

Minisink Valley Central School District  
Board Meeting – October 13, 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 October 13, 2016.

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  
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 8:12 PM and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Pledge

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 minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education of September 29, 2016. (8-0)

Minutes

President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. One member invited the board of education to the MVTA Zumbathon to be held on Friday night.

Visitors

Mr. Monahan reviewed the enrollment and said that the district has currently not experienced any change from last year to this year.

BEDS

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the reassignment of Christina Centenaro, Licensed Practical Nurse, assigned to an individual student in the intermediate school, to districtwide assignment effective 10/11/16. (8-0)

Re-Assignment

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the retirement resignation of Elaine Lybolt, teacher aide, assigned to Otisville elementary school, effective 10/1/16. (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 Gladys Higgins, school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 10/11/16. (8-0)

Resign

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following appointments: (8-0)

Appts

Substitute teachers, aides, nurses, and security appointments for the 2016-2017 school year, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2016 reorganization meeting.  
*Note: A complete list is attached to the official minutes on file in the central office.*

Substitute bus drivers/monitors appointments for the 2016-2017 school year, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2016 reorganization meeting.  
*Note: A complete list is attached to the official minutes on file in the central office.*

Substitute custodial workers appointments for the 2016-2017 school year, compensation in accordance with the amount specified at the July 2016 reorganization meeting.  
*Note: A complete list is attached to the official minutes on file in the central office.*

Extracurricular appointment of Jennifer Duggan, high school drama club advisor, for the 2016-2017 school year. Group 3, Step 1 compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

A motion was made by Mr. Rickard, seconded by Mr. Odland, and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on September 28 and October 3, 2016 pertaining to student # 24812, 24794, 23704, 24542, 24731 and 23709 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (8-0)

CPSE  
CSE

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mr. Rickard, and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on September 27, 28, 29, 30, October 3, 4 and 5, 2016 pertaining to students # 24894, 24893, 21843, 24830, 24855, 24853, 24858, 24826, 24852, 24851, 21177, 24898, 24820, 23776, 17159, 18812, 18670, 24934, 16660, 18535, 19159, 20531, 18815, 21922, 24936, 22889, 20557, 24838, 24912, 19903, 23067, 19994, 23969, 20814, 17412, 24822, 19145, 22292, 16835, 17030, 21656, 23320 and 22217 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's report for the following warrants: (8-0)

Finance

- General Fund Warrant # 10, # 11
- School Lunch Fund # 2
- Special Aid-Q Fund Warrant # 1
- Special Aid-U Fund Warrant # 1
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 6

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2016. (8-0)

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 and files the 2015-16 audited financial statements from Nugent and Haeussler, P.C. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, award the sale of obsolete vehicles and equipment to the highest bidders as specified in the bid tabulation document in the total amount of \$16,355.59. (8-0)

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 2015-16 school year.

Audit  
Report

Mr. Odland reported that the policy committee met on October 6<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the 3,000 and 4,000 series. He announced that the next tentative meeting for policy will be October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Policy  
Comm.

Mr. Gibbs reported on the buildings and grounds committee meeting that was held earlier in the evening. He said that Tetra Tech representatives were at the meeting as well as Dave Roda, Director of Facilities III, to further discuss a possible capital project.

B & G  
Comm.

President Flaherty reported on the OCSBA meeting that he attended. He said the agenda included *Kidsight USA*, a program through LIONS Club that helps to identify children at an early age that may need glasses. President Flaherty said that they also discussed ESSA, Every Student Succeeds Act, which replaces NCLB, No Child Left Behind.

OCSBA

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, appoints Joseph Flaherty as the Voting Delegate and William Cooper as the alternate voting delegate for the purpose of the NYSSBA 97th Annual Convention and Education Expo from October 27 – 29, 2016. (8-0)

NYSSBA  
Voting  
Delegate

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education adopts the following board goals for the school year 2016-2017: (8-0)

Board  
Goals

- The district will develop and successfully pass a fiscally responsible budget for the 2017-2018 school year that complies with the New York State Tax Cap Law and supports a quality education for all of the students.
- The district will complete a review and adoption of all Board of Education policies and administrative regulations and implement an annual review process to ensure compliance with all State and Federal laws and regulations.
- The district will utilize the Building Condition Survey to enhance opportunities for the students and the community, to address ongoing maintenance of the facilities by developing a capital improvement project, and to reduce the overall energy use by implementing various strategies.
- The district will continue to expand the curriculum offerings for all of the students in order to provide them with rich and diverse opportunities.
- The district will continue to utilize social media, the website and newsletters as vehicles to promote district programs and services while building stronger connections with the community.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that the new procedure for collecting taxes, Lock Box, is working very well and has proven to be more efficient.

Tax  
Collection

Mr. Monahan reported on the NYS required water testing that is currently taking place throughout the district. He said that this testing is for lead in the fixtures not in the water. Mr. Monahan thanked Mr. Roda and his department for their work in getting this testing completed and replacing any fixtures that need to be replaced.

Mr. Cooper attended Grandparents Day at the elementary school. Mr. Salamone attended the Apple Fest in Warwick and report on youth lacrosse. Mr. Monahan and Mr. Rickard attended the MVTA Golf Tournament that raises money for scholarships. Kudos to Mr. Golden who organizes this event. Mr. Monahan and President Flaherty attended the girls' swimming and diving senior night.

District  
Events

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 9:12 PM to discuss the employment histories of particular persons, a matter of contract negotiations with CSEA, a matter of contract negotiations with MVTA, and a matter of negotiations regarding real property. (8-0)

Exec.

During executive session, the board discussed the employment histories of particular persons, a matter of contract negotiations with CSEA, a matter of contract negotiations with MVTA, and a matter of negotiations regarding real property.

MR. GIBBS LEFT THE MEETING AT 9:59 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:00 PM. (8-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM. (8-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk