

Minisink Valley Central School District  
Board Meeting – September 17, 2015

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on September 17, 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 followed by a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Chuck Reynolds, retired math teacher that passed away.

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 3, 2015. (8-0)

Minutes

MRS. DEROSE ENTERED THE MEETING 8:02 PM.

President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. One community member announced the upcoming homecoming game and one community member invited the board of education to the Harlem Wizards game on October 1.

Visitors

Mr. Monahan gave kudos to the middle school and elementary school for successful open houses. He thanked the buildings and grounds department for their assistance with parking. Mr. Monahan congratulated the coaches, the athletes and Mr. Bult for a great start to the fall sports season. He also gave kudos to the entire faculty, staff, and administration for a smooth opening to school.

Kudos

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 resignations: (9-0)

Resign

Stacey Mullek, part time teacher aide, assigned to Otisville Elementary, effective at the close of business on 9/18/15.

Sindee Mathis, custodial worker, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective 9/21/15.

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following leaves of absences: (9-0)

Leaves

Lorraine Carosella, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, unpaid leave of absence effective 9/2/15 and ending on 10/28/15.

Jessica Dickman, English teacher, assigned to the middle school, childcare leave of absence effective on or about 12/11/15 and ending on or about 12/22/15.

Jennifer Pagnanella, English teacher, assigned to the middle school, childcare leave of absence effective on or about 1/26/16 and ending on or about 2/23/16.

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 creation of one (3.2 FTE) teacher aide position, effective 9/21/15. (9-0)

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: (9-0)

Appts.

Jonathan Brooks, JROTC senior army instructor, assigned to the high school, effective 9/21/15, compensation at \$82,568 (prorated).

Rebecca Filipowski, temporary appointment as a physical education/health teacher, assigned to the high school, effective 10/9/15 and ending on 1/31/16. Special Subject Tenure Areas: physical education and health. Certifications: physical education permanent and health permanent certificate. Step 1 MA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Sindee Mathis, probationary appointment as a custodial leader, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective 9/21/15 with probation ending 3/20/16. Step 10, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Scott Davy, probationary appointment as a school security aide, assigned to the middle school, effective 9/21/15 with probation ending 9/20/16. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Brian Rosenberger, extracurricular appointment as guidance chair, assigned to the high school for the 2015-2016 school year, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Mr. Ranaudo gave a Power Point presentation regarding the 2014-2015 grades 3-8 ELA and math assessment results. He also discussed the impact of student testing refusal.

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 September 10, 2015 pertaining to students #23254, 23719, 22671 and 24211 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE

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 Special Education held on August 31, September 2 and 8, 2015 pertaining to students 20977, 14570 and 10934 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 # 8, # 10  
School Lunch Fund Warrant # 3  
Trust & Agency Warrant # 5

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, declares the attached list of transportation vehicles and equipment items as surplus and/or obsolete equipment for the purpose of disposing of the equipment to the highest responsible bidder. Items receiving no bid shall be disposed of in an appropriate and cost effective manner. (9-0)

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

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, upon recommendation of the superintendent, appoints Joseph Flaherty as the Voting Delegate for the purpose of the NYSSBA 96th Annual Convention and Education Expo from October 18 – 20, 2015. (9-0)

NYSSBA

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Salamone, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the expenditure of \$770 for hotel accommodations for Joseph Flaherty who is attending the NYSSBA 96 Annual Convention and Education Expo being held October 18 – 20, 2015. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, hereby ratifies the Provisions of Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the CSEA dated August 21, 2015, and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to fund the terms of the 2014 - 2018 collectively negotiated agreement with the CSEA. (8-1 abstain, Mr. Gibbs)

CSEA MOA

Mr. Cooper attended a football game, a golf outing, and the middle school open house. Mrs. Prezioso, Mr. Salamone, and Mr. Cahill attended the middle school open house. Mr. Gibbs requested that board members consider another board retreat and asked about Patriot's Day activities.

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 9:12 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 9:50 PM. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried by the board of education, that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to direct a comprehensive medical examination and evaluation, including but not limited to psychiatric and other examinations and evaluations, if necessary, of Employee No. 091715, in accordance with the provisions of Section 913 of the Education Law; and

Employ 091715

And further resolved, that the board hereby directs that Employee No. 091715 submit their medical records, if any, to the extent and for the time as determined by the examining physician(s) to the examining physician(s) at or before such examinations/evaluations. (9-0)

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 9:52 PM. (9-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

*Deborah L. Roda*

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk