

Minisink Valley Central School District  
Board Meeting – December 1, 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 1, 2016.

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 Giardina, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources  
Mrs. Elizabeth Law, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 19  
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 November 17, 2016. (8-0)

Minutes

President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. Two Minisink Valley Kiwanis members presented a donation to the school nurses.

Visitors

MR. DEROSE ENTERED THE MEETING AT 8:02 PM.

Mr. Monahan introduced high school students Jasmine Lites and Matthew Goetz. The students reviewed the upcoming holiday concert schedule throughout the district and invited board members to attend the band and choral concerts.

Holiday Concert

Mr. Monahan introduced Mr. Vincent Biele, Otisville Elementary principal. Mr. Biele, along with Julia Downey, assistant principal, Ms. Jean Breheny and Ms. Ellen Martin, speech teachers, gave a Power Point presentation regarding the impact on students' educational achievements when there is a good home/school connection. They said that the building will be holding "Speech and Language Parent Night" on Wed., December 7.

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A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts a donation from Minisink Valley Kiwanis for medical supplies in the amount of \$1,800. (9-0)

Kiwanis Donation

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 timeline for the February 7, 2017 Referendum Vote. (9-0)

Capital Project

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Minisink Valley Central School District (“Board”) has under consideration a capital project consisting of construction of additions and improvements to and reconstruction of various School District Buildings and facilities, and the construction of a new sewage treatment plant (the “Proposed Action”); and

WHEREAS, the Board proposes to proceed with the Proposed Action and wishes to take all actions necessary in connection therewith in order to comply with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), including designating itself as Lead Agency for the purpose of determination of the environmental impact of the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the Proposed Action is an Unlisted action under Section 617.5 of the SEQRA Regulations; and

WHEREAS, William G. Wisbauer of Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers has prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) and has determined that the Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Part 617 of the SEQRA Regulations, other Involved Agencies have been provided with written notice of the Board’s intent to serve as Lead Agency for the SEQRA Review for this Unlisted Action;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, pending receipt of responses from the other Involved Agencies within 30 days from November 22, 2016, the Board of Education hereby designates itself as Lead Agency for the Proposed Action and that a coordinated review is not needed; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, after having reviewed the components and aspects of the Project and the Short EAF, hereby determines that such Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and makes a negative declaration for the purpose of the SEQRA and no further action is necessary; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes Brian Monahan, Superintendent of Schools, to execute the Short EAF on behalf of the Board and to file or have filed on behalf of the District/Board all documents necessary to comply with SEQRA.

The contact person for the Minisink Valley Central School District is Matthew Bourgeois, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education of the Minisink Valley Central School District, Orange and Sullivan Counties, New York, hereby gives notice that a special district meeting of the qualified voters of said school will be held at the place in each school election district hereinafter set forth, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017, from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM for the purpose of voting by voting machine upon the Capital project in the amount of \$36,935,000. A copy is attached to the official minutes on file in the central office. (9-0)

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 resignations: (9-0)

Resign

Geraldine Scozzafava, teacher aide 3.5 hour, assigned to Otisville elementary school, effective 12/2/16.

Ronald Zoll, custodial worker, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective at the close of business on 11/25/16.

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 childcare leave of absence for Jessica Venettozzi, grade 4 teacher, assigned to the intermediate school, effective 12/5/16 and ending on 1/4/17. (9-0)

Leave

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

James Golden, extracurricular appointment as a girls' basketball program assistant, for the 2016-2017 school year. Group 5, Step 8 compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Substitute bus driver appointments for the 2016-2017 school year, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2016 reorganization meeting.

Mr. Ranaudo provided an update on computer based testing. He said that CBT is currently optional for district for the administration of 3-8 assessments. However, NYS will require districts to utilize CBT for 3-8 assessments commencing in the 2019-2020 school year.

Curr. & Instr.

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 November 22, 2016 pertaining to student #24483, 23728, 24949, 24954, 23739 and 14731 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE  
CSE

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 Special Education held on November 15, 16, 22 and 28, 2016 pertaining to student #23266, 23497, 23230, 19910, 19307, 19078, 23547, 22838, 21194, 22732, 23571, 19728, 22083, 22082, 24562, 23303, 20828, 24378, 22622, 24190, 19933, 21195 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Cahill, 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 # 1  
Trust & Agency Warrant # 10

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the 2016-17 First Quarter Extraclassroom Activity Fund. (9-0)

Mr. Odland reported that the policy committee reviewed the 6,000's series. He said that the next meeting will be on December 15 to review the 8,000's series.

Policy

Mr. Monahan thanked board members for their donations to the Back Pack Food Program.

Back Pack  
Food Program

Mr. Monahan announced that on December 21, at the girls' basketball game, alumni Stefanie Dolson's jersey will be retired. Mr. Salamone attended the fifth grade Thanksgiving feast. Mrs. DeRose volunteered at the elementary PTO Tricky Tray. Mr. Odland announced that there will be a Pasta Dinner on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Monahan congratulated Erin Clifford, high school swimmer, and her coach, Ms. Gillian Sutera for Erin's becoming a state champion in swimming and diving.

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 9:07 PM to discuss the employment histories of particular persons, a matter of contract negotiations with MVTA and a matter made exempt under Federal Law, FERPA. (9-0)

Exec.

During executive session, the board discussed the employment histories of particular persons, a matter of contract negotiations with MVRTA 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 10:33 PM. (9-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 PM. (9-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk