

# Minutes

Board of Education

2010-2011 #6

## Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – August 19, 2010

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on August 19, 2010.

BOE MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Ethel Bargallo, President  
Mr. William Cooper  
Mr. Joseph Flaherty  
Mr. Alfred Gibbs  
Ms. Gina Mozilo  
Mrs. Catherine Prezioso  
Mr. Paul Rickard  
Mr. Tracy Sutera

BOE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Robert Prokopchak

DIST. PERSONNEL PRESENT: Mr. John P. Latini, Superintendent  
Mrs. Mary Lou Lewis, Asst. Superintendent for Business  
Mr. Christian Ranaudo, Asst. Supt. for Curr. & Instr.  
Mr. Michael Gillespie, Director of Personnel  
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 11  
PRESS: 0

President Bargallo called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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 minutes of the special meeting of the board of education of August 2, 2010. (8-0)

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, and carried, that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of education of August 5, 2010. (6-2, abstention Mr. Rickard, Ms. Mozilo)

A motion was made by Ms. Mozilo, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, and carried, that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the minutes of the special meeting of the board of education of August 12, 2010. (7-1, abstention Mr. Rickard)

President Bargallo welcomed Mr. Christian Ranaudo, new assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, and Mr. Michael Gillespie, new director of personnel.

President Bargallo welcomed comments from community members. Community members spoke about the state testing requirements, class sizes, and student placements.

Visitors

Mr. Latini spoke about the new "cut-off" scores applied by the State Education Department to the Grade 3-8 ELA and MATH exams and the potential implications for the students and the district.

ELA  
MATH

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

Donna Abrams, a ten month typist, assigned to the middle school, effective 8/12/10.

Resignations

Brian Sedita, a custodial worker, assigned to the buildings and grounds department, effective 8/20/10.

David Telgheder, a business teacher, assigned to the high school, effective 8/20/10.

A motion was made by Ms. Mozilo, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the leave of absence for Lisa Lyons, an elementary teacher, assigned to Otisville Elementary School, effective 10/28/10 and ending on 6/30/11. (8-0)

Leave of  
Absence

A motion was made by Mr. Sutera, seconded by Mr. Flaherty and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the creation of an elementary teacher position, effective 9/1/2010. (8-0)

Position  
Creation

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Flaherty and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the probationary appointment of David Telgheder, assistant principal, assigned to the high school, effective 8/23/10 with probation ending 8/22/13. Tenure area: Assistant Principal. Salary at \$100,000, through June 30, 2011 with no salary increase in the 2010-2011 school year pursuant to the negotiated agreement the AMVA and the BOE. (8-0)

Appointments

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

Nicholas Feszchak, a temporary appointment as a school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 9/1/10 until 6/30/11. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

James Johnstone, a probationary appointment as a school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 9/1/10 with probation ending 8/31/11. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Lori Ann McFadden, a probationary appointment as a school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 9/1/10 with probation ending 8/31/11. Step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Fall coaching appointments for the 2010-2011 school year.

A motion was made by Ms. Mozilo, seconded by Mr. Flaherty that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on August 11, 2010 pertaining to students #20179, 20760 and 18281 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (8-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Flaherty, seconded by Mr. Rickard and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's report for general fund warrant #7. (8-0)

Finance

A motion was made by Mr. Flaherty, seconded by Mr. Sutera and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves a resolution authorizing the district's participation in the cooperative bids conducted by EPEX for the purchase of natural gas and electricity for the 2010-11 school year. (8-0)

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A motion was made by Mr. Flaherty, seconded by Mr. Sutera and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, awards the bid for automotive parts for school year 2010-11 on an item-by-item basis to the lowest responsible bidders. (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 the designation of a portion of the undesignated fund balance in the amount of \$6,900,000 available as of July 1, 2010, to fund the 2010-11 budget and reduce the real property tax levy. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Flaherty, seconded by Mr. Sutera and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the Real Property Tax Levy for 2010-11 in the amount of \$36,552,367 of which an estimated \$31,993,319 will be collected via the district's tax warrant and approximately \$4,559,048 will be paid through the state's STAR Reimbursement Program. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Flaherty, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, amends the 2010-11 tax warrant to include adjustments for Pro-rated and Agricultural Roll-back Taxes in the amount of \$25,913.19. (8-0)

The board set a tentative date of September 2, 2010 for claim's auditor interviews.

Claims Auditor

The board set a date of September 16, 2010 for an audit committee meeting.

Audit Comm. Mtg.

Mr. Latini reviewed the opening day agenda for September 1, 2010 for all faculty and staff. He said students begin school on September 2, 2010 and invited board members to visit on that day.

Opening Day

President Bargallo said, on behalf of the board of education, she wishes everyone well on a new beginning of a new year.

Mr. Latini gave an update on the federal education jobs fund legislation signed into law last. He said that money will be allocated for Minisink Valley Central School District, however, it has not been determined when or how much.

Fed. Ed. Jobs

Mrs. Prezioso said the policy committee met prior to the board meeting. She said the committee reviewed several policies and there will be a review of the tentative changes with the attorney.

Policy Comm.

President Bargallo distributed a draft of the board goals and asked that members review the list and be prepared to finalize them at the next board meeting.

Board Goals

Mr. Latini gave an update of the EXCEL project in regards to All Star Electric. He said that the bonding company is working with All Star Electric to proceed with the project. Mr. Latini said that Mr. Lange, Orange-Ulster BOCES Risk manager, inspected the fire alarm system and that all but one section of the system is in place at this time. He said that the section that is not available will be ready for the start of school. Mrs. Lewis said that SED has approved the plans for the bus garage and that ads for bids have been placed in the various papers. She added that there is an anticipated date of September 9, 2010 for bid openings.

EXCEL

The board was reminded that the summer school graduation ceremony is tomorrow at the high school media center.

District Events

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 PM. (8-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk