

Minutes

Board of Education

0910 #100

Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – May 6, 2010

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in the middle school auditorium on May 6, 2010.

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

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. John Lenane

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: 121
PRESS: 1

President Crow called the meeting to order at 8:08 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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 April 22, 2010. (7-1 abstained, Ms. Mozilo)

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

President Crow announced that this was Mrs. Brunelle's last meeting. She thanked her for volunteering and being a valuable part of the board of education. President Crow presented Mrs. Brunelle with a certificate of recognition.

Dr. Murray gave kudos to the 2010 scholar athletes who represent our high school. Colleen Tomesheski and Ryan Somlai were honored at a special breakfast held at Kuhl's Highland House yesterday, April 28, 2010. Colleen has participated in soccer, swimming, basketball, and track. She will be attending Elmira College in the fall and intends to major in special education. Ryan has participated in soccer, basketball, and baseball. Ryan will attend Penn State in September as an actuarial science/business major. Dr. Murray congratulated the following drama production advisors for their work with the students to present the wonderful shows held recently: Kim Mynders, Megan Hughes and Lourdes Desplantes in *Twinderella*; Rose Riker, Jennifer Moore, and Arlene Stivers in *Aristocats*; James Fox and Danielle Cornacchio in *Willie Wonka*; and Gary Passsamonte, Vic Izzo, Jenna Houlihan and Mike Goliber in *All Shook Up*. Dr. Murray also thanked all the parent volunteers for their contributions to the drama productions. Dr. Murray congratulated the following chorus students who were selected by audition to represent Minisink Valley in the 2010 Elementary All County Music Festival: From the middle school, Rebecca Biddle, Ciara Clark, Madeline Guyette, Conrad Kroll, Jenna Trone, and Joshua Perez; from the intermediate school, Kenneth Cole, Victoria

Kudos

Duncan, Deirdra Flaherty, Amanda Hulse, Alexandra Mercado, Amanda Sanok, Bridget Wiley, and Stewart Williams; from Otisville elementary, Emma Colegrove, Kimberly Dolson, Shyla Macaluso, Jaimie Polanco, and Leilani Potgieter. We are proud of these students and their teachers, Dan Bradley, Cliff Loretto, Jeanne MacDonald, and Megahn Hughes.

Dr. Murray introduced Cindy Rodriguez, president of the Minisink Valley PTO, and Sue Pavlick, a fifteen year PTO member, who reviewed the organization's activities and programs that they do for the district. They added that their efforts to enhance literacy through the book fairs, the preschool story hour, and book swaps have been very successful. President Crow thanked them for their dedication and outstanding service to the district and presented them with a certificate of recognition.

PTO

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

Retirements

Mary Hossann, retirement resignation as a school bus driver, assigned to transportation department, effective 6/25/10.

Patricia Pierce, retirement resignation as a school bus driver, assigned to transportation department, effective 6/30/10.

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

Leaves of Absences

Kelly Bernice, an elementary teacher, assigned to the Otisville Elementary School, a childcare leave of absence extension effective 7/1/10 and ending on 1/28/11.

Tracey Conklin, an elementary teacher, assigned to the intermediate school, a leave of absence effective 7/1/10 and ending on 6/30/11.

Alison Miller, a special education teacher, assigned to the middle school, a childcare leave of absence extension effective 7/1/10 and ending on 1/28/11.

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

Appointments

Jeanmarie Brenner, an elementary teacher, assigned to Otisville Elementary School, a temporary appointment effective 4/20/10 and ending on 6/30/10. Step 2MA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Anthony Cheeseboro, an extracurricular appointment as a JROTC advisor, assigned to high school, \$1350, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Bethany Cooper, an extracurricular appointment as a softball program assistant, group 5 step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Alycia DeVito, an extracurricular appointment as a detention supervisor, assigned to the middle school. Group 4 step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Elizabeth Murphy, an extracurricular appointment as a detention supervisor, assigned to the middle school. Group 4 step 2, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Mr. Michel said that the parent portal is a part of the current student management system. He said there is currently a pilot program in place that is very successful. He added that the program allows parents to view their child's attendance, schedule, discipline, progress reports, and report card records at any given time. The plan is to expand the usage to all parents in the district.

Parent Portal

A motion was made by Ms. Mozillo, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on April 22, 2010 pertaining to students #20538 and 19830 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 Mrs. Brunelle, that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on February 22, 23, March 10, 15, 16, 26, April 12, 14, 23, 28 and 29, 2010 pertaining to students #19393, 19394, 18403, 20392, 20393, 15852, 14255, 14775, 17127, 14181, 18584, 14418, 15701, 16076, 13345, 16965, 18726, 17272, 20052, 13977, 18249, 14223, 14119, 20247, 14642, 12468, 20910, 15958, 14025, 15667, 18281, 15802, 12817, 20245, 14177, 12644, 18714, 10787, 16684, 20272, 17264, 14774, 20133, 11710, 20131, 11727, 17335, 13619, 11321, 20984, 15926, 19088, 14612, 16267, 12383, 19136, 19299 and 20944 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (8-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, 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: (8-0)

Finance

General Fund Warrant #32
Special Aid Warrant D #6
Special Aid Warrant DD #7
Capital Fund Warrant H #10
Special Aid Warrant P #4
Special Aid Warrant Q #8
Special Aid Warrant U #8

A motion was made by Mrs. Brunelle, seconded by Mr. Rickard and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Reports for the month of March. (8-0)

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 2010-11 transportation services for regular hours of instruction for those resident school-age students attending eligible non-public schools and having met the April 1, 2010 deadline. Transportation may be provided on those days when the Minisink Schools are in session as well as additional days when the district may not be in session but is otherwise able to provide said services, with the exception of legally prescribed holidays. (8-0)

A motion was made by Ms. Mozillo, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves a contract with the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns for the 2009-10 school year for the provision of health services to one (1) Minisink-resident student attending The Hackley School within the UFSD of the Tarrytowns, and approves payment in the amount of \$646.00. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves change order EC-02 from Allstar Electric Corp. for a credit of \$284,000 for work deleted from the now demolished bus garage. (8-0)

Change
Orders

A motion was made by Ms. Mozillo, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves change order PC-04 from JAC Mechanical Services, Inc for a credit of \$165,000 to delete uncompleted plumbing work at the now demolished bus garage. (8-0)

Dr. Murray reminded the board members of the buildings and grounds committee meeting scheduled for May 20, 2010 at 6:30 PM and the audit committee meeting scheduled for June 3, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

Comm.
Meetings

Dr. Murray distributed a draft of the May 20, 2010 board meeting agenda to discuss the order of the agenda.

May 20
Agenda

Mr. Prokopchak and President Crow attended the Meet the Candidates night sponsored by the PTO. Mr. Prokopchak said he also attended the middle school band concert and the junior varsity tennis match. President Crow added that the big screen monitors at the middle school helps the parents see their student perform.

District
Events

Mr. Gibbs addressed the community members concern that the buses are half empty on some routes. He said that it is a New York State law that the district must provide a seat for each registered student regardless of whether or not they drive to school or are transported by a parent each day. Mr. Gibbs also said that the new bus garage is being built on land owned by the district.

Trans.
Concerns

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried that the board of education, enters into executive session at 9:12 PM to discuss a matter of negotiations with the CSEA, the employment histories of particular persons, and a matter leading to the appointment of a particular person. (8-0)

Executive
Session

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

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Romanyschyn, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to resume public session at 11:32 PM. (8-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mrs. Brunelle and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 PM. (8-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk