

Minisink Valley Central School District
Board Meeting – January 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 January 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. Debra Wilson, Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 17
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 December 17, 2015. (9-0)

Minutes

MR. ODLAND ENTERED THE MEETING AT 8:01 PM.

President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. Two community members spoke about nutrition at the elementary levels.

Visitors

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

Mr. Monahan introduced Eunice Cunha, Public Information Specialist, who has now joined the district through Capital Region BOCES.

Public Info. Specialist

Mr. Monahan introduced Mr. Michael Conklin, 5th grade teacher, and Mrs. Amy Sicinia, science teacher at the middle school. Mr. Conklin and Mrs. Sicinia distributed a handout regarding the program *Trout in the Classroom* and showed a video of how the students are involved from the time they receive the eggs until they release the trout in the stream by the middle school. President Flaherty presented each teacher with a certificate of excellence.

Kudos

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried that the board of education, that in accordance with Section 3012 of the NYS Education Law and upon recommendation of the superintendent, the following probationary teacher is hereby granted tenure by the Board of Education to the following position in the tenure area designated:

Tenure

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

Mr. Monahan reviewed the budget process and dates. He anticipates that the 2016-2017 budget will not cut program or staff. Mr. Monahan said the first finance committee meeting will be on February 11, 2016.

Budget
Process

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 retirement resignations: (9-0)

Resign

Doris Uhrig, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 1/19/16.

Carol Reed, speech teacher, assigned to the intermediate school, effective 1/29/16.

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 unpaid leave of absence extension for Geraldine Scozzofava, part time teacher aide, assigned to the high school, effective 12/23/15 and ending on 1/31/16. (9-0)

Leave

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following appointments: (9-0)

Appts.

Alexander Vignogna, probationary appointment as an English teacher, assigned to the high school, for a four year probationary term, effective 2/1/16 with probation ending 1/31/20, 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. 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.

Matthew Mahoney, probationary appointment as an athletic trainer, assigned district wide, effective 1/8/16 with probation ending 1/7/17. Salary at \$49,500 with benefits and annual increases in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Dr. Marijane Reinhard, temporary appointment as an interim director of pupil personnel services, assigned to the district, effective 1/8/16 and ending on or about 2/19/16, compensation at a per diem rate of \$600.

Curr. &
Instruc.

Mr. Ranaudo provided information regarding the high school Robotics Club. He stated that this club provides an excellent opportunity for high school students to pursue STEM based activities and to function as a member of a team in robotics competitions, such as Botball.

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 following appointments: (9-0)

Sally Clark, volunteer appointment as a robotics club advisor, assigned to the high school for the 2015-2016 school year.

Jonathan Clemmons, volunteer appointment as a robotics club advisor, assigned to the high school for the 2015-2016 school year.

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 December 16 and 17, 2015 pertaining to student #24414, 24430, 23585, 23187, 23551, 24445 and 23739 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Odland and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on December 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 28, 2015 and January 4, 2016 pertaining to students #19923, 24298, 19851, 20213, 17111, 19117, 18733, 24243, 24312, 23497, 23868, 15647, 20810, 21503, 19433, 16324, 18304, 17685, 23823, 22984, 19017, 16660, 13978, 19861, 21240, 24031, 23791, 23198, 24452, 17607, 15425, 20798, 21694 and 23088 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, 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 # 18, # 20
- Capital Fund Warrant # 5
- Special Aid – Q Fund Warrant # 4, U Fund Warrant # 4
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 11, # 12, # 13

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 Corrective Action Plan and authorizes its submittal to the NYS Education Department and to other agencies that may require receipt of this resolution. (9-0)

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 a gift of \$550 toward the purchase of the pace/timer clock for the pool from the Minisink Valley Aquatics Club. (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, appoints Amy Gunter to be responsible for inputting Impartial Hearing Officer Information into the WEB based SED computer system for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. (9-0)

Reorg Updates

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, appoints Dr. Marijane Reinhard as District's Committee on Special Education Chairperson, District's Sub-Committee on Special Education, District's Committee on Preschool Special Education Chairperson/School District Representative, Chair of the District's 504 Committee, 504 Rehabilitation Act/ADA Compliance Coordinator, and Section 504 Coordinator effective 1/08/16 and ending on or about 2/19/16. (9-0)

President Flaherty reported that the OCSBA meeting had been cancelled for January 6, 2016.

OCSBA

Mr. Cooper attended the wrestling tournament at Kittatinny High School. He said twelve athletes took 2nd place and that there were four championships. President Flaherty attended a swim meet. Mr. Gibbs congratulated Zak Vreeland for his Delphi Scholarship. President Flaherty and Mr. Monahan attended the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Mr. Monahan thanked the community, the faculty and staff, and the current and past administration for their continued support in regards to the budget.

District Events

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 9:04 PM to discuss the employment histories of particular persons. (9-0)

Exec.

During executive session, the board discussed the employment histories of a particular persons.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried to resume public session at 9:38 PM. (9-0)

Settlement
Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approves the terms and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Settlement Agreement between the District and Employee No. 0107161 dated January 4, 2016, in lieu of commencing N.Y.S. Civil Service Law Section 75 proceedings against the Employee. A copy of said Settlement Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approves the terms and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Settlement Agreement between the District and Employee No. 0107162 dated January 4, 2016, in lieu of commencing N.Y.S. Civil Service Law Section 75 proceedings against the Employee. A copy of said Settlement Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. (9-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 PM. (9-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk