

Minisink Valley Central School District
Board Meeting – October 8, 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 8, 2015.

BOE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Joseph Flaherty, President
Mr. Shawn Cahill
Mr. William Cooper
Mr. Alfred Gibbs
Mr. John Odland
Mrs. Catherine Prezioso
Mr. Paul Rickard
Mr. Thomas Salamone

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Kathlee DeRose

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: 7
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 September 17, 2015. (8-0)

Minutes

President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. One community member spoke about the theme at the Otisville elementary building: "A team that works."

Visitors

Mr. Monahan presented the enrollment figures. He said that the overall enrollment continues to decrease.

BEDS

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Rickard, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the retirement resignation of Theresa Yackel, senior typist, assigned to the pupil personnel department, effective 1/11/16. (8-0)

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, approves the resignation of Maria Giametta, foreign language teacher, assigned to the high school, effective 10/10/15. (8-0)

Resign

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 following leaves of absences: (8-0)

Leaves

Lenora Gresser, part time teacher aide, assigned to the high school, unpaid leave of absence effective 10/8/15 and ending on 11/8/15.

Maria Fenfert, music teacher, assigned to Otisville Elementary, childcare leave of absence effective 10/28/15 and ending on 6/30/16.

Holly Pason, elementary teacher, assigned to Otisville Elementary, childcare leave of absence effective 11/10/15 and ending on 12/7/15.

Jessica Pfitzner, special education teacher, assigned to the middle school, childcare leave of absence effective on or about 1/11/16 and ending on 6/30/16.

Deborah Gallant, assistant principal, assigned to Minisink Elementary and Minisink Intermediate school, childcare leave of absence effective on or about 2/8/16 and ending on or about 3/28/16.

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 following appointments: (8-0)

Appts.

Elise Daigle, temporary appointment as a music teacher, assigned to the Otisville Elementary, effective 10/28/15 and ending on 6/30/16. Special Subject Tenure Area: Music. Certifications: music initial certificate. Step 1 BA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Tina Foote, probationary appointment as a part time teacher aide, assigned to the middle school, effective 10/9/15 with probation ending 10/8/16. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Eileen Kalfakis, probationary appointment as a part time teacher aide, assigned to the Minisink Elementary, effective 10/9/15 with probation ending 10/8/16. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Denise Tarr, probationary appointment as a part time teacher aide, assigned to the intermediate school, effective 10/9/15 with probation ending 10/8/16. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Alexander Kowalczyk, probationary appointment as a custodial worker, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective 10/9/15 with probation ending 10/8/16. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Randy Brock, probationary appointment as a custodial leader, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective 10/19/15 with probation ending 10/18/16. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

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

David Gronner, 2015-2016 extracurricular appointment as an odyssey of the mind advisor, assigned to Otisville Elementary, Group 4 Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Shane Peters, 2015-2016 extracurricular appointment as a musical director, assigned to Otisville Elementary, Group 3 Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Melissa Norwood, 2015-2016 extracurricular appointment as an assistant director for musical, assigned to Otisville Elementary, Salary \$1,038, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Mr. Ranaudo reviewed the changes to the district's emergency manual.

Curr. & Instruc.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried that the board of education, approves the district's emergency management plan for the 2015-2016 school year. (8-0)

Mr. Ranaudo provided an explanation of the APPR waiver.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education President is hereby authorized to sign, along with the Superintendent of Schools, the Signature Page for SED Hardship Waiver Application No. 1, covering the period from November 15, 2015 through March 15, 2016, to allow for the continuation of the negotiations process for filing an APPR Plan compliant with the requirements of §3012-d of the Education Law. A copy of said application shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, 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 September 24, 2015 pertaining to students #24240, 23739, 24367 and 24303 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (8-0)

CPSE

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 Special Education held on September 10, 11, 16, 21, 24, 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2015 pertaining to students #14493, 15233, 19933, 17480, 17755, 24348, 19309, 24292, 18973, 17419, 24203, 15254, 18585, 17925, 16985, 17779, 19627, 22749, 21959, 23026, 23132, 22345, 24372, 22811, 23233, 21681, 22083, 18355, 24366, 18866, 24343, 22020, 15552, 16142, 19861, 17785, 23088, 24254, 18220, 16033, 24345, 24288, 13478, 17015, 17685, 18140, 17948 and 18877 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (8-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, 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 # 9, # 11
- School Lunch Fund Warrant # 4
- Capital Fund Warrant # 3
- Special Aid-Q Fund Warrant # 1
- Special Aid-U Fund Warrant # 1
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 6, # 7

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2015. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried that the board of education, declares the attached list of communication radios as surplus and/or obsolete equipment for the purpose of disposing of the equipment. The radios will be decommissioned and recycled by our radio communication vendor. (8-0)

Note: A complete list of surplus and/or obsolete equipment is attached to the official minutes on file in the central office.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, establish the standard work day for civil service and exempt employees for the purpose of reporting days worked to the New York State Local Employees' Retirement System as required by the NYS Comptroller's Office. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and unanimously carried that the board of education, approves change order GC-03 to Total Construction Corporation as part of the EXCEL Phase 2 work to reduce the total contract for unused allowance funds in the amount of \$(2,812.60). (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, acknowledges a donation in the amount of \$900 from the Otisville Elementary School PTO for the purpose of purchasing DVD drives. (8-0)

Board members discussed board goals for the 2015-2016 school year.

Board Goals

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education adopts the following board goals for the school year 2015-2016: (8-0)

- The board will develop and successfully pass a fiscally responsible budget for the 2016-2017 school year that complies with the New York State Tax Cap Law and supports a quality education for all of our students.
- The district will conduct a review of all board of education policies to ensure that they are in compliance with all New York State laws and education department regulations.
- The district will continue to implement new strategies and methods to enhance and strengthen parent, faculty, staff, student and community involvement in our school district.
- The district will utilize the results of our five-year Building Condition Survey to develop a long range facility plan to ensure that our staff and students have the best possible environment to foster growth at all levels. This should include the ongoing efforts to explore and utilize renewable energy where it can best serve the district.
- The district will continue to evaluate the entire academic program and determine areas for improvement and create opportunities to expand curriculum offerings at all levels in order to provide our students with a continued rich and diverse curriculum. The district will continue to utilize and expand technology to assist in the implementation of the district's curriculum.

Board members had a discussion regarding policy services offered through Erie I BOCES.

Policy Services

President Flaherty reported on the audit committee meeting held earlier in the evening. He said that Ms. Julie Fraino from Nugent and Haeussler, PC was there to review a draft of the external audit for the 2014-15 school year.

Audit Report

President Flaherty reported on the OCSBA meeting that he attended earlier in the week. He distributed a handout, *Child Abuse Reporting*.

OCSBA

Several board members attended and/or participated in the Harlem Wizard's game. President Flaherty and Mr. Monahan stopped by the high school's pep rally. Mr. Monahan attended several school events.

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 8:43 PM to discuss the employment histories of particular persons. (8-0)

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 10:30 PM. (8-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 PM. (8-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk