

Minisink Valley Central School District
Board Meeting – February 18, 2016

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on February 18, 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

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: 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. Debra Wilson, Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 11
PRESS: 0

President Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:01 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 February 18, 2016. (6-0)

Minutes

MRS. DEROSE ENTERED THE MEETING AT 8:02 PM.

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President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. Students from the high school band invited board members to the upcoming concert where they will be performing with Sam Hazo, an internationally renowned composer. The concert will be held on March 2, 2016.

Visitors

Mr. Monahan introduced Mr. Kenneth Hauck, high school principal, who introduced Mrs. Susan White, business teacher. They gave a presentation regarding a new program that will be held at the high school. Mrs. White said that the event, Community Connection and Business Expo, will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2016, and is open to the public.

HS Pres.

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 resignation of Michael Pason, custodial worker, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective at the close of business on 2/12/16. (8-0)

Resign.

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 creation of one (1 FTE) teacher aide position, effective 1/19/16. (8-0)

New Position

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 appointments: (8-0)

Appts.

Lorena Mydosh, probationary appointment as a custodial worker, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective 2/19/16 with probation ending 2/18/17, Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Robert Wood, Jr., probationary appointment as a custodial worker, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective 2/19/16 with probation ending 2/18/17, Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Tara Grogan, probationary appointment as a school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 2/19/16 with probation ending 2/18/17, Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Kevin McClintock, probationary appointment as a school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 2/19/16 with probation ending 2/18/17, Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Mr. Ranaudo provided an overview of the Google Summit that Minisink Valley will be hosting on March 16, 2016. This daylong conference, offered in collaboration with NYSCATE, will provide an opportunity for over fifty Minisink teachers to network with several hundred other educators from across the region as they explore the ways that Google Education can enhance learning in their classrooms.

Curr. & Instruc.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, 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 February 4 and February 5, 2016 pertaining to student #22813, 24474, 24496 and 23597 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 Special Education held on January 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2016 and February 2, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11, 2016 pertaining to students #16825, 17114, 20297, 14604, 22418, 12747, 12799, 14059, 15432, 16082, 16684, 18166, 19188, 19310, 19307, 23911, 18633, 24106, 16180, 19748, 17562, 24452, 23067, 24327, 22841, 21538, 22651, 19627, 18613, 20361, 16882, 17047, 20814, 19394, 19393, 16127, 22214, 16268, 17779, 19546, 23500, 19088, 14576, 18538, 23632, 23779, 23791, 21767, 22398, 15941, 16568, and 23758 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (8-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, 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: (8-0)

Finance

General Fund Warrant # 24
School Lunch Fund Warrant # 9

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

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges the donation of an electric range from Mr. Vincent Vetrano with an estimated value of \$540 for use in conjunction with concession activities. (8-0)

Mr. Cooper reported on the finance committee meeting that was held on February 11, 2016. He said the five building budgets were reviewed and gave kudos to the principals for their work. Mr. Cooper

Finance Comm.

added that the next finance committee meeting will be held on February 25, 2016, and encouraged the community to attend.

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

Student Calendar

Mr. Monahan said that the district has several unused snow days to use and that the district is working on when to use them. He said a final determination will be made at the next board meeting.

Unused Snow Days

Mr. Monahan gave a mid-year assessment of the board goals that they had set in the beginning of the school year and the progress of those goals.

BOE Mid-Year Assess.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, authorizes the refunding of certain bond issues for the purpose of refinancing the debt at a lower interest rate to reduce future debt service payments related to bond issues. (8-0)

Bond Refinance

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

Mr. Cooper, President Flaherty, Mr. Monahan, and Mr. Bult attended the wrestling match that honored Mr. Gallagher. They also attended the high school Pops Concert. Mr. Odland, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Monahan attended the intermediate school drama production of The Lion King Kids. They thanked the high school students, Mr. Passamonte, and all the parent helpers for making the show possible. Mr. Monahan gave kudos to the high school students for their continued involvement with the younger students for the many other programs in which they help i.e. Study Buddies. Mr. Cahill added that the high school students are great role models for the younger students. Mr. Cahill said that he attended the basketball clinic held for fourth to sixth graders. President Flaherty and Mr. Monahan attended the fundraiser held for Mr. Reynolds, a former teacher that had passed away. He gave kudos to the athletes who helped organize the event and to Coach Bruce Guyette for his cancer awareness speech. President Flaherty said the boys' swim relay will be going to states.

District Events

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 8:52 PM to discuss the employment histories of particular persons and a matter of contract negotiations with Orange-Ulster BOCES. (8-0)

Exec.

Mr. Hauck was invited into executive session. During executive session, the board discussed the employment histories of a particular persons and a matter of contract negotiations with Orange-Ulster BOCES.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:16 PM. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, authorize the district to notify the Orange Ulster Health Plan of its intent to withdraw from the Plan effective at midnight August 31, 2016 in accordance with the terms of the Municipal Cooperation Agreement dated June 2012. This notice is intended to provide the required six month notice prior to the district's withdrawal from the plan. (8-0)

Health Ins.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 PM. (8-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk