187, 23741, 22732, 23659, 23750, 23580, 23146, 24593, 23659 and 24500 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (8-0)

CPSE

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on March 15, 17, 29, 31, April 4, 5, 8, 12, 14, 19, 21, 27, 28, 29 and May 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 11 pertaining to students #21930, 22585, 22583, 21164, 20590, 19530, 16988, 23812, 16303, 19201, 16268, 15710, 18409, 16516, 19135, 15608, 15853, 18938, 19547, 22020, 16048, 20751, 18551, 17155, 15650, 22005, 19334, 18598, 19349, 19197, 18329, 15499, 14716, 14717, 19393, 19394, 14431, 16991, 17640, 16142, 23398, 18727, 17439, 14511, 17401, 22984, 19535, 24366, 18961, 14731, 13904, 16324, 23671, 23596, 23597, 24211, 20829, 20239, 20496, 13478, 15596, 18633, 17604, 18692, 14631, 16277, 21190, 21601, 24635, 24636, 24663, 23399, 16267, 14598, 15569, 21787, 21810, 23916, 23917, 17015, 24630, and 17419 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (8-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's report for general fund warrant # 33. (8-0)

Finance

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2016. (8-0)

A public hearing of the Code of Conduct was held earlier in the evening. There were no comments or questions.

Code of  
Conduct

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 policy #7310, Code of Conduct for a first reading. (8-0)

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 expenditure of \$140.00 for board members Joseph Flaherty, Cathy Prezioso, Kathlee DeRose, and Shawn Cahill to attend the OCSBA Annual Meeting on June 1, 2016. (8-0)

OCSBA  
Annual  
Dinner

President Flaherty and Mr. Cooper said they would like to attend the NYSSBA 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Education Expo.

NYSSBA

Mr. Cooper attended the high school band and chorus concerts as well as a softball game. President Flaherty and Mr. Monahan attended the high school chorus concert. President Flaherty and Mr. Cahill attended Transportation Department BBQ along with several administrators. Mr. Odland and Mr. Monahan attended the middle school band concert. Mr. Gibbs said that the transportation department greatly appreciates the barbeque. He also said that Mrs. Marcolina is a Minisink Alumni. Mrs. DeRose spoke about the Not One More forum and the impact that it has on students. She announced that the junior prom is tomorrow. Mr. Cahill attended the Otisville elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade band concert.

The board of education had a discussion regarding the new policy manual that will be available soon.

Policy

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 9:35 PM to discuss employment histories of particular persons, matters made except under Federal Law, FERPA, and a matter of negotiations with AMVA and CSEA. (8-0)

Exec.

During executive session, the board discussed employment histories of particular persons, matters made except under Federal Law, FERPA, and a matter of negotiations with AMVA and CSEA.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried to resume public session at 11:13 PM. (8-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 PM. (8-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk