

Minisink Valley Central School District
Board Meeting – March 19, 2015

A regular meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in room 108 of the middle school on March 19, 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: 2
PRESS: 0

President Flaherty called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and the pledge of allegiance 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 March 5, 2015. (9-0)

Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso 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 March 12, 2015. (8-1 abstention, Mr. Salamone)

Visitors

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

Mr. Latini thanked Mrs. Hoban-Rich and the 9th and 10th grade art students for the terrific art display.

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, place the following proposition on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Minisink Valley Central School District, to be conducted between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. on May 19, 2015, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine on the following proposition:

Bus Prop

"Shall the Board of Education of the Minisink Valley Central School District, Orange County and Sullivan Counties, New York, be authorized to purchase school buses, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$996,592.86, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued."

And further resolved, that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this proposition in the designated newspapers four (4) times in the seven (7) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting in accordance with Section 2004 of the Education Law. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, directs the district clerk to give notice to the qualified voters of the school district of the Annual School District Public Hearing on Budget and Annual School District Election and Budget Vote. (9-0)

Budget
Vote and
Elections

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and carried that the board of education authorizes the District Clerk to amend the Notice of Annual School District Public Hearing and Annual School District Election and Budget Vote from time to time as in her discretion such amendment may be required. (9-0)

Mr. Latini reminded everyone of the successful proposition that was placed on the May 20, 2014 ballot allowing the change in term length to equalize the number of board vacancies each year. He explained that there will be four seats expiring on June 30, 2015 and that whoever receives the least amount of votes will be seated for one year. Mr. Latini said that, each year thereafter, there will be three seats for three-year terms at each election.

A motion was made by Mr. Salamone, seconded by Mrs. DeRose, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the appointments of Dan Ogden and James Young to serve as custodians of the voting machines, compensation in the amount of \$450 each. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the names listed for chief inspectors, inspectors, and assistant clerks for Election District 1 and Election District 2 for the May 19, 2015 Annual Budget Vote and Election. The district clerk is authorized to contact eligible persons as needed to assist with the vote. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education nominates Eugenia Pavek and Michael Bello for candidacies on the Orange-Ulster Cooperative Board for three year terms. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. Prezioso, seconded by Mrs. DeRose and carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the resignation of Melissa Wilcox, senior typist, assigned to the intermediate school, effective 6/30/15. (9-0)

Resign

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

Appt.

Cynthia Careccia, probationary appointment as aspecial education teacher, assigned to the Otisville Elementary, effective 4/13/15 with probation ending 4/12/18. Tenure Area: Special Education. Step 1 MA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Sarah Decker, temporary appointment as a special education teacher, assigned to Otisville Elementary, effective 3/26/15 and ending on 4/21/15. Step 1 BA, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Volunteer coaching appointments for the spring 2015 athletic season.

Mr. Ranaudo provided an update with information regarding the NYS Smart School Bond Act. He said that this is a reimbursement program and that the district is looking into a few different areas to utilize the money.

Curr. &
Instr.

A motion was made by Mr. Odland, seconded by Mr. Rickard and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Preschool Special Education held on March 3, 6 and 10, 2015 pertaining to students #23685, 21845, 24008 and 23485 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Preschool Special Education. (9-0)

CPSE

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on February 12, 17, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, March 2, 4, 6, 9 and 12, 2015 pertaining to students #20830, 19260, 19335, 23451, 22472, 20046, 19088, 18608, 20559, 19959, 18808, 12747, 12799, 20297, 14059, 19201, 15582, 16991, 16285, 16991, 16285, 20751, 18551, 17155, 18329, 17785, 15289, 21149, 19602, 22675, 20553, 23569, 22217, 22283, 16825, 17114, 16082, 22418, 20423, 18476, 22594, 23843, 22405, 18404, 20957, 20624, 22559, 20554, 22130, 15425, 18973, 18584, 21642, 22897, 19034, 21010, 22218 and 23073 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (9-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, 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 # 29
School Lunch Warrant # 10

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Cahill, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for the month of February. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves a contract with the Warwick Valley Central School District for the 2014-15 school year for the provision of health services to fourteen (14) Minisink-resident students who attend private school within the Warwick Valley School District, and approves payment in the amount of \$11,809.70. (9-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso, and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, hereby agrees to participate in the cooperative bid for diesel fuel with Clarkstown Central School District, other school districts and Rockland BOCES for the 2015-16 school year. (9-0)

Note: A complete copy of the bid is attached to the official minutes on file in central office.

Mr. Cooper reported on the finance committee meeting held on March 12, 2015. He said several budgets were reviewed and thanked everyone for working hard to keep their budgets down. He announced that the final finance committee meeting will be on Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 PM in the board room.

Finance Comm.

Mr. Latini said that there is a change to the 2015-2016 student calendar. Schools will be closed on September 14th in observance of Rosh Hashanah and September 15th will be a day of instruction. Mr. Latini added that the early dismissal drill will be on September 17th.

2015-2016 Calendar Updates

The board members continued their discussion regarding information dissemination through various means such as district website, email, social media, push notifications, etc. Mr. Ranaudo provided information regarding these types of services offered through BOCES and the related costs for the various packages. After further discussion, the board asked that the cost for Tier 4 (4 days of service) be included in the 2015-2016 budget.

Comm.

Mr. Cooper attended the middle school drama play of Little Mermaid, Jr. and said it was outstanding and gave kudos to Mrs. Parker and all the co-directors. He reminded everyone of the upcoming high school drama production of Shrek on April 16-18. President Flaherty had the opportunity to tour the middle school drama set. Mr. Odland also attended Little Mermaid, Jr. Mr. Cahill attended the anti-bullying assembly at the elementary school and he also visited a third grade classroom. Mr. Gibbs

District Events

commented on the Junior Great Books presentation that was at the last board meeting and asked that the board consider expanding the program. President Flaherty reported that he had a conference call with Senator James Skoufis regarding the governor's budget. Senator Skoufis asked for local support to challenge Governor Cuomo's holding back aide to schools.

President Flaherty invited Mrs. Law and Mr. Hecht into executive session.

Executive

A motion was made by Mrs. DeRose, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried that the board of education enter into executive session at 9:23 PM to discuss contract negotiations with CSEA and a matter leading to the appointment of a particular person. (9-0)

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

A motion was made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Gibbs and unanimously carried to resume public session at 11:00 PM. (9-0)

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mrs. Prezioso and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 PM. (9-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk