

Minutes

Board of Education

0910 #93

Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – February 11, 2010

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in the middle school auditorium on February 11, 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 Zuclich, Director of Pupil Personnel
Mr. Brian Monahan, Director of Personnel
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 77
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 unanimously carried, that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the corrected minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education of February 11, 2010. (7-2 abstentions Mrs. Romanyschyn, Ms. Mozilo)

Minutes

President Crow welcomed comments from community members. One community member talked about the high property tax burden. Several visitors spoke about teacher contract negotiations.

Visitors

Dr. Murray gave kudos to Mr. Mike Goliber, Mrs. Becky Olah, Mrs. Patty McKane, and Ms. Deborah Roda for their work setting up the auditorium to accommodate a board meeting. She also gave kudos to Cadet Commander Kyle Lux for being offered two college scholarships.

Kudos

Dr. Murray gave a *Power Point* presentation about revenues supporting the 2010-2011 budget. She explained the Real Property Tax Laws involving fund balances. She pointed out the difference between the unreserved, unappropriated fund balance and the unreserved appropriated fund balance. Dr. Murray reminded the board that the unreserved appropriated fund balance must, by law, be used to reduce the tax levy. She said it may not be used for operating costs.

Budget Update

Dr. Murray introduced high school principal, Mr. Jack Latini, who gave a *Power Point* presentation about the building's midterm exams administered last month. He explained how the midterms help to outline the areas in need of additional instructional support to better prepare the students for the June exams. Mr. Latini added that student scores have shown improvement. He thanked the high school faculty for scoring and analyzing the exams to produce the necessary data.

HS Presentation

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

Leaves of Absences

Stephanie Giufre, a physical education teacher, assigned to the Otisville Elementary School, a childcare leave of absence effective on or about 4/9/10 and ending on or about 6/30/10.

Alison Miller, a special education teacher, assigned to middle school, a childcare leave of absence effective on or about 5/25/10 and ending on or about 6/25/10.

Denise Russo, the school district treasurer, assigned to central office, a childcare leave of absence effective on or about 5/31/10 and ending on or about 7/5/10.

Gertrude Sanders, a school bus monitor, assigned to transportation department, a leave of absence effective on or about 1/26/10 and ending on or about 2/26/10.

Mr. Michel reviewed the February 1, 2010 conference day activities. He said that there were many different technology workshops throughout the district. Mr. Michel added that keynote speakers were also in attendance to speak about enhancing technology currently in place.

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on February 2, 2010 pertaining to student # 20677 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak, that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on January 12, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, February 2 and 4, 2010 pertaining to students #14396, 14575, 15941, 13774, 17437, 19851, 18663, 20008, 18167, 20832, 21085, 18269, 17267, 21277, 18692, 18220, 17114, 21225, 18810, 19310, 14710, 12886, 14435, 17533, 19697, 13735, 20077, 16315, 17685, 18683, 18006, 20423, 14503, 14788, 16516, 21415, 21414, 19260, 17634, 14568, 18654, 21503, 15003, 17913 and 16581 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mrs. Romanyschyn, seconded by Ms. Mozilo and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's report for the following warrants: (9-0)

Finance

- General Fund Warrant #21 & 23
- School Lunch Warrant #7
- Special Aid Warrant D #4; DD #4; U #5
- Capital Fund Warrant #7
- Trust & Agency Warrants #15, 16

A motion was made by Mr. Rickard, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves a contract with the Enlarged City School District of Middletown for the 2009-10 school year for the provision of health services to thirty-nine (39) Minisink-resident students who attend St. Joseph's, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, or Middletown Christian within the Enlarged City School District of Middletown, and approves payment in the amount of \$18,292.95. (9-0)

A motion was made by Ms. Mozilo, seconded by Mrs. Brunelle and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the sale of used school bus vehicles to the highest bidders as follows: (9-0)

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| M157 | Arthur Trovei of Sparrowbush, NY | \$ 1,790.00 |
| M158 | Arthur Trovei of Sparrowbush, NY | \$ 1,790.00 |
| M160 | Arthur Trovei of Sparrowbush, NY | \$ 1,790.00 |
| M165 | Liberty Motors of Liberty, NY | \$ 1,515.99 |
| Storage Unit | Ernie Stillwell of Slate Hill, NY | \$ 563.99 |

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, awards the bid for the purchase of a pre-owned pneumatic tire forklift for school year 2009-10 to Infinity Handling Systems of Middletown, NY. (9-0)

President Crow said the policy committee meeting scheduled for February 10, 2010, did not take place due to weather conditions. She said the committee will reschedule the meeting at a later date.

Policy
Comm.

Mr. Prokopchak said that the athletic committee met with athletic director Mr. Frank Carrozza. He said there is a slight increase in the athletic budget and that Mr. Carrozza did a great job at presenting the proposed athletic budget.

Athletic
Comm.

Mr. Lenane said the finance committee reviewed nine (9) different budgets. He said that there were various public comments and questions. Mr. Gibbs added that the budget shows a decrease at most of the building levels. President Crow said that the building principals thanked their faculty and staff for helping to build the proposed budget.

Finance
Comm.

Mrs. Romanyschyn reported on the OCSBA meeting she attended on January 20, 2010. She said there was a guest speaker regarding dues structure concerns. Mrs. Romanyschyn added that with some districts no longer having membership in NYSSBA, it is likely that they will have fewer services to offer. She said there was a discussion on public comment sections of board meetings and that there are great variations from district to district as to the format.

OCSBA

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 calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. (9-0)

Note: Ms. Mozilo wanted it noted in the minutes that she does not agree with school being in session on the day after Easter.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Brunelle and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, hereby ratifies and makes appropriations for the Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement between the district and the Minisink Valley Teachers' Association, dated February 11, 2010, which provides for a retirement incentive consisting of a one-time payment of \$25,000 to unit members eligible to retire. Said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. (9-0)

MVTA
Retirement
Incentive

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education approves the agreement with TetraTech, Architects and Engineers to perform the required updates of our building condition surveys and the district's five-year capital facilities plan as required by RESCUE legislation at a cost of \$58,000. (9-0)

Bldg.
Condition
Survey

Note: Mr. Lenane wanted it noted in the minutes that the middle school building's roof drains are not correct.

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Ms. Mozilo and unanimously carried that the board of education, enters into executive session at 9:48 PM to discuss a matter of negotiations with the MVTA, the employment histories of particular persons, a matter made exempt under the federal law, FERPA, and a matter leading to the appointment of a particular person. (9-0)

Executive

President Crow invited Mr. Michel, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Monahan, Mrs. Zulich and Mr. Latini into executive session.

During executive session, the board discussed a matter of negotiations with the MVTA, the employment histories of particular persons, a matter made exempt under the federal law, FERPA, and a matter leading to the appointment of a particular person.

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak seconded by Mrs. Brunelle and unanimously carried to resume public session at 11:30 PM. (9-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Lenane seconded by Ms. Mozilo and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 PM. (9-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk