

Minutes

Board of Education

Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – July 13, 2006

A meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in the middle school cafeteria on July 13, 2006.

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

DIST. PERSONNEL PRESENT: Dr. Martha Murray, Superintendent
Mrs. Priscilla Holden, Asst. Superintendent for Business
Mr. Larry Daley, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Mr. Brian Monahan, Director of Personnel
Mrs. Ruth Zuclich, Supervisor of Special Education
Mrs. Nancy Szymkowicz, District Clerk

VISITORS: 6
PRESS: 0

President Lenane called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM.

Mrs. Richichi gave the opening prayer.

A motion was made by Mr. Sauchuk, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn 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 June 15, 2006. (9-0)

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President Lenane welcomed comments from community members.

Visitors

Dr. Murray gave a Power Point presentation showing the highlights of the 2005-2006 school year.

05-06 School
Year Highlights

Dr. Murray updated the board on the property in the Town of Mount Hope. She said that the Parkland Alienation Bill had passed through the legislature and that the district is waiting for the governor's signature. She said that the SED approval is expected within the week and it is anticipated that the bids will open sometime in August. Dr. Murray said that the groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, at 2 PM.

Mt. Hope

A motion was made by Mrs. Richichi, seconded by Mr. Sauchuk. and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the following resignations: (9-0)

Resignations

Terri Alesandro, a senior typist assigned to the intermediate school, effective on or about 8/1/06.

Barbara Baird, a library clerk assigned to the high school, effective 6/26/06.

Wendy Boyle, a special education teacher assigned to the Minisink Elementary School, effective 9/1/06.

Beth Lohmeyer, a special education teacher assigned to the intermediate school, effective 6/30/06.

Debra Wilson, a special education teacher assigned to the high school, effective 8/20/06.

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following leaves of absence: (9-0)

Leaves of
Absence

Patricia Barrett, a math teacher assigned to the middle school, childcare leave of absence, effective 9/1/06 and ending on 1/26/07.

Sherri Jennings, an elementary teacher assigned to the Otisville Elementary School, childcare leave of absence, effective 9/1/06 and ending 1/26/07.

Positions

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, eliminates the part-time district-wide special education position, effective 8/31/06. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Vignola, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, creates a full time district-wide special education position, effective 9/1/06. (9-0)

Dr. Murray said that this additional expense would be offset by an increased allocation in the Title I Grant.

A motion was made by Mrs. Richichi, seconded by Mr. Vignola and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the probationary appointment of Debra Wilson, as Supervisor of Special Education, effective 8/21/06 with probation ending 8/20/09. Tenure Area: Supervisor of Special Education, with compensation at \$84,000 for the 2006-2007 school year. (9-0)

Appts.

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

Chris Corwin, an emergency conditional probationary appointment as a technology teacher assigned to the middle school, pending due clearance, effective 9/1/06, with probation ending 8/31/08. Special Subject Tenure Area: technology education, step 11MA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Kasi Crantz, a probationary appointment as a Spanish teacher assigned to the high school, effective 9/1/06 with probation ending 8/31/09. Academic Tenure Area: Spanish, step 3BA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Erin McGrath, an emergency conditional probationary appointment as a literacy teacher assigned to the intermediate school, pending due clearance, effective 9/1/06, with probation ending 8/31/09. Special Subject Tenure Area: Literacy, step 1MA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Eileen Murphy, a probationary appointment as an elementary teacher assigned to Minisink Elementary School, effective 9/1/06 with probation ending 8/31/09. Tenure Area: elementary, step 1BA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Jessica Parrella, an emergency conditional temporary appointment as an elementary teacher assigned to the intermediate school, pending due clearance, effective 9/1/06, step 1BA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Taryn Richards, a probationary appointment as a special education teacher assigned to Minisink Elementary School, effective 9/1/06 with probation ending 8/31/08. Special Subject Tenure Area: General special education, step 4BA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

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Kaylin Ruffino, an emergency conditional probationary appointment as an art teacher assigned to the middle school, pending due clearance, effective 9/1/06, with probation ending 8/31/09. Special Subject Tenure Area: Art, step 2BA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Karen Ruoti, a temporary appointment as an elementary teacher assigned to Otisville Elementary School, effective 9/1/06, step 2MA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Allison Vreeland, an emergency conditional probationary appointment as a school counselor assigned to the high school, pending due clearance, effective 9/1/06, with probation ending 8/31/08. Special Subject Tenure Area: School counselor, step 5MA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Leyla Williams, a temporary appointment as a physical education teacher assigned to the high school, effective 9/1/06, step 1BA, compensation in accordance with the current negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Janine Izzo, as a volunteer for the high school select chorus, effective 9/1/06.

Pamela Reyer, a temporary appointment as an interim head bus driver, effective June 26, 2006 and ending on or about August 1, 2006, compensation in accordance with the bus driver salary schedule in the current negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Dr. Murray shared information about the status of 21 seniors who were not able to graduate in June. She said that seventeen of the students are currently enrolled in summer school, two are coming back for another year, one moved away, and another is going for his GED. She said that summer school graduation is scheduled for August 18, at 10:00 A.M. in the high school media center.

Curr.

A motion was made by Mr. Hawkins, 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 6/22, pertaining to students #9253,19294,19292,19310,19276, and 18490, arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on 5/2, 5/3, 5/8, 5/9, 5/17, 5/23, 5/24, 6/9, 6/12, 6/13, 6/14, 6/15, 6/16, and 6/22, pertaining to students #11330, 10633, 11624, 8967, 19096, 11813, 14482, 17084, 17826, 18977, 16534, 17267, 14779, 18960, 18715, 16075, 13864, 15726, 18066, 18074, 14051, 12785, 14016, 13361, 18282, 12914, 15622, 13853, 13774, 15595, 14262, 13735, 18850, 17966, 15624, 16660, 16274, 16273, 16181, 18144, 18209, 15570, 18172, 16120, 14181, 18584, 18918, 14400, 14724, 14085, 15827, 16124, 14147, 14080, 15689, 14217, 12278, 18683, 18682, 13243, 14738, 13706, 12886, 12364, 10838, 13542, 17419, 14717, 18867, 14647, 16076, 19005, 13765, 18021, 16126, 13224, 16180, 17685, and 17672, arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Sutera, seconded by Mr. Hawkins 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 June 30, 2006, July 13, 2006, and for handdrawn checks in the month of June. (9-0)

Finance

A motion was made by Mr. Sauchuk, seconded by Mr. Sutera 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 June. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. Richichi, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, awards the following contracts for the period August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007 to Sonny Zito Sanitation, Inc.

Finance

- Refuse removal at the Otisville site for an estimated annual cost of \$8,325
- Refuse removal at the Route 6 campus for an estimated annual cost of \$32,130
- District-wide recycling for an estimated annual fee of \$6,800

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Sutera and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, awards the lease bid of school bus vehicles – 2006 to Quality Bus Sales at an annual cost of \$80,179.59 for five 66-passenger Thomas Saf-T-Liner buses. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Hawkins and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the use of classroom facilities by Decat Driving School during the 2006-2007 school year for the purpose of offering the classroom instruction portion of the driver education course, contingent upon their maintaining general liability coverage at limits equal to those of the district. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves renewal of the agreement to lease 15,000 sq. ft. segment of the Mclroy property adjacent to the bus garage, at a monthly rate of \$475. (9-0)

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 following policies for second readings and adoption: (9-0)

Policies

- #5550 – *Financial Accountability: Allegations of Fraud*
- #5555 – *Internal Audit Function*
- #5560 – *Audit Committee*

The board discussed changing the time of future board meetings and the length of term for board members and decided to keep the status quo on both issues.

Term Limits and Meeting Time

Dr. Murray spoke about the annual NYSSBA convention being held in New York City in October and asked about the board member's interest and availability in attending the convention.

NYSSBA

Dr. Murray asked for the board's support in taking a stand against the New York Regional Interconnection since it would be affecting townships within our district. She would write letters at this point in time. She promised to keep the board informed.

Anti-Power - Line

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, agrees to take a position against the New York Regional Interconnection as it affects the residents and students of the Minisink Valley Central School District. (9-0)

Dr. Murray told the board that there had been a request from the American Heart Association to hold the Annual Heart Walk on April 21, 2007 at Minisink Valley. The board said that they were interested in having the event held here.

Heart Walk

Board members said that they had attended the baccalureate ceremony and the high school graduation and commented how lucky we were with the weather at graduation. There was some discussion about the faculty and staff members handing diplomas to their children.

District
Events

A motion was made by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, enters into executive session at 9:25 PM to discuss a matter of contract negotiations, the discipline of a particular employee, and the discipline of particular students. During executive session, the board discussed a matter of contract negotiations, the discipline of a particular employee, and the discipline of particular students.

Exec.
Session

MR. SAUCHUK AND MR. O'CONNOR LEFT DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A motion was made by Mr. Vignola, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried to resume public session at 11:25 PM. (7-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. Richichi, seconded by Mrs. McDonald and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, hereby rejects all of the bids for the storage facility opened on June 29, 2006. (7-0)

Reject Bids

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried and hereby authorizes its president to execute an addendum agreement to the superintendent's contract, dated June 5, 2003, as amended, which addendum agreement dated July 13, 2006 shall be incorporated within the minutes of this meeting. (7-0)

Supt's.
Contract
Addendum

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 PM. (7-0)

Adj

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Szymkowicz
District Clerk