

Minutes

Board of Education

Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – July 28, 2005

A meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in the central administration board room on July 28, 2005.

BOE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. John Lenane, President
Mr. Wayne Hawkins, Vice-president
Mrs. Michelle McDonald
Mr. Shawn O'Connor
Mrs. Gina Richichi
Mr. Michael Sauchuk
Mr. Tracy Sutera

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Victor Vignola
Mr. Tom Kiselak

DIST. PERSONNEL PRESENT: Dr. Martha Murray
Mrs. Priscilla Holden
Mr. John Bell
Mr. Larry Daley
Mr. Brian Monahan
Mrs. Nancy Szymkowicz

VISITORS: 7
PRESS: 0

President Lenane called the meeting to order at 8:08 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Sauchuk and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the minutes of the July 14, 2005, Organization meeting as corrected, to reflect that Mr. Vignola entered just after the Pledge of Allegiance and that the motion to open the nominations for board president had a vote of (8-0). (7-0)

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A motion was made by Mr. Sauchuk, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the minutes of the July 14, 2005, board of education meeting. (7-0)

Mrs. Szymkowicz, district clerk, reported that there was no correspondence at this time.

Corr.

President Lenane welcomed visitors and asked if there were comments or questions from the community.

Visitors

Dr. Murray welcomed high school English teacher, Ms. Jennifer Falcone, who introduced high school student Elisabeth Stamford, who won first place in the Orange County Poetry Contest. Elisabeth read her winning poem to the board. Elisabeth said that she had participated in the Orange County Day and that she had received a commendation as well as a gift certificate and two theatre tickets as prizes. Dr. Murray congratulated Elisabeth on her achievement and thanked her for sharing her poem.

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Poetry
Contest
Winner

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, designates the *Times Herald Record* as

Designated
Newspaper

the official newspaper of the Minisink Valley Central School District for the purpose of publishing the district's legal notices. 6 yes, 1 nay, (W. Hawkins) The board asked that Dr. Murray have the attorneys review this motion to see if the word "official" could be removed.

Dr. Murray welcomed Mr. Nick Lopez, Construction Manager and Mr. Scott Duell and Ms. Cheryl Legg, architects with Thomas Associates. Mr. Lopez reviewed the July Capital Project Update Report (CPU). He reported that construction is on schedule and that the work will continue at a very busy pace through September. Mr. Lopez said that there may be a possible delay of up to two weeks on the floor for the café, due to the damp weather. Dr. Murray distributed a list of owner requested change orders and Mr. O'Connor reviewed each of the items on the list. Mr. Duell spoke about the timeline for the new elementary project. He said that the process for the design for this project would be done differently than in the previous project. The entire design team at Thomas will have an intensive review of the building in mid August and that large and small decisions would be made at that time. This process should save two to three months of planning time.

Proj.
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A motion was made by Mr. Sutera, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the following resignations: (7-0)

Resignation

Robert Albanese, an elementary teacher assigned to the middle school, effective 8/31/05.

Jacelyn Lucente, a temporary guidance counselor assigned to the high school, effective 7/15/05.

Christian Ranaudo, a science teacher assigned to the high school, effective 8/15/05.

Tara Young, an elementary teacher assigned to the intermediate school, effective 8/1/05.

Dr. Murray read the motions for the next two appointments:

Appointments

A motion was made by Mrs. Richichi, seconded by Mrs. McDonald and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the emergency conditional probationary appointment of Jennifer Nimmo, as an assistant principal assigned to the intermediate school, pending due clearance, effective 8/1/05, with probation ending 7/31/08. Tenure Area: assistant principal of the intermediate school, compensation at \$78,000. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mrs. McDonald and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the probationary appointment of Christian Ranaudo, as an assistant principal assigned to the high school, effective 8/15/05, with probation ending 8/14/08. Tenure Area: assistant principal of the high school, compensation at \$84,000. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Sutera, seconded by Mr. Sauchuk and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following appointments: (7-0)

Susan Farley, emergency conditional probationary appointment as a special education teacher assigned to the middle school, pending due clearance, effective 9/1/05, with probation ending 8/31/08. Special Subject Tenure Area: special education, step 4MA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Daniel Gallo, probationary appointment as a physical education teacher assigned to the intermediate school, effective 9/1/05, with probation ending 1/31/08. Special Subject Tenure Area: physical education, step 5MA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Terri Golden, probationary appointment as an elementary teacher assigned to the Minisink Elementary School, effective 9/1/05, with probation ending 8/31/07. Tenure Area: elementary,

step 8MA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Lisa Lambert, emergency conditional temporary appointment as a .8 English as a Second Language teacher assigned district-wide, pending due clearance, effective 9/1/05, step 3MA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Linda LeMieux, temporary appointment as an elementary teacher assigned to the Otisville Elementary School, effective 9/1/05, step 2MA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Eileen Lotito, temporary appointment as a special education teacher assigned to the middle school, effective 9/1/05, step 5MA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Patricia McKane, emergency conditional probationary appointment as a technology specialist assigned to the middle school, pending due clearance, effective 9/1/05, with probation ending 8/31/08. Tenure Area: elementary, step 6MA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Matthew Moyles, emergency conditional probationary appointment as a social studies teacher assigned to the middle school, pending due clearance, effective 9/1/05, with probation ending 8/31/08. Academic Subject Tenure Area: social studies, step 1BA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Jacqueline Stamos, emergency conditional probationary appointment as an English teacher assigned to the middle school, pending due clearance, effective 9/1/05, with probation ending 8/31/08. Academic Subject Tenure Area: English, step 2BA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Lauren Torok, emergency conditional probationary appointment as a science teacher assigned to the high school, pending due clearance, effective 9/1/05, with probation ending 8/31/08. Academic Subject Tenure Area: science, step 4BA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Tara Young, probationary appointment as an elementary teacher assigned to the intermediate school, effective 9/1/05, with probation ending 1/31/08. Tenure Area: elementary, step 2MA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Mr. Bell distributed and discussed information on the new K-8 math curriculum and said that this was the first time there had been a statewide K-12 math curriculum. He also discussed the K-8 math curriculum plan of attack. He described how teachers had been working on summer curriculum to condense the curriculum into a useful format that would included the need to add or remove items that had been previously taught. Mr. Bell said that the final piece of the summer curriculum work involved mapping out exactly when certain items would be taught. President Lenane thanked Mr. Bell for his report and commented on how disappointed he was with the State of New York for the amount of time taken to finally get the math curriculum right.

Curr.

A motion was made by Mrs. Richichi, seconded by Mr. Sauchuk and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on 7/6, pertaining to students #17594, 16073, 18424, 17693, 18501, 17117, and 17015, arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (7-0)

CPSE

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Sauchuk and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on 5/3, 5/11, 5/12, 5/13, 5/16, 5/17, 5/18, 5/19, 5/20, 5/14, 6/9, and 7/6, pertaining to

CSE

students #14844, 18251, 16529, 17784, 18123, 14808, 15379, 18044, 14482, 15264, 17084, 16534, 14778, 14779, 15649, 14262, 13462, 13735, 13435, 13361, 15280, 14775, 14418, 15701, 17940, 16413, 14573, 15622, 13853, 13657, 15566, 17068, 14244, 14044, 11595, 14402, 13487, 17595, 15174, 14053, 15341, 14710, 16872, 13408, 15583, 14598, 14598, 14782, 17097, 11596, 15001, 16716, 14604, 11287, 13449, 16579, 18118, 15680, 17264, 12747, 14095, 15854, 17922, 16835, 16083, 16328, 15570, 16594, 15405, 14085, 15214, 14724, 15467, 16164, 15484, 16825, 16127, 14468, 11270, 11304, 13441, 14119, 14223, 11067, 14842, 11272, 12868, 14629, 14734, 15883, 17214, 14631, 12934, 14578, 14080, 17826, 13978, 15947, 16913, 18281, 14147, 16124, 15827, 14181, 16047, 14457, 15855, 17385, 16582, 17783, 11783, and 15624, arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the warrants for checks dated July 15, 2005 (04-05), and dated July 28, 2005 (05-06). (7-0)

Finance

A motion was made by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Sutura and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$39,575,000 serial bonds of the Minisink Valley Central School District, Orange and Sullivan Counties, New York, to pay the cost of certain capital improvements in and for said school district. (7-0) *Note:* A copy of the complete resolution is attached to the official minutes on file in central administration.

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the Real Property Tax Collection Schedule for the 2005-2006 school year. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and unanimously carried that the board of education, hereby authorizes the Board President to execute a Settlement Agreement on behalf of the district with FHC Delaware, Inc. (formerly Fine Host Corporation). (7-0) *Note:* A copy of said Agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. O'Connor reported on the Building and Grounds Committee meeting of July 6 and today. He said that the members walked through the construction site at the middle school and were amazed with the amount of work that had been done and credited Mr. Lopez for aggressively monitoring the project. Mr. O'Connor also reported on the July 18 meeting with officials from the Town of Mount Hope. He said that he and President Lenane, Mrs. Holden and Mr. Blosser met with Town of Mount Hope Councilman Mr. Frank Ketcham and Highway Supervisor Mr. Dave Budd. They reviewed drawings depicting potential easements and these drawings were then referred to the Town Engineer who will work with the school's architect.

Bldg. & Grounds Comm.

President Lenane asked if there were any questions from board members on the committee assignments that had been previously distributed to them and there were none.

Committee Assign.

Dr. Murray asked that the Policy Committee set a time to meet and it was decided that they would meet on Wednesday, August 17. Mrs. McDonald asked that members review the policy manual table of contents and check policies that they think the administration should have the faculty and staff review throughout the year.

Internal Claims Auditor

Dr. Murray said that during executive session the board would discuss the Internal Claims Auditor applications.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Sauchuk and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 9:33 PM to discuss the proposed acquisition of real property, matters leading to the appointment of a particular person and to review the employment history of a particular person. During executive session the board discussed the proposed acquisition of real property, matters leading to the appointment of a particular person and reviewed the employment history of a particular person.

Exec. Session

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried at 10:44 PM to resume public session.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 PM.

Adj.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Szymkowicz
District Clerk