

Minisink Valley Central School District  
Board Meeting – October 22, 2015

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on October 22, 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  
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: 8  
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 October 8, 2015. (8-1 abstention, Mrs. DeRose)

Minutes

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

Visitors

Mr. Monahan introduced Ms. Julie Fraino from Nugent and Haeussler who presented a summary of the audit report.

Audit

Mr. Monahan said that October 26- October 30 has been designated as School Board Recognition Week by Governor Cuomo for the Empire State. He read the declaration from Governor Cuomo and thanked the board members for their commitment to the students, parents, and community. Mr. Monahan presented each board member with a gift of a Minisink travel mug.

Board  
Recog

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 following: (9-0)

Jonathan Brooks, JROTC Senior Army Instructor, Memorandum of Agreement dated October 19, 2015 whereby he shall perform services as JROTC Senior Army Instructor in the District for the period commencing September 21, 2015 through June 30, 2016 commensurate according to the conditions contained therein. Such Agreement shall be subject to annual review and renewal prior to the start of each subsequent school year. Said contract shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Brian Van Wagner, JROTC Army Instructor, Memorandum of Agreement dated October 15, 2015 whereby he shall perform services as JROTC Army Instructor in the District for the period commencing July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 commensurate according to the conditions contained therein. Such Agreement shall be subject to annual review and renewal prior to the start of each subsequent school year. Said contract shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

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 retirement resignation of Jill Freytag, school bus monitor, assigned to the transportation department, effective at the close of business on 10/16/15. (9-0)

Retire

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, amends the extracurricular appointment adopted at the September 3, 2015 board of education meeting for Brian Van Wagner, JROTC advisor, to reflect a salary change from \$1557 to \$2000. (9-0)

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

Appts.

Michele Biggs, probationary appointment as a part time teacher aide, assigned to Otisville Elementary, effective 10/23/15 with probation ending 10/22/16. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Clarice Gainer, probationary appointment as a part time teacher aide, assigned to the high school, effective 10/23/15 with probation ending 10/22/16. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Andrea Abruzzese, probationary appointment as a typist, assigned to Otisville Elementary, effective 10/26/15 with probation ending 10/25/16. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Morgan Torres, 2015-2016 extracurricular appointment as odyssey of the mind advisor, assigned to the high school, Group 4 Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Jonathan Brooks, 2015-2016 extracurricular appointment as JROTC advisor, assigned to the high school, Salary \$2,000 (pro-rated), compensation in accordance with the 2015-2016 memorandum of agreement with Mr. Brooks.

Ashley Witt, probationary appointment as a foreign language teacher, assigned to the high school, for a four year probationary term, effective 11/23/15 with probation ending 11/22/19, 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: foreign language. Certification: Spanish 7-12 initial certificate. Step 3 MA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Mr. Ranaudo reviewed the district's Technology Plan for 2015-2018.

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 district's 2015-2018 Technology Plan. (9-0)

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 October 15, 2015 pertaining to students #23256, 24100, 23484, 23284, 24246 and 23659 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 October 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14 and 15, 2015 pertaining to students #16196, 15425, 21908, 18628, 19334, 19438, 17053, 24105, 24215, 22948, 22082, 22266, 18220, 19889, 22853, 23320, 23186, 23073, 21839, 24213, 23690, 14059, 21402, 20751, 21601, 19896 and 17049 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

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: (9-0)

Finance

General Fund Warrant # 12  
School Lunch Fund Warrant # 5

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the months of August and September 2015. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, approves the 2015-16 First Quarter Financial Reports: Revenue, Budget Transfers and Extraclassroom Activity Fund. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, hereby acknowledges receipt of the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, along with the corresponding management letter, and authorizes the district to forward notification of this acknowledgement to the New York State Education Department and to other agencies that may require receipt of this resolution. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, acknowledges the donation of approximately \$1,500 in lumber to the Middle School Technology Department for use in student projects from the following individuals: (9-0)

Curt Natalizio - \$465 estimated value  
Shirley Flynn - \$435 estimated value  
Bryce Flynn - \$470 estimated value

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, approves the following budget transfer for the purpose of purchasing network hardware for infrastructure upgrades. (9-0)

Amount:	From Budget Code:	To Budget Code:
\$105,000.00	A5510.450.00.4555	A2630.220.00.2033

Mrs. DeRose gave kudos to Mrs. VanDervoort and the Key Club students for their participation at the local soup kitchen. Mr. Gibbs spoke about historical items that a community member has and will be donating to the district. Mr. Monahan attended several school events and also the NYSSBA Convention. President Flaherty attended the NYSSBA Convention.

District Events

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 8:38 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. Prezioso and unanimously carried to resume public session at 9:21 PM. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education of the Minisink Valley Central School District approves of the terms of and authorizes its Superintendent of Schools to sign a Separation Agreement and General Release between the District and Employee No. 799 dated October 22, 2015 which shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of the meeting. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education of the Minisink Valley Central School District accepts the resignation of custodial worker Paul Turse, for purposes of retirement, effective October 31, 2015 as set forth in a letter dated October 15, 2015. (9-0)

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 9:23 PM. (9-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk