

# Minutes

Board of Education

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## Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – June 17, 2010

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in the middle school auditorium on June 17, 2010.

BOE MEMBERS PRESENT:                Mrs. Ethel Crow, President  
   Mr. Alfred Gibbs  
   Mr. John Lenane  
   Mrs. Catherine Prezioso  
   Mr. Robert Prokopchak  
   Mr. Paul Rickard  
   Mrs. Joan Romanyschyn  
   Mr. Tracy Sutera

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT:                Ms. Gina Mozilo

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:                                52  
PRESS:                                    0

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mr. Gibbs 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 3, 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 the budget process and community involvement.

Visitors

Dr. Murray gave kudos to high school senior, Stephanie Dolson, for being chosen to play on the US basketball team.

Kudos

Dr. Murray read the names of those employees with perfect attendance for the 2009-2010 school year. They are: Maggie Barrish, Erin Beam, Donald Brizzi, Richard Budd, Jr., Matthew Caputo, Patricia Irwin, Joseph D'Antono, Peter DeMarco, Lourdes Desplantes, Paul Dombal, Maria Fenfert, Helen Fitzgibbons, Thomas Ford, Elroy Gould, Roxanne Hakes, Vic Izzo, Suzann Jacobs, Edward Kohler, Linda LeMieux, Delos Luther, Debora Merante, Dr. Martha Murray, Kathryn O'Connor, Dominick Papa, Jessica Pfitzner, David Roda, Charles Ruiz, James Ryan, Kristine Ryder, Debra Seaman, Amy Sicina, Shirley Snook, Linda Sullivan, Cinda Tava, Susan Van Dunk, Robert Williams, Theresa Yackel, Paulette Zubikowski, and Ruth Anne Zuclich.

Perfect  
Attn.

Dr. Murray congratulated the transportation department for achieving an outstanding rating of 96% from New York State transportation in the area of *Out Of Service*. She gave special recognition to the director of transportation, Delos Luther, and to the mechanics, Jim Clark, Rich Ford, James Laird, Robert McCloud, Rich Schettkoe, and Mark Rogers for their work in maintaining the buses.

Trans.  
Rate

Dr. Murray introduced the youngest Section IX tennis champion, eighth grader, Paul Hayes and his coach, Mr. Jeff Malara. Paul talked about his accomplishments and President Crow presented him with a certificate.

Tennis  
Champ

Dr. Murray announced that Mitchell Tucci is the valedictorian and that Ryan Danas is the salutatorian of the class of 2010. In addition, she said that Michael Santana and Michelle Feely have both been chosen as top students at BOCES C-Tech. Dr. Murray introduced Michael Santana who spoke about the C-Tech program and his future goals. President Crow presented Michael with a certificate.

Val. & Sal.

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

Retirements

Lynn Distefano, a special education teacher, assigned to the high school, effective 6/30/10.

Melissa Hager, a school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 6/30/10.

A motion was made by Mr. Sutera, seconded by Mr. Lenane and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the resignation of John Latini, a principal, assigned to the high school, effective 6/30/10. (8-0)

Resignation

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

Joanna Dolan Browning, an elementary teacher, assigned to the middle school, a childcare leave of absence effective 9/1/10 and ending on 1/28/11.

Danielle Cornacchio, a music teacher, assigned to the middle school, a leave of absence effective 9/1/10 and ending on 6/30/11.

James Peterson, a school security aide, assigned to the middle school, a leave of absence extension effective 6/17/10 and ending on 7/19/10.

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 appointments: (8-0)

Appointments

Anthony Cheeseboro, a JROTC instructor, hereby increases the salary entitlement from \$48,979.17 (inclusive of the health insurance buyout) to \$53,094.79 (inclusive of the health insurance buyout) for the period from October 2, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Brian VanWagner, a JROTC instructor, hereby establishes the salary entitlement of \$82,974 effective 7/1/10.

Summer school appointments, contingent upon enrollment, effective 6/17/08.

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

Dr. Murray read the names of the retirees that were present as follows: Maureen Finn, Wayne Busicchia, Linda Valentino, Diane Seeley, Mary Hossann, and Patricia Pierce. Mr. Monahan presented each one with a ceramic apple.

Retirees

*Note retirees not present:* Elizabeth Brodt, Shirley Wieboldt, David Short, Timothy Simmons, Rose Doty, Frank Carrozza, Patricia Lamb, Laranell Jarosz, Karen Cantor, Paula Barnes, Jean Fehn, Martha Wieman, Micheline Morgano, and Elizabeth Shamonsky.

President Crow congratulated the retirees and thanked them for their years' of service to the children of the district. She then requested that the meeting recess at 8:37 PM for a brief reception to honor the retirees. The meeting resumed at 8:57 PM.

President Crow gave special recognition to Mr. Michel and Mr. Monahan for their service to the district and the community. On behalf of the board, she wished them well in their new positions. President Crow also gave special recognition to Mrs. Romanyschyn and Mr. Lenane, board members

whose terms expire June 30, 2010. She thanked them for their dedication of serving on the board, and their commitment to the district, the employees, the students, and the community. President Crow presented Mrs. Romanyschyn and Mr. Lenane with a certificate.

Mr. Michel reviewed the collection and reporting of student and teacher data to the state student information repository system.

State  
Repository

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 May 21, 24, June 2 and June 9, 2010 pertaining to students #21674, 21764, 21791, 21838, 21787, 21760, 21762, 21694, 21772, 21668, 21072, 21769, 21757, 20760 and 20720 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (8-0)

CPSE

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Rickard, that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on April 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 29, May 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 25, June 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9, 2010 pertaining to students #21596, 17437, 18537, 19993, 19247, 19627, 19990, 17716, 13820, 18073, 11129, 15086, 11304, 12152, 14240, 12784, 19090, 18106, 20751, 15950, 15582, 17923, 16897, 20416, 15593, 16334, 15569, 19576, 16084, 18689, 16881, 16835, 16127, 20423, 20821, 16591, 19700, 15566, 12449, 13212, 12786, 21023, 19159, 19197, 21149, 19840, 14457, 14604, 20831, 21034, 12923, 16011, 12651, 20220, 13837, 14291, 20942, 18000, 19586, 13243, 12785, 15232, 14578, 14720, 14825, 14343, 21517, 12935, 12391, 13261, 10695, 13348, 13665, 12113, 17070, 13793, 18863, 15695, 20216, 11862, 12647, 8931, 16075, 14016, 15047, 14572, 14051, 16450, 15691, 15013, 14244, 21275, 19056, 15233, 17412, 16326, 18979, 12637, 18704, 17071, 19124, 21787, 20999, 19152, 21098, 20919, 17576, 19018, 11882, 17324, 13102, 14561, 14145, 18683, 14396, 12779, 16524, 10021, 13399, 14241, 13567, 14530, 13466, 11959, 16436, 12269, 18682, 20329, 20065, 19261, 20554, 20798, 20415, 19832, 19010, 15974, 11067, 18902, 19377, 15246, 14336, 12936, 18052, 12361, 17278, 16929, 17435, 12678, 13603, 16983, 20803, 18269, 18649, 21844, 20664, 21593, 19602, 18006, 21684, 10148, 13991 and 17047 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (8-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's report for the following warrants: (8-0)

Finance

General Fund Warrant #37  
General Fund Warrant #33  
School Lunch Warrant #11  
Capital Fund Warrant # 11  
Special aid Warrant DD # 8  
Special aid Warrant P #5  
Special aid Warrant U #9  
Trust & Agency Warrants #24 and #25

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves fourteen (14) budget transfers to allow for appropriations for various needs at the end of the school year. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried, that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves purchase of the district's property, liability, auto, umbrella, and legal insurance coverage from Utica (Graphic Arts) for the 2010-11 school year at an estimated premium cost of \$436,493. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. Romanyschyn, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, awards the bid for School Musical Equipment and Supplies for school year 2010-11 to the lowest responsible bidders. \$33,570.46. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lenane and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, awards the bid for Health Equipment and Supplies for school year 2010-11 to the lowest responsible bidders. \$4,854.08. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lenane and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves a contract with the Nyack Union Free School District for the 2009-10 school year for the provision of health services to one (1) Minisink-resident student attending St. Paul's School located within the Nyack school district, and approves payment in the amount of \$718.96. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the establishment of the Tax Certiorari Reserve as of June 30, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$550,000. (8-0)

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 an agreement with the Vernon Township School District, Vernon, N.J., authorizing the Vernon district to make special education placements and tuition payments to the Orange-Ulster BOCES through the Minisink district for 2010-11 summer and school year programs. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves an agreement with the Walkkill Valley School District, Hamburg, N.J., authorizing the Walkkill Valley district to make special education placements and tuition payments to the Orange-Ulster BOCES through the Minisink district for 2010-11 summer and school year programs. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak, and unanimously carried that the board of education tables the two motions below for further consideration and to be determined at the July 8, 2010 meeting. (8-0)

Use of Facility

The use of classroom, cafeteria, gymnasiums and outdoor playfields at the MV Elementary/Intermediate School and the Otisville School by the Middletown YMCA during the 2010-11 school year for the purpose of conducting the morning and afternoon Latchkey programs for our K-5 students, contingent upon maintaining general liability coverage at limits equal to those of the district; and

The use of classroom facilities by Decat Driving School during the 2010-11 school year for the purpose of offering the classroom instruction portion of the Driver's Education course, contingent upon their maintaining general liability coverage at limits equal to those of the district.

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, second Mr. Sutera and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the transfer of an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 from the General Fund Unreserved Fund balance to the district's Unemployment Reserve Fund. (8-0)

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 the revision of policy #7310, *Code of Conduct*, for a second reading and adoption. (8-0)

Code of Conduct

Mr. Lenane cited *Roberts Rules* asking the board president for permission to address the board as a matter of personal privilege.

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Sutera and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the results of the June 15, 2010 revised budget vote. (8-0)

Vote Results

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Rickard and unanimously carried that the board of education, approves the following resolution: (8-0)

WHEREAS, the voters of the District have voted down the school budget presented by the Board of Education for approval twice, at the Annual District Meeting held on May 18, 2010 and at a Special District Meeting held on June 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Board must adopt a contingency budget to pay for the costs of ordinary contingent expenses for the 2010-2011 school year, within the limitations of §2023 of the Education Law;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to §2023 of the Education Law, the Board of Education hereby adopts a contingency budget in the amount of \$82,436,395, to pay for the ordinary contingent expenses of the School District for the 2010-2011 school year and authorizes the levy of a tax therefor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the projected total spending under the contingent budget for the 2010-2011 school year is under the 2009-2010 school year budget with a -2.08% decrease and no increase above the budget cap.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, establishes a fee schedule for the public use of Minisink Valley Central School Districts buildings and grounds for the 2010-2011 school year. Such schedule will be attached to the minutes of this meeting and will be posted on the district web site. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lenane and unanimously carried that the board of education tables this motion until the July 8, 2010 meeting. (8-0)

Fee  
Schedule

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 change order EC-03 for All-Star Electric Corp. in the amount of \$46,000, and HC-05 for Pearl River Plumbing, Heating, and Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$5,654.88. (8-0)

Change  
Orders

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Sutera and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves change order HC-06 from Pearl River Plumbing, Heating, and electric, Inc. for a credit of \$39,332.11, for work deleted from the bus garage portion of the EXCEL project. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lenane and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves change order GC-14 from Aark Contractors, Inc. for a credit of \$640,000, for work deleted from the bus garage portion of the EXCEL project. (8-0)

The buildings and grounds committee set a meeting for July 22, 2010 with representatives from Tetra Tech, Inc.

B & G Comm. Mtg.

Dr. Murray reviewed with the board of education the retirement incentive that the state is offering for both MVTA and CSEA. After discussion, the board decided, unanimously, not to support the retirement incentive offer.

Retirement  
Incentive

Dr. Murray said that June 24, is the last day of school. Dr. Murray said the baccalaureate ceremony will be held on Monday, June 21, 2010. She also talked about the final arrangements for the June 25<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony. Dr. Murray said those attending should meet at the high school main office at 5:30 PM. She added that kindergarten graduation will be on Tuesday, June 22.

Graduation

President Crow reminded those attending that the board dinner is on Wednesday, June 23.

Board Dinner

President Crow informed the board that she and Mr. Prokopchak will be meeting with newly elected board members, Mr. Joseph Flaherty and Mr. William Cooper, next week.

President Crow thanked the board for their support as board president and announced that she would like to continue in that role for next year. She asked for their support on July 8.

Mr. Prokopchak attended the middle school and high school art shows, as well as the high school scholarship night.

District  
Events

President Crow talked about the challenges of this past year and spoke about rebuilding relationships in the future.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mrs. Romanyschyn, seconded by Mr. Lenane and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 PM. (8-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk