

Minisink Valley Central School District
Board Meeting – December 15, 2016

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school auditorium on December 15, 2016.

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

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Kathlee DeRose
Mr. Paul Rickard

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 Giardina, 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 Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education of December 1, 2016. (7-0)

Minutes

President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. One community member gave the board of education two notebooks of newspaper clippings which included history of the school district.

Visitors

Mr. Monahan introduced Ms. Colleen Fitzgerald, elementary school principal, who provided an update regarding the Transitional Kindergarten Program. She thanked the board for their continued support for this program. Mr. Ranaudo added that the program has been important because it is the students' formative years and it gives them a better chance at having a successful academic career. The board of education thanked Ms. Fitzgerald for her work in overseeing the program.

ES Present

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, that in accordance with Section 3012 of the NYS Education Law and upon recommendation of the superintendent, the following probationary teachers and/or administrators are hereby granted tenure by the Board of Education to the following positions in the tenure areas designated: (7-0)

Ashley Beairsto –Tenure Area: Special Education, effective tenure date 2/1/17

Katie Klopchin –Tenure Area: Special Education, effective tenure date 1/6/17

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the retirement resignation of Joanne Johnson, special education teacher, assigned to MV Elementary School, effective 2/1/17. (7-0)

Retire

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 childcare leave of absence for Ashley Hamilton, mathematics teacher, assigned to the middle school, effective on or about 3/29/17 and ending on 6/23/17. (7-0)

Leave

Mr. Ranaudo reported that the district is working with the National School Climate Center to complete a Comprehensive School Climate Inventory (CSCI). He said the purpose of the survey is to identify what the stakeholders are feeling so that the district can address any issues or concerns.

Curr. & Instr.

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on November 30 and December 8, 2016 pertaining to student #24567, 23997, 24658 and 24959 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (7-0)

CPSE
CSE

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 November 28, 29, December 1, 2, 5 and 6, 2016 pertaining to student #23506, 23373, 19427, 15499, 17480, 23042, 23359, 15556, 15546, 24980, 19157, 24254, 18632, 16082, 17114, 24442, 18618, 22889, 20003, 18408, 24936, 19216, 18585, 20717, 23026, 13950, 23044, 21686 and 22158 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Odland, 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 # 16, # 18
- Special Aid-Q Fund Warrant # 3
- Special Aid-U Fund Warrant # 3
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 11

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2016. (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, approve the lease agreements with Orange Ulster BOCES for the lease of classroom and office space for the 2016-17 school year at Otisville Elementary, Middle School and High School campuses in the amounts of \$191,770.52, \$48,706.35, and \$50,168.91 respectively. (7-0)

President Flaherty reported on the OCSBA meeting that he attended on December 7, 2016. He said that David Shaw, Esq., was a presenter providing information about contract negotiations. President Flaherty said that the Arden Hill Campus renovations will begin. He said that NYSSBA has requested that he attend a round table discussion with the commissioner of education.

OCSBA

Mr. Odland reported that the policy committee continued the review of the policies and revisited those that they had questions. He said that the next meeting will be on January 12, 2017 to review the 8,000's series.

Policy

Mr. Cooper, Mr. Odland and Mr. Monahan attended the high school choral concert. Mr. Cooper attended a few wrestling matches. Mr. Cahill attended the middle school band concert, the intermediate choral concert, the high school art fundraiser, and a girls' basketball game. Mr. Salamone attended the intermediate choral concert. President Flaherty attended a few swim meets. President Flaherty and Mr. Odland attended the Pasta Dinner held at the high school.

District Events

Mr. Monahan announced that there will be a public forum on January 12, 2017 at the middle school regarding the proposed capital project.

Cap. Proj.

Mr. Ranaudo thanked the community based program, Minisink Cares, for bringing the community together during the holiday season. He said that the program and its sponsors helped 68 families and 175 children with gifts and food baskets.

Minisink
Cares

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 9:17 PM to discuss the employment histories of particular persons, a matter of contract negotiations with MVTA and CSEA, and a matter made exempt under Federal Law, FERPA. (7-0)

Exec.

During executive session, the board discussed the employment histories of particular persons, a matter of contract negotiations with MVTA and CSEA, and a matter made exempt under Federal Law, FERPA.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:15 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. 12151601 dated November 29, 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)

Employee
12151601

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education hereby approves the terms of and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign and Agreement dated December 15, 2016 between the District and employee No. 12151602 as presented to the Board at this meeting. A copy of said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. (7-0)

Employee
12151602

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 10:18 PM. (7-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk