

Minisink Valley Central School District  
Board Meeting – February 5, 2015

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on February 5, 2015.

BOE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Joseph Flaherty, President  
Mr. Shawn Cahill  
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, Supt. of Schools  
Mr. Christian Ranaudo, Asst. Supt. for Curr. & Instr.  
Mr. Matthew Bourgeois, Asst. Supt. for Business  
Mr. Michael Gillespie, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources  
Mrs. Elizabeth Law, Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 4  
PRESS: 0

President Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and the pledge of alliance was recited.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso 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 January 22, 2015. (7-1 abstain, Mr. Salamone)

Minutes

MRS. DEROSE ENTERED THE MEETING AT 8:01 PM.

Visitors

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

Mr. Latini pointed out the art display in the board of education room and thanked Mrs. Hoban-Rich and the Art 3 classes for providing the wonderful pieces of Virus Art. He pointed out that the project was created to bring the science classes and the arts together.

Mr. Ranaudo introduced Mr. Michael Giardina, middle school principal, who introduced tech teachers, Mr. Rich Budd and Mr. Chris Corwin. They gave a *Power Point* presentation on the tech program and the different things the students are making and how the tech classes intergrade math and science as well as renewable energy. Sample items were distributed. President Flaherty thanked them for attending and for showing the different projects students can make. Kudos was given for the nameplates used for the board meetings, which were made by this department.

Middle Present

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following resignations: (9-0)

Resign

Tara Catizone, part time teacher aide, assigned to the intermediate school, effective at the close of business on 1/26/15.

Matthew Vrydaghs, computer network specialist, assigned to the district, effective at the close of business on 1/30/15.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following leaves of absences: (9-0)

Leaves

childcare leave of absence extension for Stacy Grusz, school bus monitor, assigned to the transportation department, effective 1/5/15 and ending 2/13/15.

unpaid leave of absence extension for Monica Mann, custodial leader, assigned to buildings and grounds department, effective 2/1/15 and ending on 2/28/15.

childcare leave of absence for Danielle Ulbrich, school social worker, assigned to Otisville Elementary, effective on or about 5/8/15 and ending 6/30/15.

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following appointments: (9-0)

Appt.

Megan Mead, probationary appointment as school nurse, assigned to the high school, effective 2/17/15 with probation ending 2/16/16. Step 1 compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Alexander Lombardo, probationary appointment as art teacher, assigned to the high school, effective 2/23/15 with probation ending 2/22/17. Special Subject Tenure Area: Art. Step 5 MA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Mr. Ranaudo gave a report on the impact of the winter weather on the testing and grade reporting scheduled. He said that there was a day and a half lost to snow and that most of those exams were rescheduled. Mr. Ranaudo added that report cards for the high school will be distributed one week later than the K-8 report cards. Therefore, K-8 report cards will be distributed on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 9-12 report cards will be distributed on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Curr. & Instr.

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on January 20, 2015 pertaining to students #22126, 23068, 23098, 22552, 23957 and 23741 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on January 20, 21, and 29, 2015 pertaining to students #23963, 22340, 22266, 21193, 23225, 23082, 22651, 22689, 19861, 19946, 19310, 22622 and 22083 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, 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 # 22, # 24
- Capital Fund Warrant # 8
- Special Aid Warrant D # 5, P # 4, U # 5
- Trust & Agency Warrant # 15

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves change order GC-01 and GC-02 to Total Construction Corporation as part of the EXCEL Phase 2 work at the high school (window replacements) and the middle school (sink replacements) in the amounts of \$35,000 and \$20,972.47 respectively. (8-1 opposed, Mr. Salamone)

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 a contract with the Goshen Central School District for the 2014-15 school year for the provision of health services to thirty-three (33) Minisink-resident students who attend private school within the Goshen Central School District, and approves payment in the amount of \$16,897.65. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the 2014-15 Second Quarter Financial Reports: Revenue, Budget Transfers and Extraclassroom Activity Fund. (9-0)

The board had a discussion regarding committee meetings in regards to the budget building timeline.

Finance  
Comm.

Mr. Latini reminded the public that the finance committee meetings begin February 12.

Mr. Bourgeois distributed budget materials to board members.

President Flaherty said the boys' swim team is 2<sup>nd</sup> in the county and are going to sections on February 12. Mr. Cooper announced the upcoming intermediate school drama production of Aladdin on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and the high schools POPS concert on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cahill said he attended a 5<sup>th</sup> grade Puzzle Day.

District  
Events

President Flaherty invited Mr. Giardina into executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 9:12 PM to discuss the employment histories of particular persons and a matter made exempt under federal law, FERPA. (9-0)

Executive

During executive session, the board discussed the employment histories of particular persons and a matter made exempt under federal law, FERPA.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mr. Cahill and unanimously carried to resume public session at 12:00 AM. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, appoints Susan Barbour to serve as Impartial Hearing Officer for an impartial hearing regarding student # 012615. (9-0)

Sp. Ed.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 AM. (9-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda  
District Clerk