

Minutes

Board of Education

0910 #101

Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – May 20, 2010

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in the middle school auditorium on May 20, 2010.

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

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: 203
PRESS: 3

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Roda administered the oath of office to elected board member Mr. Tracy Sutera.

Oath

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 results and the options for a revote.

Visitors

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 minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education of May 6, 2010. (8-1 abstained, Mr. Lenane)

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Ms. Mozillo and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the members of the voter registration board for the 2010 - 2011 school year. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mr. Rickard and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, amends the voter personnel list for District 1 and District 2 for the May 18, 2010 annual budget vote and election to include Donna Abrams and Sally Ann Clayton. (9-0)

Dr. Murray gave kudos to the girls' track, golf, boys' lacrosse, and girls' lacrosse teams for being spring scholar athlete teams. She also gave kudos to middle school teacher, Mr. Chuck Hoffman, for securing the *Open Scientific Torso* grant.

Dr. Murray read the following tenure resolution and introduced the following teachers and administrators:

Awarding
Tenure

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Ms. Mozilo and unanimously carried, that in accordance with Section 3012 of the NYS Education Law and upon recommendation of the superintendent, the following probationary teachers are hereby granted tenure by the board of education to the following positions in the tenure areas designated, effective 9-1-10, unless otherwise indicated. (9-0)

Otisville Elementary

- Holly Pason – Elementary
- Kristen Daly – Elementary
- Jeni Galligan – Elementary

Minisink Valley Elementary

- Amanda DeRosa - Elementary

Intermediate School

- Danielle Rosa - Reading
- Tara Guyette – Special Education
- Lynda McKeon – Elementary

Middle School

- Amye Laderman - Literacy
- Michael Giardina – Middle School Principal - Effective 8-1-10

High School

- Joseph D'Antono – Social Studies
- Jenna Houlihan - Art
- Taiya Negron - Spanish

Previously Tenured

- Jessica Schoenleber – Elementary – January 2010
- Robert Hindley – Social Studies – January 2010
- Jessica Pfitzner – Special Education December 2010

President Crow requested that the meeting recess at 9:02 PM for a brief reception to honor the newly tenured teachers and administrators. The meeting resumed at 9:25 PM.

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the retirement resignation of Micheline Morgano, a social studies teacher, assigned to the high school, effective 6/30/10. (9-0)

Retirements

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 the following resignations: (9-0)

Resignations

Sean Michel, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, assigned to the central office, effective 6/30/10.

Brian Monahan, a Director of Personnel, assigned to the central office, effective 6/30/10.

A motion was made by Ms. Mozilo, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and unanimously carried, that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the childcare leave of absence for Clifford Loretto, a music teacher, assigned to the intermediate school, effective 5/11/10 and ending on 6/30/10. (9-0)

Leaves of
Absences

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 the temporary appointment of Matthew Esses, a physical education teacher, assigned to Otisville Elementary School, effective 5/13/10 and ending on 6/30/10. Step 1BA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed. (9-0)

Appointment

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on April 27, 29 and 30, 2010 pertaining to students #21081, 21199, 20677, 20553, 21010, 20329, 18595, 20937, 21170, 20702, 20645, 21029, 20781, 21539, 21037 and 21187 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. Brunelle, that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on March 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, April 19, 20, 26, 29, 30, May 3, 7 and 11, 2010 pertaining to students #19157, 17155, 19547, 15853, 19216, 15614, 13470, 17345, 16928, 16619, 16581, 21357, 16697, 10797, 8773, 18250, 12715, 10004, 12416, 14732, 18066, 12856, 12813, 19145, 17452, 20212, 18341, 17157, 14671, 18983, 16729, 15130, 15406, 14911, 16048, 17424, 15249, 13549, 13191, 18074, 14751, 18414, 12841, 13329, 17829, 15413, 20177, 20592, 21382, 14147, 18355, 20390, 18251, 16124, 15827, 19454, 18302, 12971, 13973, 15715, 13279, 14910, 16522, 17237, 13469, 12818, 14431, 17235, 20047, 10238, 11872, 9578, 18688, 19299, 20944, 16990, 17843, 19065, 8554, 11623, 14465, 14376, 15716, 16634, 13950 and 21494 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. Romanyschyn 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 #33
General Fund Warrant #30
School Lunch Warrant #10
Trust \$ Agency Warrants #21, 22, 23

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Ms. Mozilo and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the 2009-10 Third Quarter Financial Reports: Revenue, Budget Transfers, and Extraclassroom Activity Fund. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Rickard and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts a donation from the Ketcham Fencing, Otisville, NY for the donation of fencing and a gate for the new Otisville School Garden valued at \$3,000, to be installed at the Otisville School. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, awards the sale of goods offered in the Used Vehicles and Miscellaneous Items Bid on an item by item basis, for the total amount of \$3,133.00 and authorizes all *no bid* items to be disposed of in the most cost effective manner. (9-0)

Mr. Gibbs reported on the buildings and grounds committee held earlier in the evening. He said that they reviewed the progress of the EXCEL project. Mr. Gibbs said the committee also reviewed the bus garage project and the completion date is approximately January 2011.

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 change order HC-04 to Pearl River Plumbing, Heating & Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$3,868.97 for the purchase and installation of five motors. (9-0)

Change Orders

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 results of the May 18, 2010 budget vote and board of education election. (9-0)

Vote Results

Dr. Murray reminded the board that there are three options in regards to the budget. She said they are:

- A. Go out with the same budget on June 15, 2010
- B. Go right to a contingency budget
- C. Go out with a revised budget on June 15, 2010

Dr. Murray recommended that the board go out with a revised budget. She said there are two scenarios from which to choose.

Option #1: Eliminate one full size bus (\$110,000) and the 5:00 PM late bus run (\$80,000)

May 18 budget amount: \$83,058,395

June 15 budget amount:\$82,868,395

Budget decrease	-1.56%
Tax levy increase	1.87%

Dr. Murray said a concern regarding this option would be that, since this run is a school-to-home-run, we are reimbursed 75% of the cost in the following year. In the long run, the district would only save \$20,000. Also, one board member pointed out that choosing this option could potentially anger many people who rely on this service. Without it in the past, some kids were unable to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities, especially in the middle school. We should discuss this.

Option #2: Eliminate one full size bus (\$110,000) and all field trips (\$40,000)

May 18 budget amount: \$83,058,395

June 15 budget amount:\$82,908,395

Budget decrease	-1.52%
Tax levy increase	1.98%

Dr. Murray said a concern regarding this option would be that this is a more equitable reduction across all schools in the district.

The board of education discussed the three options.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lenane, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, adopts the proposed 2010-2011 budget in the amount of \$82,908,395 to be presented for public vote on June 15, 2010 and approves the submission of the required Property Tax Report Card as specified in regulation. (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, approves the following resolution: (9-0)

Abolished Positions

Whereas, the Board for economic considerations and the efficiency of the program, has determined that it would be appropriate to abolish 31 positions in the Minisink Valley Central School District;

Be it resolved, that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, that the board hereby abolishes the following positions, effective close of business on June 30, 2010:

- Thirteen (13) FTE Elementary positions, in the Elementary tenure area
- Three (3) FTE Social Studies positions, in the Social Studies tenure area
- Three (3) FTE Math positions, in the Math tenure area
- Two and a sixth (2.6) FTE English positions, in the English tenure area
- Two (2) FTE Special Education positions, in the General Special Education subject tenure area
- Two (2) FTE Physical Education positions, in the Physical Education Special Subject tenure area
- One (1) FTE Art position, in the Art Special Subject tenure area
- One (1) FTE Foreign Language position, in the Foreign Language tenure area
- One (1) FTE School Counselor position, in the School Counselor & Guidance Ancillary Support Services tenure area
- One (1) FTE Student Assistance Counselor position, in the Social Worker Ancillary Support Services tenure area

One (1) FTE Speech position, in the Education of Speech and Hearing Handicapped Children
Special Subject tenure area

Be it further resolved, that to the extent that there are more employees in the tenure area(s) of the abolished positions than there are remaining positions, the Board Clerk is hereby directed to provide written notice to those employees who shall be excessed, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3013 of the Education Law, Part 30 of the Regents Rules and otherwise in accordance with the Education Law, of the termination of their employment effective close of business of June 30, 2010; and

Be it further resolved, that said employees who are entitled to bumping rights shall be notified, in writing, of their right to a position in a previous tenure area of service and of their placement on an eligibles list in the tenure area(s) of their employment regarding their entitlement to recall for a period of seven years from the date of the abolition of their position; and

Be it further resolved, that said employees who are not entitled to bumping rights shall be notified, in writing, of their placement on an eligibles list in the tenure area of their employment regarding their entitlement to recall for a period of seven years from the date of the abolition of their position.

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 the following resolution: (9-0)

Whereas, the Board for economic considerations and the efficiency of the program, has determined that it would be appropriate to abolish 24 positions in the Minisink Valley Central School District;

Be it resolved, that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, that the Board hereby abolishes the following positions, effective close of business on June 30, 2010:

Twenty-Four (24) FTE Teacher Aide positions

Be it further resolved that to the extent that there are more employees in the job title than there are remaining positions after consideration of bumping rights in accordance with the CSEA Collectively Negotiated Agreement, the Board Clerk is hereby directed to provide written notice to those employees who shall be excessed of the termination of their employment effective close of business of June 30, 2010; and

Be it further resolved, that said employees of the civil service shall be notified, in writing, of their placement on an eligibles list regarding their entitlement to recall for a period of four years from the date of the abolition of their position in accordance with article 25 of the 2006 to 2010 collectively negotiated agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, enters into executive session at 9:43 PM to discuss a matter leading to the appointment of a particular person. (9-0)

Executive
Session

During executive session, the board discussed a matter leading to the appointment of a particular person.

A motion was made by Mrs. Romanyschyn, seconded by Ms. Mozilo and unanimously carried to resume public session at 11:12 PM. (9-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Rickard, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 PM. (9-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk