

# Minutes

Board of Education

2012-2013 #65

## Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – December 20, 2012

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in the middle school auditorium on December 20, 2012.

BOE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Joseph Flaherty, President  
Mrs. Sandra Brownsey  
Mr. William Cooper  
Mrs. Kathlee DeRose  
Mr. Alfred Gibbs  
Mr. John Odland  
Mrs. Catherine Prezioso  
Mr. Paul Rickard  
Mr. Thomas Salamone

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

VISITORS: 23  
PRESS: 0

President Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy and for Richard Hansen, one of the district's first board of education members, who passed away.

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mr. Cooper 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 December 6, 2012. (8-1 abstention, Mr. Odland)

Minutes

President Flaherty welcomed comments from the community. There were none.

Visitors

The presentation by Mrs. Fitzgerald, elementary principal, was postponed.

Kudos

Mr. Latini gave an overview of the budget building process. He said the first finance committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2013, and encouraged all community members to attend.

Budget

Mr. Latini spoke about the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary and said that police, security and administrative presence have been increased at this time. Mr. Latini added that the district has been reviewing safety procedures and protocols since Monday. He said that any revisions or modifications to the current practices will also involve consultation with the New York State Police, as usual. Mr. Latini thanked the State Police for their continued support in helping to develop the best safety procedures and protocols for our students while still maintaining a partnership between school and parents.

Safety

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mrs. Brownsey and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the retirement resignation of Donald Bernstein, JROTC Instructor, assigned to the high school, effective at the close of business on 8/16/13. (9-0)

Retire

Mr. Latini thanked Colonel Bernstein for his remarkable work in building an outstanding JROTC program. Well done, Colonel!

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the extracurricular appointment of Laura Martellaro, music director, assigned to the middle school, Group 3 step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed. (9-0)

Appt.

Mr. Ranaudo reviewed the spring testing schedule for the various levels. He said testing will begin in April.

Curr. &  
Instr.

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mrs. Brownsey and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on December 13, 2012 pertaining to student # 23028 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE

A motion was made by Mrs. Brownsey, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on November 30, December 3, 4, 6, 11, 12 and 13, 2012 pertaining to students #19748, 22282, 22306, 22323, 21670, 21212, 22645, 21725, 16300, 20176, 20177, 18938, 16362, 14059, 20911, 22281, 18259, 15413, 15941, 17776, 18733, 22607, 21787, 20910, 21735, 19436, 13950, 16806, 17779, 18603 and 19923 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's report for general fund warrant #20. (9-0)

Finance

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts a donation of \$17,043 from the Minisink Valley High School Band Boosters for the purpose of purchasing musical instruments for use in the high school band. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mr. Cooper and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves budget transfers as follows: (9-0)

From:	To:	Amount:
A 9060.800.00.0000	A 2110.150.00.9060	\$82,200
A 9060.800.00.0000	A 2110.160.00.9060	\$59,550
A 2110.130.30.0000	A 2630.220-00-2033	\$45,000

A motion was made by Mrs. Brownsey, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the amended Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the Orange-Ulster School Districts Health Plan dated June, 2012. (9-0)

Mrs. Prezioso attended the intermediate and middle school concerts. Mr. Gibbs attended the high school band concert along with Mr. Latini. Mr. Latini also attended the wrestling match that honored coach Kevin Gallagher for his 300<sup>th</sup> win. Mr. Salamone added that youth lacrosse has started.

District  
Events

President Flaherty thanked the community members for attending and wished everyone a safe winter break.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 8:36 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular staff member and a matter of negotiations with MVTA. (9-0)

Executive

During executive session, the board discussed the employment history of a particular staff member and a matter of negotiations with MVTA.

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to resume public session at 9:30 PM. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. Brownsey, seconded by Mr. Odland and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, authorizes the issuance pursuant to section 90.10 of the local finance law of the school district refunding bonds of the Minisink Valley Central School District, Orange and Sullivan Counties, New York, to be designated "School District Refunding Bonds," and providing for other matters in relation thereto and the payment of the bonds to be refunded thereby. (9-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM. (9-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk