

# Minutes

Board of Education

0809 #74

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## Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – May 7, 2009

A meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in middle school room 108 on May 7, 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  
Mr. Brian Monahan, Director of Personnel  
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 26  
PRESS: 0

President Crow called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Mrs. Richichi, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak 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 April 23, 2009. (8-1 abstention Mr. Lenane)

Minutes

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

Visitors

Dr. Murray gave kudos to Mr. Michael Burns, high school English teacher, who has been chosen to help grade the national advanced placement exams. Dr. Murray also gave kudos to Mr. Michael Giardina and the middle teachers for obtaining a grant that will provide plantings for around the outside of the building.

Kudos

Dr. Murray introduced Mrs. Sue Naples, second grade teacher, who talked about the communications she and her students have had throughout the year with astronaut Joseph Acaba. Mrs. Naples introduced students Emily Abruzzese, Meaghan Doyle, Nicolas Albornoz, Gage Dombal, Austin Sullivan, and Reese Post. The students shared with the board the various things they have learned about the shuttle *Discovery*, about being an astronaut, and about their visit with Mr. Acaba. President Crow thanked Mrs. Naples for all she has done and also thanked the students and parents for coming to the board meeting to share what they have learned.

Astronaut  
Visit

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

Retirement

Jayne Dreher, a school librarian assigned to the middle school, effective 6/30/09.

Geraldine Farrell, a family & consumer science teacher assigned to the middle school, effective 6/30/09.

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

Leaves of Absences

Michele Semco, a school guidance counselor assigned to the middle school, effective 9/1/09 and ending 10/5/09.

Karyn Smith, a student assistance counselor assigned to the middle school, effective 9/1/09 and ending 2/1/10.

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

Rescindment

A contract for Jennifer Curreri as a practice pals advisor, from the dates of 4/1/09 until 6/30/09 due to the childcare leave of absence.

A contract for Jennifer Curreri as a jazz band advisor, from the dates of 4/1/09 until 6/30/09 due to the childcare leave of absence.

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

Appointments

Suzanne Rhodes, temporary appointment as an elementary teacher, assigned to the Otisville Elementary, effective 4/2/09 and ending on 6/30/09, step 1MA compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Gerald Gibbs, temporary appointment as a school bus monitor, assigned to the transportation department, effective on or about 5/11/09 and ending on 6/30/09, step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Mr. Michel gave an overview of the gifted and talented programs in the elementary and intermediate schools. He said there are 162 students involved in the program. Mr. Michel said some of what the students have done is created a newspaper, filmed a virtual tour of Otisville, and connected with teachers in Taiwan. He added that these items are in line with the Strategic Plan.

Gifted & Talented Program

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, 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 April 3 and 8, 2009 pertaining to students #19126, 18327, 19319, 19397, 19979, 19332, 20654, 20798, 20937, 20649, 20648, 18476, 19990, 20086 and 18733 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on March 12, 25, 27, April 1, 2, 3, 6, 21, 22, 24, 29, and 30, 2009 pertaining to students #18249, 16524, 10695, 13399, 20598, 11959, 13348, 10148, 17324, 13257, 15803, 18415, 19018, 14561, 16466, 13469, 12885, 18354, 19700, 16825, 18538, 18220, 19277, 19310, 16082, 19010, 17114, 17350, 17755, 16928, 15484, 18521, 16581, 16127, 16126, 18685, 19065, 17843, 19394, 19393, 15852, 19403, 17480, 16582, 18033, 18654, 19560, 18404, 16988, 18341,

CSE

12156, 12157, 17023, 16242, 20915, 21149, 16344, 19733 and 15853 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's report and approves General Fund Warrant #32 for checks dated May 7, 2009. (9-0)

Finance
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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 #11 for checks issued in the month of April. (9-0)

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 claims auditor's reports for Special Aid warrants D #7, U #9 and P #3 for checks issued in the month of April. (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 the School Lunch Fund Warrant #10 for checks issued in the month of April. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. Richichi, 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 \$50,823 from 2630.220.00.2033 (computer hardware) to 2110.490.00.4922 (BOCES Technology). (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. Romanyschyn, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves a budget transfer in the amount of \$45,000 from 2110.120 salary codes and \$100,000 from 2110.130 salary codes to 2110.490.00.4933 (BOCES Alternative Ed. Programs). (9-0)

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 a budget transfer in the amount of \$38,000 from 9010.800.00.0000 (ERS) to 1420.400.00.4010 (Legal-Retainer Fees). (9-0)

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 2008-09 Third Quarter Financial Reports: Revenue, Budget Transfers and Extraclassroom Activity Fund. (9-0)

Mrs. McDonald reported on policies the committee was recommending for revision. She said the committee reviewed the remainder of the board policies and that the June 4 meeting is canceled.

Policy Committee
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A motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mr. O'Connor and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the policy committee, approves the following policies for a first reading, #7410 Extracurricular Activities, #7530 Child Abuse, and #8340 Curriculum Areas in Conflict with Religious Beliefs. (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, acknowledges that policy #7310, the Student Code of Conduct has been reviewed and remains unchanged for the 2009-2010 school year. (9-0)

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, awards the following contracts: (9-0)

EXCEL project general contract to AARK Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$5,137,000 for the base bid, \$84,000 for alternate G-1B and \$84,000 for alternate G-3 for a total amount of \$5,305,000.

EXCEL Contracts
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EXCEL project site contract to Sisca Northeast, Inc. in the amount of \$1,313,723 for the base bid, \$352,023 for alternate L-1, \$403,623 for alternate L-2, and \$498,223 for alternate L-3 for a total amount of \$ 2,567,592.

EXCEL project heating contract to Pearl River Plumbing, Heating, and Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$4,646,016 for the base bid and a deduct of (\$42,560) for alternate H-1 for a total of \$4,603,456.

EXCEL project electrical contract to Allstar Electric Corp. in the amount of \$3,325,748 for the base bid, \$5,500 for alternate E-1, \$23,100 for alternate E-2, and \$9,000 for alternate E-3 for a total amount of \$3,363,348.

EXCEL project plumbing contract to JAC Mechanical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$1,194,000 for the base bid and \$5,000 for alternate P-1 for a total amount of \$1,199,000.

Dr. Murray said that the buildings and grounds committee will meet on May 21, 2009 at the bus garage at 7:00 PM to review the bus driver parking areas.

Bldgs. & Grounds Committee

The board discussed the board dinner to be held on June 23, 2009.

Dr. Murray discussed with the board members the end of year schedule.

Board Dinner

Dr. Murray said that Aramark has been researching a new point of service program for students at the lunch room cash registers.

Mr. Prokopchak and Mrs. McDonald said they had attended the middle school concert and that the students are doing an excellent job.

District Events

Dr. Murray reminded the board that the Heart Walk will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the high school.

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, enters into executive session at 9:46 PM to discuss a matter of negotiations with the MVTA. (9-0)

Executive

MR. O'CONNOR LEFT DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION.

During executive session, the board discussed a matter of negotiations with the MVTA.

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

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

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda  
District Clerk