

Minutes

Board of Education

0708 #40

Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – December 20, 2007

A meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in the middle school auditorium on December 20, 2007.

BOE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ethel Crow, President
Mr. John M. Lenane
Mrs. Michelle McDonald
Mr. Shawn O'Connor
Mr. Robert Prokopchak
Mr. Paul Rickard
Mrs. Joan Romanyschyn
Mr. Victor Vignola

BOE MEMBER ABSENT: Mrs. Gina Richichi

DIST. PERSONNEL PRESENT: Dr. Martha Murray, Superintendent
Mrs. Priscilla Holden, Asst. Superintendent for Business
Mr. Sean Michel, Asst. Superintendent for Curr. & Instr.
Mr. Brian Monahan, Director of Personnel
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 27
PRESS: 0

President Crow called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the minutes of the November 29, 2007 meeting. (7-1 Abstention - O'Connor)

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President Crow welcomed comments from community members. There were none.

Visitors

Dr. Murray introduced Mr. Joe Horner, high school band instructor, and members of the high school percussion ensemble who gave a brief performance. Students in attendance were Andrew Hulle, Mitchell Sumner, Michael Ventre, Kristyn Nivins, and Gina Desplantes. President Crow presented Andrew Hulle with a certificate of achievement for being one of our NYS All State Musicians.

HS
Percussion

Dr. Murray introduced Mr. Victor Izzo, high school choral director, who introduced the 2007 NYS All State musicians Katrina Kuka, Amanda Morace, Caitlin Ryan, and Emily Cooper. The students sang one song. President Crow presented each student with a certificate of achievement.

NYS All
State

Mr. Michel introduced Strategic Planning Core Team leaders Mr. Ken Hauck, Mr. Brian Monahan and Mr. Joe Horner. Each leader gave a report on the process of their task force and the progress the team has made.

Strategic
Planning

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mrs. McDonald and carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following:
(7 - 1 Abstention - Vignola)

VOTE
EXCEL

Dan Ogden and James Young to serve as custodians of the voting machines, compensation in the amount of \$300 each.

Chief inspectors, inspectors, and assistant clerks for Election District 1 and Election District 2 for the February 5, 2008, Referendum Vote. The district clerk is authorized to contact eligible persons as needed to assist with the vote. Note: A complete list is attached to the official minutes in central office.

Dr. Murray thanked the Washingtonville School District and Tuxedo School District for lending voting machines to be used for the Referendum Vote on February 5, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Vignola, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and unanimously carried that the board of education, in accordance with Section 3012 of the NYS Education Law and upon recommendation of the superintendent, grants tenure by the board of education to the following employees: (8-0)

Tenure

Nicole Ey, middle school teacher, tenure area of elementary, effective January 18, 2008.

Tara Frawley, intermediate school teacher, tenure area of elementary, effective January 18, 2008.

Daniel Gallo, intermediate school physical education teacher, tenure area of physical education, effective January 18, 2008.

Michelle Hlavacek, district wide speech teacher, tenure area of speech and hearing handicapped, effective January 18, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the retirement resignation of Kathleen Plaisance, a reading teacher assigned to the intermediate school, effective 1/5/08. (8-0)

Retirement

A motion was made by Mrs. Romanyschyn, seconded by Mrs. McDonald and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the resignation of Stephanie Snyder, an English teacher assigned to the high school, effective 1/1/08. (8-0)

Resignation

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the following leaves of absence: (8-0)

Leaves of
Absence

Yvonne Brennan, childcare leave of absence extension, an elementary teacher assigned to the Otisville Elementary School, effective 1/28/08 and ending 6/30/08.

Stephanie Hoffman, childcare leave of absence, an elementary teacher assigned to the intermediate school, effective on or about 5/19/08 and ending 6/30/09.

Sherri Jennings, childcare leave of absence extension, an elementary teacher assigned to the Otisville Elementary School, effective 1/28/08 and ending 6/30/09.

Connie Kosior, medical leave of absence extension, a typist assigned to the middle school, effective 12/1/07 and ending 1/31/08.

Mia McLean, leave of absence extension, a librarian assigned to the Minisink Elementary School, effective 1/28/08 and ending 6/30/08.

Amber Sullivan, childcare leave of absence extension, a reading teacher assigned to the Otisville Elementary School, effective 1/28/08 and ending 6/30/08.

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the creation of the extracurricular position of speech oversight chairperson, compensation at \$1500 in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and BOE as listed. (8-0)

Positions

A motion was made by Mr. Vignola, seconded by Mr. Lenane and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the creation of a extracurricular position of virtual high school site coordinator. Compensation, \$2500. (8-0)

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

Appointments

Jessica Bastek, probationary appointment as a math teacher assigned to the middle school, effective 1/14/08, with probation ending 1/13/11, tenure area; math, step 3MA compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and BOE as listed.

Laura Gratz, temporary appointment as a physical education teacher assigned to the Otisville Elementary School, effective 12/19/07, step 2BA compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and BOE as listed.

Robert Hindley, emergency conditional probationary appointment as a social studies teacher assigned to the high school, pending due clearance, effective 1/14/08, with probation ending 1/13/10, tenure area; social studies, step 13MA compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and BOE as listed.

Katherine Kelly, probationary appointment as an art teacher assigned to the middle school, effective 1/22/08 with probation ending 1/21/11, tenure area; art, step 3BA compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and BOE as listed.

Stephanie Snyder, probationary appointment as a social studies teacher assigned to the high school, effective 1/2/08, with probation ending 1/1/11, tenure area; social studies, step 1MA compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and BOE as listed.

John Wagner, probationary appointment as a school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective on 12/3/07, with probation ending 12/2/08, step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE.

Mr. Michel reported that New York State had released the accountability status for grades 3-8, however, the high school portion of the report card is incorrect. He said when the corrected document is available, he will provide copies to the board. Mr. Michel added that all schools have met AYP, (Adequate Yearly Progress.)

AYP

A motion was made by Mrs. Romanyschyn, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on November 26, 27, 29, December 4, and 5 pertaining to students #20297,

CSE

16756, 13950, 10245, 19172, 11146, 18301, 14788, 15047, 14044, 17264, 18066, 15264, 12653, 13942, 12841, 10694, 19065, 20390, 20391, 17922, 14751, 18281, 17859, 18500, 20303, 18998, 17857, 20125, 17267, 16075, 15502, 18272, 18869 and 14097 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mrs. McDonald and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's reports and approves the warrants for checks dated December 6, 2007 and December 20, 2007 and handdrawn checks for the month of November. (8-0)

Finance

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the capital fund warrant for checks issued in the month of November. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Vignola and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the renewal of our contract with Partners in Safety, Inc., for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, to provide drug and alcohol testing services, driver physicals, and related compliance requirements in accordance with regulations and board policy. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, awards Transportation Contract III (2007-2008) to Mid-City Transit Corporation at a cost of \$124.52 per day (shared transportation) effective December 17, 2007 through June 30, 2008. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Lenane and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, awards a contract for food service equipment for the kitchen at the new Otisville Elementary School to Buffalo Hotel Supply company of Guilderland, NY in the amount of \$310,055. (8-0)

Ethel Crow reported on the audit committee meeting held prior to the board meeting. She said that Mr. Chet Krinsky, internal claims auditor, gave a report regarding auditing procedures and processes.

Audit Comm.

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the corrective action plan and directs Mrs. Holden to submit the plan to the required agencies. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Vignola, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the change orders in the following amounts to Poley Paving: (8-0)

Change Orders

- GC-01 in the amount of \$85,518.15
- GC-02 in the amount of \$67,136.00
- GC-03 in the amount of \$66,518.00
- GC-04 in the amount of \$71,281.00
- GC-05 in the amount of \$20,880.00

The board of education set a date of December 28, 2007, at noon to tour the new Otisville school.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the timelines for the February 5, 2008 referendum vote and the May 20, 2008 budget vote and the schedule for budget development meetings. (8-0)

VOTES

Mrs. Romanyschyn reported on the OCSBA meeting that was held on December 5. She said the topic was paperless board meetings and that there is significant savings to conducting paperless meetings. Mrs. Romanyschyn said she received a policy regarding meals from another district and has forwarded the policy to Mrs. McDonald for further review by the policy committee. The next OSCBA meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The topic will be negotiations.

OCSBA

Mr. Prokopchak attended the middle school and Otisville chorus concerts. He said he also attended and performed in the high school concert. Mr. Vignola attended the intermediate school concerts, the high school concert, and the middle school band and chorus concerts. Mr. O'Connor attended the middle school band and chorus concert, the high school band concert, the intermediate concert, and several swim meets. Mr. O'Connor expressed concern about the parent letter that had been sent home regarding overcrowding at the high school during evening performances. The board discussed possible solutions to alleviate the crowding concern i.e. going to the Paramount Theater or to SUNY Orange to perform. There was also a suggestion of holding a matinee performance. Mrs. McDonald attended the intermediate school concert.

District Events

The board of education had a discussion regarding the board retreat that will be held later this month. Mr. Vignola suggested that the board focus on boardsmanship and labor contracts. Dr. Murray said she will get a few dates from David Shaw, school attorney, to come and do a presentation regarding negotiations and the NYS Taylor Law.

Board Retreats

Dr. Murray reported that there had been a minor car accident at the end of the day today at the high school. She also reported that she had sent a thank you card on behalf of the board of education to the community members who had assisted with a crisis that had taken place at a wrestling match. Dr. Murray added that there had been two more medically related incidents at a subsequent wrestling match. Dr. Murray said that our middle school and high school students performed for the troops in IRAQ via satellite. More information is available on the website.

Dr. Murray Reports

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, enters into executive session at 9:48 PM to discuss a matter of contract negotiations with the CSEA and MVTA and the employment histories of particular employees. (8-0)

Exec. Session

During executive session, the board of education discussed a matter of contract negotiations with the CSEA and MVTA and the employment histories of particular employees.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried to resume public session at 11:10 PM. (8-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 PM. (8-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda
District Clerk