

**West Valley Central School Board of Education
Official Minutes**

Regular Meeting

December 21, 2021

Members Present: Klahn, Davis, Niesyty, Chai, Heitman, Harmony, Robbins
Others present: Dr. Farrar, Amodeo, Boberg, Behringer, Mark Jargord - Springville
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting called to order at 7pm with Heather Klahn, president presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to **ADOPT** the amended agenda as listed below:

Additions: Personnel item (B) under Instructional section and Personnel item (D) under Non-Instructional section.

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board of Education invites you, the residents of our school community, to feel comfortable in sharing matters of interest or concern that you might have with us.


The Board President will be happy to recognize those of you who wish to speak. Please indicate this on the sign in sheet and you will be called on in order, identify yourself with your name and address.

Those items brought to the attention of the Board during this time may be taken under consideration for future response or action. We ask that individual comments be limited to three minutes in order to accomplish the evening's agenda.

We respectfully ask that issues related to specific school district personnel or students be brought to the attention of the Superintendent or Principal privately.

none

V. PRESENTATIONS

 Dr. Taweepon Farrar presented on Culturally Responsive Sustaining Education. The objective is to develop understanding of the who, what, why, and where of the New York CR-S Education Framework. Aligning curriculum horizontally and vertically. Culture includes multiple components of one's identity, including but not limited to race, economic status, nationality, religion, gender, language, sexual orientation, and ability. Culture transcends practices such as cuisines, art, music, and celebrations to include ways of thinking, values, and forms of expression.

A students' cultures can be positioned as strengths and as the foundation of empowering, rigorous, and innovative learning. Representing students' cultures and making learning meaningful supports the students' sense of belonging, motivation, success, and achievement. We are all at different places in our culturally responsive journey. Students gain when culturally responsive-sustaining education guides our education system. Students feel connected to the school community, experience academic success, motivated and prepared for rigorous and independent learning, and are socio-politically conscious and socio-culturally responsive. Supports your continued implementation of effective and equitable policies and practices. Focuses on establishing learning environments and support all students and their learning. All stakeholders (students, teachers, district leaders, family and community members, education department policy makers, school leaders, and higher education faculty and administration) must work together to create the conditions under which our vision of education can flourish.

VI. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Dr. Taweepon Farrar reported on community items – she thanked the West Valley Food Pantry for helping the families and children in our district. We will still offer community library after the new year. We do have a new app and our website has been revamped. We will have WV gear in the Springville Tops for sale. She thanked the entire board and administrative team for working diligently on the policy manual. We should have our hard copies shortly after the New Year. She included a handout for the different levels of keeping the policy up to date. She is recommending Level 2, which is reviewing revisions to policies 4 times a year. The administrative manual is the next policy manual to be viewed. Athletics/Co-Curricular/Extracurricular – Esports pilot, students are seeking to add LGBTQ club, boys modified basketball, track and field and softball will be offered at West Valley and 8th grade Washington DC trip in May.

The following are updates on facility projects –

Capital Improvement Project

- Drawings are in SED queue for review.
- Young and Wright Architectural has updated drawings from field review and is working with Campus team on estimating and project planning.

Smart Schools Bond Act

- Young and Wright Architectural submitted drawings to SED

2021-2022 Capital Outlay Project

- Contractor is continuing submittal process

Federal Funding

• Young and Wright Architectural is coordinating work to begin after the new year and setup drawings for project.

Found Buildings

- Young and Wright Architectural reviewed paperwork and is working on needed information.
- District is working on photos and any possible documentation on buildings.

B. Principal/Curriculum Coordinator, Daniel Amodeo thanked Vince Venitelli and band students for the wonderful performance. It was amazing, especially when we were remote and then we were eliminated to the number of students that could be in the same room due to social distancing. Then to come together as a whole and put on a performance like they did.

Fun Day is on Thursday – separate activities are scheduled for grades 7-12 and elementary grades.

NYS cancelled January regent’s exam due to some districts going between in person instruction and remote. We will have to see what they do for June exams.

C. Assistant Principal/CSE/CPSE chairperson, Danielle Behringer is halfway through annual reviews and has had 100% participation from parents and service providers.

Quality Assurance audit was successful, anticipating May clearance.

VII. BOE CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- PTO – Heather Klahn reported on SRP day and December was cancelled
- Cattaraugus/Allegany County School Boards’ Association –
Charlie Davis, Mike Harmony and Tracy Chai will register some for upcoming meeting
- Citizen Task Force -Charles Davis handed out a draft document regarding continued cleanup of site.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Harmony to approve the unofficial minutes from November 9th, 2021 board meeting **with the following amendment to November 9th minutes – under Personnel NON-INSTRUCTIONAL item (C) it should read as follows; pay will be \$50 per hour with an additional 1 hour for travel time for both Wayne Conklin Jr. effective November 9th, 2021 and David Buresch effective October 12th, 2021 and November 22nd, 2021 board meeting with the following amendment to November 22nd minutes - under Personnel item (A) it should read as follows; to appoint Elizabeth Isaacs with an effective date of December 13th, 2021, not December 1st, 2021.**

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IX. PERSONNEL

1. INSTRUCTIONAL

A. Moved by Robbins, seconded by Niesyty to approve the following for the 2021/22 school year, pay is according to the WVCS/WVTA contract:

Professional Partner	Allison Kloepfer for Elizabeth Isaacs
Professional Partner	Rachel Mychajluk for Jessica Behm
Basketball Shot Clock Keeper	Jody Thiel, effective 12/6

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Robbins, seconded by Harmony to approve the leave of absence for Antonette Backet, effective December 18, 2022 and will continue until clearance from her physician to return to work. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

2. NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony items A-C will be voted on as Consent Agenda.

A. Accepted the resignation of Krystal George from the position of substitute caller, effective December 10, 2021.

B. Approved Daniel Amodeo to the position of substitute caller, effective December 11, 2021, yearly stipend of \$3,914 will be prorated for the remainder of the 2021/22 school year.

C. Appointed Tiffany Pfeiffer to a 1.0 FTE salaried bus driver position, effective December 7, 2021, pay and benefits will be according to the WVCS/WVSEA contract.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Niesyty to approve the leave of absence for William Sloand, effective December 7, 2021 and to continue through March 7th, 2022. Return to work will be based on clearance from his physician to return to work.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Chai to adopt the 1st reading and the BOE waives the 2nd reading of the entire West Valley Central School Policy Manual.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Robbins, seconded by Niesyty to approve CSE recommendations.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Chia to accept the 2021-2022 tax collection summary report as prepared by the district Tax Collector, Patricia Dashnaw.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Chai and with the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement between the West Valley Central School District (“the District”) and the West Valley Teacher’s Association (“the Association”), who are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2021- June 30, 2024 (the “CBA”).By this MOA, the District and the Association agree to amend the CBA to clarify the original intent of Appendix E, Section “H” and Appendix H, Section “J”, regarding compensation for a teacher aide or teaching assistant substituting for another unit member.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Harmony, seconded by Robbins to go into Executive session at 8:26pm for the purpose of the employment of particular persons and current ligation.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Harmony, seconded by Robbins to come out of Executive session at 9:43pm.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XIII: Moved by Davis, seconded by Heitman to **ADJOURN** at 9:44pm.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk