

Minisink Valley Central School District
Board Meeting – March 17, 2016

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on March 17, 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

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: 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: 4
PRESS: 0

Vice-president Cooper 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. (6-0)

Minutes

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

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

Visitors

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, directs the district clerk to give notice to the qualified voters of the school district of the Annual School District Public Hearing on Budget and Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, and

Vote

Further resolved, that the board authorizes the District Clerk to amend the Notice of Annual School District Public Hearing and Annual School District Election and Budget Vote from time to time as in her discretion such amendment may be required. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the names listed for chief inspectors, inspectors, and assistant clerks for Election District 1 and Election District 2 for the May 17, 2016 Annual Budget Vote and Election. The district clerk is authorized to contact eligible persons as needed to assist with the vote. (7-0)

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

Mr. Monahan gave details regarding the upcoming NHS Senior Citizen Drama Dinner to be held on April 13th. He invited any board members to attend and volunteer their time at the dinner.

Senior Citizen

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the resignation of Daniel Trachtenberg, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 3/7/16. (7-0)

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 following appointments: (7-0)

Appts.

Ronald Zoll, probationary appointment as a custodial worker, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective 3/21/16 with probation ending 3/20/17. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Volunteer coaching appointments for the spring 2016 athletic season.

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

Mr. Ranaudo gave a report on the transitional kindergarten program. This program has served as an important transitional intervention for the past three school years. He thanked the board of education for supporting this program. Mr. Ranaudo also gave a report on the English as a New Language program and the significant increase in enrollment of ENL students that the district has had over this school year. He said the students need various levels of service and by developing a campus based program has allowed for the district to maximize the service provided to ENL students across a K-12 spectrum.

Curr. & Instruc.

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, 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 8 and 10 pertaining to student #24040, 24483, 24045, 24237, 24227, 24114, 24218, 23634, 23254, 23484 and 23566 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (7-0)

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 4, 8, 10, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29 and March 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 pertaining to students #16806, 14576, 17435, 16033, 16721, 23637, 18500, 16921, 15941, 23198, 18033, 16568, 15941, 23198, 20018, 21839, 24442, 19832, 23269, 24298, 17859, 20212, 19972, 18933, 19602, 17036, 13950, 24348, 16368, 15484, 20915, 19309, 22785, 22575, 22340, 21184, 24510, 21852, 23506, 20980, 19899, 22559, 23035, 18500, 17419, 21604, 21605, 19288, 18273, 15552, 23547, 17117, 23474, 20329, 19335, and 18599 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (7-0)

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: (7-0)

Finance

General Fund Warrant # 27

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 contracts: (7-0)

Valley Central School District for the 2015-16 school year for the provision of health services to fifteen (15) Minisink-resident students who attend private school within the Valley Central School District, and approves payment in the amount of \$15,581.85.

Tuxedo Union Free School District for the 2015-16 school year for the provision of health services to two (2) Minisink-resident students who attend private school within the Tuxedo Union Free School District, and approves payment in the amount of \$2,891.34.

Pine Bush Central School District for the 2015-16 school year for the provision of health services to two (2) Minisink-resident students who attend private school within the Pine Bush Central School District, and approves payment in the amount of \$1,565.04.

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 February 2016. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, establish a Facilities Improvement Reserve Fund (Capital Reserve Fund) for the construction of improvements to, reconstruction and equipping of school district buildings and facilities, including furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and site and incidental improvements and expenses up to \$5,000,000 for a probable term of ten years to be derived from budgetary surplus and other legally available funds to the district. (7-0)

Note: A complete resolution 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 10, 2016. He said administrators have done an excellent job in keeping the needs of students at heart while being fiscally responsible to the taxpayers. Mr. Cooper said the last finance committee meeting will be held on March 31, 2016, and encouraged the community to attend.

Finance Comm.

An audit committee meeting will be held on March 31, 2016.

Audit Comm.

Mr. Monahan asked which board members are available to attend the OU BOCES Budget Presentation and Dinner. Several board members will be attending on April 6th.

OU BOCES

Mr. Cooper announced that the middle school drama production is sold out. 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. Mr. Cahill congratulated the Odyssey of the Mind teams. He said that the intermediate school and the middle school both finished in second place. Board members gave kudos to retired teacher, Diane Trinkaus, who brought the program to the district initially. They thanked all the coaches for their dedication to the program. Mr. Monahan and President Flaherty attended the swim team dinner.

District Events

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 8:44 PM to discuss the employment histories of particular persons and a matter made exempt under federal law, FERPA. (7-0)

Exec.

During executive session, the board discussed the employment histories of a particular persons and a matter made exempt under federal law, FERPA

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried to resume public session at 9:20 PM. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approves the terms and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a Settlement Agreement between the District and Employee No. 031716 dated March 2, 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. (7-0)

Emp. 031716

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