

Minisink Valley Central School District  
Board Meeting – May 28, 2015

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held the middle school auditorium on May 28, 2015.

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. Paul Rickard

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Thomas Salamone

DIST. PERSONNEL PRESENT: Mr. John P. Latini, 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 Services  
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 36  
PRESS: 0

President Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

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 May 7, 2015, and of the special meeting of the board of education of May 19, 2015. (8-0)

Minutes

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

Visitors

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, 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: (7-1 abstention, Mr. Gibbs)

Tenure

Stephen Caldwell– Administrative Tenure Area: Assistant Principal, effective tenure date 7/30/15.

William Jaeger- Administrative Tenure Area: Assistant Principal, effective tenure date 8/27/15.

Linda Sullivan–Special Subject Tenure Area: Remedial Reading, effective tenure date 9/3/15.

Susan Tonnessen–Special Subject Tenure Area: Remedial Reading, effective tenure date 9/3/15.

Andrew Hulle–Special Subject Tenure Area: Music, effective tenure date 9/4/15.

Bridget O’Mara-Green– Special Subject Tenure Area: Special Education, effective tenure date 9/3/15.

Laura Martellaro–Special Subject Tenure Area: Music, effective tenure date 9/4/15.

Lauren Keppler– Academic Tenure Area: Social Studies, effective tenure date 9/15/15.

Dolores Lombardo–Special Subject Tenure Area: School Media Specialist, effective tenure date 9/3/15.

Jeremy Cuebas– Special Subject Tenure Area: Physical Education, effective tenure date 9/4/15.

Danielle Zamorski– Special Subject Tenure Area: Health, effective tenure date 9/4/15.

Previously Tenured –

Colleen Fitzgerald- Administrative Tenure Area: Principal, effective tenure date 12/5/14.

Jessica Klein–Special Subject Tenure Area: School Psychologist, effective tenure date 11/18/14.

Mr. Latini congratulated everyone. President Flaherty requested that the meeting recess at 8:04 PM for a brief reception to honor the newly tenured administrators and teachers. The meeting resumed at 8:23 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the members of the voter registration board for the 2015 - 2016 school year. (8-0)

Voter  
Reg.  
Board

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

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 retirement resignations: (8-0)

Retire

Scot Henderson, head custodian, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective 6/4/15.

Jacqueline Przytula, elementary teacher, assigned to Minisink Elementary, effective 6/30/15.

Carol Freeman, school psychologist, assigned to the high school, effective 7/1/15.

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the resignation of Natalia Sclta, part time teacher aide, assigned to Otisville Elementary, effective 5/29/15. (8-0)

Resign

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 leaves: (8-0)

Leaves

Danielle Ulbrich, school social worker, assigned to Otisville Elementary, childcare leave of absence extension, effective 7/1/15 and ending 1/31/16.

Giuseppe Ricca, custodial worker, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, unpaid leave of absence, effective 8/27/15 and ending on 9/11/15.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, rescinds the unpaid leave of absence for Mary Lore, teacher aide, assigned to Otisville Elementary, as was previously approved at the 4/9/15 Board meeting. (8-0)

Recind

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Gibbs, and unanimously carried that the board of education hereby terminates the employment of Eugene Delamarter, assistant maintenance mechanic, effective May 28, 2015 in accordance with the provisions of Section 73 of the Civil Service Law, with the opportunity to be reinstated to the same or a similar position, if a vacancy exists, upon making application therefore within one year after termination of the disability.

Termination

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, creates the following positions, effective 7/1/15: (8-0)

New  
Positions

- Two (2) FTE Mathematics position in the mathematics tenure area
- One (1) FTE Special Education position in the special education tenure area
- One (1) FTE Science position in the science tenure area
- One (1) FTE Music position in the music special subject tenure area
- One (1) FTE English position in the English tenure area
- One (1) FTE School Social Worker position in the school social worker ancillary support services tenure area
- One (1) FTE Speech position in the speech and hearing handicapped children tenure area
- One (1) FTE Foreign Language position in the foreign language tenure area
- One (1) FTE Twelve month typist position
- One (1) FTE Teacher Aide position

Mr. Ranaudo provided information regarding an initiative to bring Chromebooks into the middle school. He said that the first set of devices have been received and will be utilized to facilitate professional development for the 6th grade teachers. Additionally, remaining funds from the Race to the Top grant have been used to order 90 more Chromebooks, which will be distributed to the 6th grade teams and will be provided for student use. Mr. Ranaudo also said that the district has received a \$200,000 grant, which will be utilized to expand the wireless infrastructure across the district.

Curr. & Instruc.

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 30, May 13, and 15, 2015 pertaining to students #23360, 22721, 22365, 21845, 23032, 23088, 23655, 24080, 23719, 24107, 23671 and 22680 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (8-0)

CPSE

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on February 25, 26, March 18, 26, 27, April 7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 27, 30, May 7, 13, 15, 19 and 20, 2015 pertaining to students #21450, 23924, 20213, 23459, 21595, 21231, 18149, 19590, 20117, 22208, 20385, 21656, 22645, 23817, 20043, 20680, 21240, 13470, 21839, 18692, 21152, 19832, 22277, 20131, 13950, 16368, 23901, 22728, 19363, 23758, 16196, 14774, 18531, 23043, 20212, 18424, 23811, 18461, 15852, 16728, 15318, 12855, 19242, 19880, 16516, 19135, 15608, 19289, 18979, 16912, 21694, 20653, 17696, 19277, 23399, 17292, 16048, 17779, 17047, 20810, 19546, 22935, 23807, 22214, 18251, 16960, 16127, 17412, 15552, 17640, 17578, 14911, 16047, 18314, 17756, 15130, 17424, 21034, 14717, 14716, 21503, 17398, 18869, 20360, 23042, 18877, 15499, 23817, 22365, 21845, 23032, 23088, 19861, 15958, 15059, 18709, 17922, 15233, 22455, 23408, 23210, 22810, 16033, 22207, 18599, 23349, 22899, 17047, 22853, 22594, 23197, 21081, 22563, 14568, 22209, and 23722 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 the following warrants: (8-0)

Finance

- General Fund Warrant # 35
- School Lunch Fund Warrant # 12

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 April 2015. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, as part of the 2015-16 Clarkstown Central School District Cooperative Fuel Bid, name East River Energy, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder to provide diesel fuel and kerosene based on the daily Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) pricing available at the Newburgh Terminal plus, fixed transportation costs for diesel fuel of .0083 per gallon and fixed transportation costs for kerosene of .25 per gallon. (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, awards the bid for Science Equipment and Supplies for the 2015-16 school year to the lowest responsible bidders for a total bid award of \$2,488.41. (8-0)

Mr. Latini said that there was a hearing for the Code of Conduct prior to the board meeting this evening.

Code of  
Conduct

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

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the expenditure of \$152 for board members President Flaherty, Mrs. DeRose, Mr. Rickard, and Mrs. Prezioso to attend the OCSBA Annual Meeting on June 3, 2015.

OCSBA

President Flaherty thanked the board for their support as board president and announced that he would like to continue in that role for next year.

Board  
Officers

Vice-president Cooper thanked the board for their support as board vice-president and announced that he would like to continue in that role for next year.

Mr. Cooper attended the high schools spring band concert and art show and silent auction. He also attended the Unionville Memorial Day Parade where the schools bands were the highlight of the show. Mr. Cahill attended the intermediate school band concert and Mrs. Marcolina's class during the Veteran's Visit. Mrs. DeRose attended the boys' and girls' lacrosse games and congratulated the teams. President Flaherty, Mr. Latini, and Mr. Hauck attended the Outstanding Student Dinner honoring Valedictorian Jacob Anderson and Salutatorian Claire Atlas.

District  
Events

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 8:42 PM to discuss a matter of negotiations with the central office administrators and a matter leading to the appointment of a particular person. (8-0)

Executive

President Flaherty invited Mr. William Hecht into executive session.

During executive session, the board discussed a matter of negotiations with the central office administrators and a matter leading to the appointment of a particular person.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried to resume public session at 11:35 PM. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education approves the Cabinet Agreement for the 2015-2016 school year, inclusive of a 3.5% salary increase, the same as is annually existing for the AMVA unit per their current July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 contract agreement, for the following Cabinet members: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, the Assistant Superintendent for Business, the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and the Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and all other items within the agreement, as applicable. (8-0)

Cabinet  
Agreement

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 PM. (8-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk