

Minisink Valley Central School District
Board Meeting – September 3, 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 3, 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

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: 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: 5
PRESS: 0

President Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

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 August 20, 2015. (8-0)

Minutes

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

Visitors

Mr. Monahan reviewed the upcoming open house schedules for each of the various grade levels.

Open House

Mrs. Law presented the district updated two-year special education plan and reviewed any changes.

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges receipt of the district's updated two-year special education plan dated 2015 through 2017. (8-0)

Sp. Ed. District Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the retirement resignation of Mark Rogers, mechanic, assigned to the transportation department, effective 9/11/15. (8-0)

Retire

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 resignation of Matthew Hamill, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 8/24/15. (8-0)

Resign

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 following appointments: (8-0)

Appts.

Suzanne Badlam, probationary appointment as a special education teacher, assigned to the high school, for a four year probationary term, effective 9/1/15 with probation ending 8/31/19, 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. Special Subject Tenure Area: special education. Certification: special education permanent certificate. Step 1 MA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Polly Mautner, probationary appointment as a science teacher, assigned to the high school, for a four year probationary term, effective 9/1/15 with probation ending 8/31/19, 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: science. Certification: chemistry 7-12 permanent certificate. Step 4 MA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Shannon Barbone, probationary appointment as a part time teacher aide, assigned to the Otisville Elementary, effective 9/1/15 with probation ending 8/31/16. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Gladys Higgins, probationary appointment as a school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 9/1/15 with probation ending 8/31/16. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Lark Kuhta, probationary appointment as a senior typist, assigned to the intermediate school, effective 9/14/15 with probation ending 9/13/16. Step 3, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Extracurricular appointments for the 2015-2016 school year, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

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

Mr. Ranaudo asked that board members return their emergency manual and their badges for updating.

Curr. & Instruc.

Mr. Ranaudo distributed information regarding the summer school program that was held. He said that the program ran 5 weeks and that over one-hundred students were enrolled. Mr. Ranaudo gave kudos to Mr. Joseph Horner, summer school principal, for doing a great job running the program and being so detail oriented.

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on August 26, 2015 pertaining to students #23739 and 24237 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 August 17, 18, 19 and 27, 2015 pertaining to students #20544, 17845, 17607, 17649, 21768, 20653, 22785, 19880, 23500, 24110, 23197, 23198, 22282, 21952, 16202, 18979, 22206, 14465 and 20915 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (8-0)

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: (8-0)

Finance

General Fund Warrant # 7
Capital Fund Warrant # 2
Trust & Agency Warrant # 3, # 4

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the 2015-16 Transportation Contract between Orange-Ulster BOCES and Minisink Valley CSD in the estimated amount of \$363,027.40. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2015. (8-0)

President Flaherty reported on the OCSBA meeting he attended. He said that the agenda included principal evaluations, teacher evaluations, APPR regulations, and educational law updates. President Flaherty gave a packet to Mr. Monahan regarding the educational law updates.

OCSBA

Board members toured each of the school buildings, the transportation facility, and the buildings and grounds office on September 2, 2015. They gave kudos to faculty, staff, and administration for their hard work in getting all the buildings, grounds, classrooms, paperwork, etc. ready for the start of the school year. Board members enjoyed seeing the employees and the students returning to school with such energy and eagerness.

BOE
Bldg
Tours

Mr. Monahan and Mr. Ranaudo discussed the updated student calendar. They said that conference days have been added for the purpose of staff development and parent / teacher conferences.

Student
Calendar

President Flaherty discussed the process of setting board goals and asked that board members send what they would like as goals to Mr. Monahan by September 9th.

Board
Goals

Mr. Monahan gave a brief update on the NYSERDA regarding the possibility of solar power in the district. He said that the research continues throughout the district to see where, if any place, the buildings and/or grounds are able to sustain the necessary material for solar energy.

Solar
Energy
NYSERDA

Mrs. DeRose attending the varsity football game. President Flaherty attended the varsity girls' swim meet.

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 8:50 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person and a matter of contract negotiations. (8-0)

Exec.

During executive session, the board discussed the employment history of a particular person and a matter of contract negotiations.

MRS. DEROSE LEFT AT 9:47 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:02 PM. (7-0)

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 10:02 PM. (7-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk