

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

**Regular Meeting**

**November 9, 2021**

Members Present: Klahn, Davis, Niesyty, Chai, Heitman, Harmony, Robbins via ZOOM  
Others present: Dr. Farrar, Dan Amodeo, Ann O'Brien, Boberg, Mark Jargord –  
Springville Journal, Pat Connor, Kristine and Samantha Fisher.

**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. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to go into Executive session at 7:01pm for the purpose of the employment of a particular person. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony to come out of Executive session at 7:46pm.  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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

Additions: Personnel item (E) names inserted for open positions Allison Kloepper for musical director, Krystal George for assistant musical director and Krystal George for cheerleading coach.

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**V. 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**

## **VI. PRESENTATIONS**

✚ Science enrichment – Pat Connor and Samantha Fisher. The goal of the program is to provide science enrichment in a fun and engaging setting following two years of difficult and stressful teaching and learning. The schedule of the program was science lessons/experiments, lunch, discussions, nature walks and outdoor activities. The experiments included learning scientific instruments and measurements, observation of earth materials, such as, Dunkirk shale, Wanakah shale, classification and identification of Devonian fossils, film canister bottle rocket experiment, strawberry DNA extraction and iron extraction from cereal.

✚ ~~TABLED Culturally Responsive Curriculum-Dr. Taweepon Farrar and Dan Amodeo~~ - will present at the December meeting.

## **VII. REPORTS**

A. Superintendent, Dr. Taweepon Farrar thanked the PTO door decorating prize and trunk and treat opportunity for the students. The judges for the door competition were Dr. Farrar, Dan Amodeo and Ann O'Brien. Community library started just a couple of families participated. We will keep track of the number of families that use this opportunity and will gauge for the continued availability. An enrollment, extra-curricular activities update and progress on its capital outlay project was given to the board. Their will be an upcoming musical and a veterans day breakfast was held for veterans and their families.

B. Business Administrator, Ann O'Brien handed out a list of completed work. Guidelines to maintain free breakfast and lunch for students was reviewed. It does appear promising that the school will meet the eligibility guidelines for next year if current numbers hold through April. The district is planning to add fraud insurance, at little to no cost, to deal with emerging technology -related scams that have caught other districts off-guard.

C. Principal/Curriculum Coordinator, Daniel Amodeo reported that Friday is the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. On November 22 and 23 parent teacher conference will be held – those will be ½ days for students.

## **VIII. BOE CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- PTO – Heather Klahn reported that trunk and treat for Halloween was a success even though it was raining. PTO will provide something for SRP day and coordinating a door decorating contest for Christmas.
- Cattaraugus/Allegany County School Boards' Association – Charlie Davis, Mike Harmony and Tracy Chai
- Citizen Task Force -Charles Davis

## **IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Chai to approve the unofficial minutes from October 12, 2021 meeting. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**X. PERSONNEL**

**1. INSTRUCTIONAL**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and moved by Robbins, seconded by Niesyty to approve items A-G to be voted on as Consent Agenda.

A. Approved the following substitutes for the remainder of the 2021/22 school year:

Darlene Sarver	Substitute certified teacher	\$108 per full day, fingerprint clearance on file
Melissa Fish	Substitute uncertified teacher as of September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	\$93 per full day, fingerprint clearance on file

B. Approved the following substitute advisors during the 2021/22 school year, pay is according to the WVCS/WVTA contract:

Computer club	Ted Perger
9 <sup>th</sup> grade advisor	Rae Ann Lindberg
Academic challenge	Bryan Hansen

C. Accepted the resignation of Gary Cich from the position of English teacher, effective January 31, 2022 and approve the separation agreement, effective November 10, 2021.

D. Accepted the resignation of Phil Drozd from the position of substitute teacher uncertified, effective November 10, 2021.

E. Approved the following for the 2021/22 school year, pay is according to the WVCS/WVTA contract:

Musical Director	Allison Kloepfer
Assistant Musical Director	Krystal George
Musical set design	Not filled at this time
Cheerleading coach	Krystal George
Basketball Scorekeeper	Pat Rinko
Basketball Timekeeper	Leanna Pfeffer
Chaperones	Meghan George-Baker, Jody Thiel, Leanna Pfeffer, Connie Jo Kazmierczak, Rachel Mychajluk
Professional Partner	Krista Frank for Julia Ramsdell

F. Approved the unpaid leave of absence for Julie Baren until June 30, 2022.

G. Approved Emily Kazmierczak to do her observation hours for the teacher preparation program through Niagara University. Fingerprint clearance is on file.

**No board discussion** 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

## 2. NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

A. Accepted the resignation of Fundador Cruz from the position of bus driver, effective December 24, 2021.

B. Approved the paid leave of absence for Robert Harrington through December 16, 2021.

C. Approved the following substitutes for the remainder of the 2021/222 school year.

Wayne Conklin, Jr.	Substitute mechanic as of November 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	\$50 per hour fingerprint clearance on file
David Buresch	Substitute mechanic as of October 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	\$50 per hour fingerprint clearance on file

**At the December 21, 2021 board of education meeting - the following amendment was approved - item (C) 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and David Buresch effective October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

D. Approved a work experience training agreement through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services Commission for the Blind, for Deborah Mahiques starting on November 15, 2021 and ending February 15, 2022.

E. Approved Zach Schoepflin as a volunteer for Boys' and Girls' Modified Basketball, for the 2021/2022 season. Fingerprint clearance is on file.

**No board discussion** 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

## XI. OLD BUSINESS:

none

## XII. NEW BUSINESS:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and moved by Harmony, seconded by Robbins to approve items A-F to be voted on as Consent Agenda.

A. Approved CSE recommendations.

B. Approved the Districts' Organizational Chart.

C. Approved a Contract between County of Cattaraugus and West Valley Central School District for COVID-19 testing in schools through July 29, 2022

D. Accepted the following Bid award:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education awards the October 12, 2021 Capital Outlay Project 2021-20212– General Trades Contract to Cavlee Development as follows:

Overall Contract Total \$71,460

Further, that the Superintendent is authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the entire Board of Education.

E. Approved the following.

Resolved, the West Valley Central School Board of Education hereby authorizes litigation against Juul Inc. and the Opioid marketers as presented in the attached document. **(document will be attached to the minutes)**

F. Approved the following rate changes effective 1/1/2022:

	<b>as of 7/1/2021</b>	<b><u>New as of</u> 1/1/2022</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Substitute Monitor, Substitute Cleaner, and Substitute Clerk – NYS minimum hourly wage increase	\$12.50	\$13.20	\$.70
Substitute Bus Driver	\$19.45	\$23.00	\$3.55
Substitute Bus Driver Down Time	\$13.60	\$17.00	\$3.40
Substitute Teacher Aides	\$88	\$96	\$8
Substitute Uncertified Teacher (Associates and Bachelors)	\$93	\$110	\$17
Substitute <u>Certified</u> Teacher	\$108	\$140	\$32
Long Term Substitute Teacher ( <u>Certified</u> )	\$135	\$167	\$32
Substitute <u>Certified</u> Teacher Assistant	\$98	\$115	\$17
Substitute Nurse	\$25	\$35	\$10

**No board discussion** 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

No need for additional executive session.

**XIII:** Moved by Davis, seconded by Robbins to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 8:27pm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted