

Minutes

Board of Education

0809 #70

Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – March 5, 2009

A meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in middle school room 108 on March 5, 2009.

BOE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ethel Crow, President
Mr. Alfred Gibbs
Mr. John Lenane
Mrs. Michelle McDonald
Mr. Shawn O'Connor
Mr. Robert Prokopchak
Mrs. Gina Richichi
Mr. Paul Rickard
Mrs. Joan Romanyschyn

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

DIST. PERSONNEL ABSENT: Mr. Brian Monahan, Director of Personnel

VISITORS: 26
PRESS: 1

President Crow called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Mrs. Richichi, seconded by Mr. Lenane and carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education of February 19, 2009. (8-1 abstention Mrs. Romanyschyn)

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President Crow welcomed comments from community members. A community member inquired about the status of the Odyssey of the Mind program.

Visitors

Dr. Murray gave kudos to Joe O'Brien for qualifying for the state competition in swimming. She also recognized track state qualifiers Ashley Graham, Alyssa Denisco, Clarinda Lain, and Jake Albino. Dr. Murray gave kudos to Mrs. Sheerer, Otisville elementary librarian, for her work in securing a \$1,000 grant. She congratulated Richard Dennison and James Brain for being Section IX wrestling champions. Dr. Murray gave kudos to Brendan Byrne for placing third in New York State in wrestling. President Crow presented Richard Dennison, James Brain, and Brendan Byrne with certificates.

Kudos

Dr. Murray introduced Mr. Jack Latini, high school principal, who gave a follow up presentation to the program, Rachel's Challenge, which was held in January. He explained what the high school staff and students are doing to continue to follow the tenets of this program. Mr. Latini thanked the PTO for funding Rachel's Challenge.

Rachel's
Challenge

Dr. Murray said that the district will be receiving federal stimulus money for IDEA and Title I. She also stated that there are indications that the one-year Deficit Reduction Assessment will be eliminated. The district will continue to monitor state aid information.

Budget Development Update

Mr. Lenane reported on the finance committee meeting that was held on February 26, 2009. He said seven budgets were reviewed. Mr. Lenane added that there were several parents and students in attendance to discuss the budget line for gifted and talented. He said that the committee discussed their concerns and has recommended that the budget support up to four Odyssey of the Mind teams through regional and state competition. However, should any of the teams advance to world competition, they would have to fund all expenses themselves. The board accepted the recommendation of the finance committee. Mrs. McDonald gave kudos to the finance committee and to the parents and students.

Finance Committee

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, directs the district clerk to give notice to the qualified voters of the school district of the Annual School District Public Hearing on Budget and Annual Meeting, School District Election and Vote of May 19, 2009. (9-0)

Legal Notice Annual Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education nominates Michael Bello and Eugenia Pavek as candidates for Orange-Ulster Cooperative Board for three year terms. (9-0)

BOCES Nomination

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

Appointments

Jeanmarie Brenner, temporary appointment as an elementary teacher assigned to the intermediate school, effective 3/14/09, step 1MA pro-rated, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Daniel Kent, emergency conditional temporary appointment as a JROTC instructor assigned to the high school, pending due clearance, effective 3/9/09, step 1BA pro-rated, compensation. Benefits are not included in the salary agreement.

Nathanael Spence, probationary appointment as a school bus driver assigned to the transportation department, effective 3/9/09 with probation ending 3/8/10, step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Resolution adopted at the August 8, 2008 board of education meeting appointing Suzanne Luis as the assistant varsity girls lacrosse coach is hereby amended by the board of education to provide that such coaching position shall be shared by Suzanne Luis and Stephanie Snyder, with each receiving one-half of the contractual stipend of group 4, step 2, in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Edward Raso, extracurricular appointment as a boys varsity assistant lacrosse coach, effective 3/6/09, group 4, step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Summer Terpak, extracurricular appointment as a girls junior varsity lacrosse coach, effective 3/6/09, group 4, step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Richichi, seconded by Mr. Rickard and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on February 10, 11 and 20, 2009 pertaining to students #20928, 20035, 20976, 20338, 20920, 20333, 19168, 20998, 20986, 18615, 20802 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE

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 February 11, 12, 19, 23 and 24, 2009 pertaining to students #17335, 11727, 9877, 15926, 11321, 13619, 16557, 15667, 14025, 14642, 18704, 12468, 20910, 16244, 12383 and 20604 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, 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 General Fund Warrant #26 for checks dated March 5, 2009 and handdrawn Warrant #24 for the month of February. (9-0)

Finance

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's report for Capital Fund Warrant #9 for checks issued in the month of February. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. Richichi, seconded by Mr. Rickard and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's reports for the Special Aid warrants D-5, Q-7, U-7, and P-2 for checks issued in the month of February. (9-0)

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 report for School Lunch Fund Warrant #8 for checks issued in the month of February. (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 a contract with the Middletown City School District for the 2008-09 school year for the provision of health services to fifty-one (51) Minisink-resident students attending St. Joseph's, Mt. Carmel, and Middletown Christian Schools located within the Middletown school district, and approves payment in the amount of \$22,003.95. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves a budget transfer in the amount of \$109,298 from budget code 2630.220.00.2033 (computer hardware) to budget code 2110.490.00.4922 (BOCES technology) to fund computer purchases secured through the BOCES. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges receipt of the Public School Fire Safety Reports dated January 20, 2009 for each of the district's facilities. (9-0)

Mrs. Romanyschyn said that OCSBA met last night and discussed the auditing process, the MTA tax, and budget development processes. She said April 4, 2009 has been set for the prespective board member workshop and that June 3, 2009 has been set for the annual meeting.

OCSBA

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, authorizes the president of the board of education to enter into a contract with *TetraTech, Architect and Engineers* to provide architecture and engineering services for an energy performance contract for the stipulated fee of \$308,479.99 as described in Article 11.2.1 of the contract. The district will be reimbursed this stipulated fee by *Ameresco* as part of the energy performance contract. Such agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. (9-0)

EPC Contract

A motion was made by Mrs. Romanyschyn, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, authorizes the president of the board of education to enter into a contract with *TetraTech Architect and Engineers* to provide construction administration services for the district wide EXCEL project for the stipulated fee of \$500,000 as clearly defined in the February 16, 2009 letter to Dr. Martha Murray. Such agreement and letter shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. (9-0)

TetraTech
Admin.
Services

Dr. Murray announced the senior citizens event that will be held on April 1, 2009. She said the senior citizens are invited to attend a dress rehearsal of the high school's drama production, *State Fair*. Dr. Murray added that prior to the show, hors d'oeuvres will be served to the senior citizens.

Mr. Lenane announced that the boys' basketball team was winning by twenty points at that moment and that the girls' basketball team had won by one point. Mr. Prokopchak said he attended the National Honor Society ceremony and that there were a large number of inductees. President Crow added that the ceremony was run very well. Mr. O'Connor said he attended the Pops concert and that the music department continues to grow. Mr. Prokopchak said that the jazz lab is a great addition to the music department, allowing more student involvement. Mrs. McDonald said she attended the Odyssey of the Mind competition for middle school and that they placed second. She added that they put a lot of work and time into solving the problem and that the place was packed.

District
Events

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mrs. Michelle and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, enters into executive session at 8:59 PM to discuss the employment histories of particular persons and matters made exempt under the federal law FERPA. (9-0)

Exec.
Session

During executive session, the board discussed the employment histories of particular persons and matters made exempt under the federal law FERPA.

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:55 PM. (9-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mrs. McDonald and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 PM. (9-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda
District Clerk