

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

Regular Meeting

October 12, 2021

Members Present: Klahn, Davis, Harmony arrived@7:03pm, Niesyty, Chai, Heitman, Robbins Others present: Dr. Farrar, Dan Amodeo, Boberg, Mark Jargord – Springville Journal,

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting called to order at 7pm with Klahn presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

Heather Klahn read the following;

It has been brought to my attention we are in a high transmission county and due to emergency regulations issued by the department of Health, Masks are required in indoor activities and spaces including this meeting. I ask for your cooperation with complying with this mask requirement.

III. Moved by Davis, seconded Niesyty to **ADOPT the agenda:**

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Mike Harmony came into meeting at 7:01pm.

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

 Board Recognition – Dr Taweepon Farrar reports that school board recognition week is upcoming. She presented each BOE member with a certificate and thanked them for volunteering their time and commitment.

✚ Academic update – Daniel Amodeo, Principal/Curriculum reported to the board the progress the district has made since being designated as a “targeted school” by the state in special education. DCIP/SCIP – vertical alignment – what happens in lower levels will follow through to higher levels. This will help to improve all student performance and growth.

VI. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Dr. Taweepon Farrar gave the board an enrollment update. Policy manual update - a couple of BOE members requested more time to review. When we receive the 2nd draft, the District/BOE would make any final changes and use this to do a “first reading”, and then a “second reading” and the adoption of the manual, as outline in Policy #1420. After this process is completed on our end, we would send the 2nd draft back to Erie 1 BOCES with the final Adoption date for the whole manual. At that point it takes 2-3 months to get the final, printed product back to the District. Spirit week is going well, new Girls and Boys Modified basketball teams are forming, basketball cheer – coming soon, bowling will continue here at West Valley, and indoor track and JV/V Girls and Boys Basketball with Springville. Our technology plan is under review at this time. A big thank you to the WV Volunteer Hose Company for coming to the school to go over Fire Safety. An enrollment report was given to the Board.

B. Business Administrator, Ann O’Brien

1. Ken Frank – RA Mercer Company gave the Independent Auditor’s Report. The document covered every aspect and fund account for the district that includes capital projects, general funds, transportation reserves, cafeteria funds as well as others. The report showed a decline in enrollment, a decrease in overall net assets and excess of revenue over expenses.

2. Heather Klahn, Representative of the External Audit Committee gave a report and recommendation.

Moved by Heitman, seconded by Niesyty to accept the Independent Auditor’s Report as presented by Ken Frank and recommended by Heather Klahn representative of the Audit Committee and the District’s Corrective Action Plan.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Principal/Curriculum Coordinator, Daniel Amodeo reports that the district wants all our students to meet their fullest potential, demonstrate proficiency, show growth, work collaboratively with others and have a variety of options when they leave WVCS.

VII. BOE CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

CA BOCES RETREAT – would like the Administrators and Board members to attend next year. PTO report – meeting was at the end of September and it was decided October 29th from 4-5pm will be Trunk and Treat.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Robbins to approve the unofficial minutes from September 21, 2021 – with the following amendment – **under Personnel item (J)** which was moved by Heitman, seconded by Niesyty to approve Alex Marino as **an assistant** for the Boys on the Right Track program for the 2021/2022 school year, pay is according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 7 ayes, motion accepted – amend the motion by removing ~~an assistant~~ and replace with **a coach**, - with the following amendment – **under Personnel item (B)** which was moved by Robbins, seconded by Harmony to appoint Julia Ramsdell, who holds a permanent certification in English 7-12 permitting her to teach in the English tenure area, is hereby conditionally appointed to the position of full time English 7-12 teacher for a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence on **10/6/2021 and to end on 10/5/2025**. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Julia Ramsdell receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. The salary during the first year of this appointment will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule as outlined in the Teachers’ Collective Bargaining Agreement. 7 ayes, motion accepted - amend the motion by changing ~~10/6/2021 and to end on 10/5/2025~~ and replace with **10/12/2021 and end on 10/11/2025**, June Treasurer’s report, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities, and June Warrants 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IX. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Chai to approve West Valley Central School District to open the school library for 1½ hours once a month to the community, for the 2021/2022 school year (except when the district is closed). 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Chai to appoint Jody Thiel to the position of Community Library coordinator, with a rate of \$17.50 per hour. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Harmony to approve the following substitutes for the remainder of the 2021/2022 school year:

Jennifer Johnson	substitute teacher uncertified	\$93 per full day
Lisa Slisz	substitute bus driver	\$19.45 per hour drive time \$13.60 down time

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Robbins and with the recommendation of the Superintendent, 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 Service Employees Association (“the Association”), to amend Article 13 – Holidays section 1. The Board authorizes the funding of the Agreement and the Superintendent to execute it accordingly.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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E. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Heitman to approve the following coaches for the designated sports in the 2021/2022 school year:

Girls' modified basketball	Alex Marino
Boys' modified basketball	Alex Marino
Girls' & Boys' bowling	Bryan Hansen

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Robbins, seconded by Niesyty to approve CSE recommendations.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Harmony, seconded by Robbins to go into Executive session at 7:57pm for the purpose of current ligation and employment of particular persons.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony to come out of Executive session at 9:20pm

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: Moved by Harmony, seconded by Robbins to **ADJOURN** at **9:21pm**

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk