

# Minutes

Board of Education

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## Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – April 8, 2010

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in the middle school auditorium on April 8, 2010.

BOE MEMBERS PRESENT:                Mrs. Ethel Crow, President  
                                                 Mrs. Stelly Brunelle  
                                                 Mr. Alfred Gibbs  
                                                 Mr. John Lenane  
                                                 Ms. Gina Mozilo  
                                                 Mrs. Catherine Prezioso  
                                                 Mr. Robert Prokopchak  
                                                 Mr. Paul Rickard  
                                                 Mrs. Joan Romanyschyn

DIST. PERSONNEL PRESENT:        Dr. Martha Murray, Superintendent  
                                                 Mr. Sean Michel, Asst. Superintendent for Curr. & Instr.  
                                                 Mrs. Mary Lou Lewis, Asst. Superintendent for Business  
                                                 Mrs. Ruth Zulich, Director of Pupil Personnel  
                                                 Mr. Brian Monahan, Director of Personnel  
                                                 Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS:                                232  
PRESS:                                      0

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Ms. Mozilo, 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 March 25, 2010. (8-0)

Minutes

President Crow welcomed comments from community members. She reminded the visitors that there is a board policy in place regarding community input and asked that they be mindful of the time so that all visitors have a chance to speak. Several visitors spoke about teacher contract negotiations and the budget process.

Visitors

Dr. Murray gave kudos to middle school librarian, Ms. Maggie Barrish, for being awarded a Cooperative Development Grant enabling her to start a special collection in our library.

Kudos

Dr. Murray gave a *Power Point* presentation regarding regulations governing an austerity budget.

Budget Update

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

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

Voter Personnel

The chief inspectors, inspectors, and assistant clerks for Election District 1 and Election District 2 for the May 18, 2010 Annual Budget Vote and Election. The district clerk is authorized to contact eligible persons as needed to assist with the vote.

*Note: A copy of the complete list is attached to the official minutes on file in the central office.*

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 resignations: (8-0)

Carolyn Hranitz, a detention supervisor, assigned to the middle school, effective 4/5/10.

Resignations

Sandra Macaluso, a part time teacher aide, assigned to the middle school, effective 4/2/10.

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

Leaves of Absences

Kelly Bernice, an elementary teacher, assigned to the Otisville Elementary School, a leave of absence effective on or about 4/20/10 and ending on 6/30/10.

James Peterson, a school security aide, assigned to the middle school, a medical leave of absence effective 3/5/10 and ending on 6/15/10.

Jean Roche, a school bus monitor, assigned to the transportation department, a leave of absence effective 3/25/10 and ending on 6/30/10.

Mr. Michel presented a safety award plaque to the board that the district received from Utica National.

Safety Award

A motion was made by Mrs. Romanyschyn, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on March 9, 10, 17, 19 and 23, 2010 pertaining to students #19169, 19168, 18705, 20728, 20700, 21419, 21098, 20986, 20063, 19918, 20654, 19250, 20919, 20179, 20065, 20018, 20998, 19107, 19106, 21152, 19805, 19830, 19319, 20999, 19332, 21241, 21227, 20928, 20976, 20943, 21194, 20466, 20017, 21079, 21043, 21240 and 21297 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (8-0)

CPSE

A motion was made by Mrs. Romanyschyn, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on February 5, 9, 17, 18, 19, 23, March 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 18 and 22, 2010 pertaining to students #15380, 13671, 13449, 19359, 12934, 13853, 18956, 20360, 15318, 15354, 14441, 15648, 15174, 16579, 18849, 14080, 17595, 18690, 15264, 20795, 18655, 18272, 15502, 18998, 18656, 19017, 16753, 16979, 21415, 13408, 12706, 14468, 13863, 17958, 13178, 19185, 13057, 13809, 14573, 18415, 16658, 13811, 16580, 12498, 18753, 16516, 15830, 12747, 20297, 16960, 16825, 13498, 17604, 19733, 21627, 16196, 15643, 19420, 18064, 17374, 14816, 18257, 13382, 13448, 13427, 20157, 10281, 20393, 19436, 12855, 9420, 12156, 12157, 18938 and 18966 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (8-0)

CSE

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

Finance

General Fund Warrant #27  
General Fund Warrant #29  
School Lunch Warrant #9  
Special Aid Warrant DD #6  
Capital Fund Warrant H #9  
Special Aid Warrant P #3  
Special Aid Warrant Q #7  
Special Aid Warrant U #7  
Trust & Agency Warrants #19 and #20

Mr. Lenane lead a discussion of the five options opened to the board concerning the 2010-2011 budget. After hearing all options, the board decided to

1. Direct the superintendent to approach the unions about a give back.
2. Meet on April 13 to review the building and department budgets.
3. Consider raising the tax levy to reflect a 5.5% increase.

Finance  
Comm.

MR. RICKARD ENTERED AT 9:31 PM DURING THE PREVIOUS DISCUSSION.

A motion was made by Ms. Mozilo, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education, enters into executive session at 10:05 PM to discuss a matter of negotiations with the MVTA and the CSEA, and the employment history of a particular person, and a matter leading to the appointment of a particular person. (9-0)

Executive

During executive session, the board discussed a matter of negotiations with the MVTA and the CSEA, and the employment history of a particular person, and a matter leading to the appointment of a particular person.

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried to resume public session at 11:35 PM. (9-0)

Whereas, district funds must be handled in a prudent and secure manner, under the care, custody and control of the school district treasurer to the maximum extent possible;

A motion was made by Mrs. Brunelle, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves a half-time leave of absence for Denise Russo, school district treasurer, assigned to the business office, effective 7/6/10 and ending on 8/31/10. (9-0)

Russo  
Leave

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mrs. Brunelle seconded by Ms. Mozilo and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:50PM. (9-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk