

Minisink Valley Central School District  
Board Meeting – April 7, 2016

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on April 7, 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. Paul Rickard  
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 Gillespie, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources  
Mrs. Elizabeth Law, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 9  
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 March 3, 2016. (8-0)

Minutes

MRS. DEROSE ENTERED THE MEETING AT 8:01 PM.

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

Visitors

Mr. Monahan distributed copies of the Demographic Study conducted by Western Suffolk BOCES. He said that research shows that the district will experience decreased enrollment over the next few years.

Demo. Study

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the retirement resignation of Bruce Storms, custodial worker, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective 5/1/16. (9-0)

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: (9-0)

Leaves

Sandra Macaluso, school bus monitor, assigned to the transportation department, unpaid leave of absence effective 5/4/16 and ending on 6/10/16.

Maria Fenfert, music teacher, assigned to Otisville Elementary, childcare leave of absence extension effective 7/1/16 and ending 1/29/17.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the probationary appointment of John Behler, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 4/8/16 with probation ending 4/7/17. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed. (9-0)

Appt.

Mr. Ranaudo provided information regarding refusals of state testing. He provided information regarding the number of students for whom the district had received refusal notices. Additionally, Mr. Ranaudo provided data related to the refusals for the 2014-2015 test administration, as well as county-wide refusal estimates in order to provide both a district and county-wide perspective to this issue.

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 March 15, 16, 17, 18, 29, 30 and 31 pertaining to student #23895, 24100, 23719, 23654, 24303, 23749, 23897, 23739, 23904, 24212, 23714, 24542, 23564, 24536, 24538, 23732, 23957, 24016, 23960, 24107, 24008, 24567, 23728, 24414, and 24445 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE

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 Special Education held on February 11, 23, 24, 29 and March 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 29 and 30 pertaining to students #22310, 17049, 19891, 20385, 17824, 24105, 22568, 19921, 18170, 19145, 17437, 19427, 23546, 18141, 16309, 19851, 19259, 21768, 18548, 23373, 21572, 22163, 21735, 21953, 21952, 23811, 23043, 18176, 15567, 24050, 20557, 18613, 19333, 22889, 20957, 19911, 21503, 21034, 18877, 23776, 18866, 16881, 16928, 17156, 23690, 20361, 19294, 18167, 20586, 20798, 22853, 24390, 21283, 22939, 23963, 16990, 15233, 23437, 19914, 21222, 21141, 23500, 20993, 18538, 18628, 24577, 23506, 24378, 17292, 21924, 21170, 20567, 24510, 24047 and 23320 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's report for the following warrants: (9-0)

Finance

- General Fund Warrant # 28, # 29
- School Lunch Fund Warrant # 10
- Capital Fund Warrant # 8
- Special Aid – D # 1, FFF # 1, Q # 6, U # 7
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 18, # 19, # 20

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, authorizes and approves the letter submitted on March 9, 2016 to the Orange Ulster Health Plan requesting the claims data for Minisink Valley CSD for the three year period ending December 31, 2015. (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, declares the attached list of items as surplus and/or obsolete equipment for the purpose of disposing of the equipment to the highest responsible bidder. Items receiving no bid shall be disposed of in an appropriate and cost effective manner. (9-0)

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

Mr. Cooper reported on the finance committee meeting that was held on March 31, 2016. He thanked those that were able to attend each of the meetings and the district personnel for their work in putting together budgets that are fiscally responsible to taxpayers and meet the needs of the students.

Finance Comm.

Several board members attended the OU BOCES Budget Presentation and Dinner. They spoke about the various programs offered to our students and the benefits of those programs.

OU BOCES

Mr. Monahan spoke about the unused snow days. He said that Monday, April 25, 2016 and Thursday, May 26, 2016 will now be a “give back” day and all Minisink Valley Schools will be closed on those days.

Unused  
Snow  
Days

Mr. Cooper attended the softball multi-scrimmage and the baseball scrimmage. He reminded everyone that the high school production’s tickets are going quickly for their shows scheduled for April 14, 15, and 16, all at 7:00 pm. Mrs. DeRose attended the boys varsity lacrosse game. Mr. Monahan attended a baseball game.

District  
Events

Mr. Monahan announced that the next board of education meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

Next Mtg.

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 8:40 PM to discuss a matter made exempt under Federal Law, FERPA, the employment histories of particular persons, and a matter of contract negotiations with CSEA, MVTA, and AMVA. (9-0)

Exec.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:25 PM. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to direct a comprehensive medical examination and evaluation, including but not limited to psychiatric and other examinations and evaluations, if necessary, of Employee No. 040716, in accordance with the provisions of Section 913 of the Education Law; and

Emp.  
040716

Further resolved, that the Board hereby directs that Employee No. 040716 submit their medical records, if any, to the extent and for the time as determined by the examining physician(s) to the examining physician(s) at or before such examinations/evaluations.” (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, that the Board hereby appoints Richard Budd, Sr. to the position of technology teacher, on a contract basis, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and Board President to execute a contract in lieu of probation on behalf of the District with Mr. Budd, whereby he shall perform services as technology teacher in the District for the period commencing April 11, 2016 and terminating on June 30, 2016. A copy a said contract, as presented to the Board at this meeting, shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. (9-0)

Tech  
Appt.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM. (8-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk