

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

Regular Meeting

September 21, 2021

Members Present: Klahn, Davis, Harmony, Niesyty, Chai, Heitman, Robbins
Others present: Dr. Farrar, Ann O'Brien, Dan Amodeo, Danielle Behringer, Boberg,
Mark Jargord – Springville Journal,

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:01pm with Klahn presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve the following: The West Valley Central School Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Board member Amanda Lawrence and pursuant to Education law section 1709, subsection (17) hereby appoints Jordan Robbins to fill the vacancy created by Amanda Lawrence's resignation, until the next school vote in May 2022.

6 ayes, 0 nays motion accepted

Administration of the Oath of Office to appointed Board Member (BOE CLERK)

- Jordan Robbins

Moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony to go into Executive session at 7:03pm for the purpose of current litigation, contract negotiations and employment of particular persons.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony to come out of Executive session at 7:37pm.
Under personnel item (D) was added to the agenda after Board members came out of executive session. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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

Additions: NB item (D)

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

✚ Healthy Schools Grant by Krystal George-the wellness committee will consist of Ann O'Brien, Matt LaBrake, Rae Ann Lindberg, Ashley Foster, Dana Westfall and herself will meet four times per year. She discussed the importance of increasing student activity, decreasing obesity, and encouraging healthy eating. Add more fresh vegetables to menu, gardening club, meal preparation with Personal Touch, wellness day for staff, 20-minute recess and water step competition (to encourage the importance of water to our bodies).

✚ Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) by Danielle Behringer-this system is like umbrella which encompasses everything that the school is currently offering. This will provide universal screening, tiers of interventions, ongoing data collection, school wide approach and parent involvement.

There will be three student screenings for benchmarking purposes through ELA and math exams with screenings scheduled in the fall, winter, and spring. It will then be discussed at five scheduled meetings throughout the year to assure all individual behavioral and academic needs are met.

VI. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Dr. Taweepon Farrar gave each BOE member the latest draft of the school's policy manual for proofreading before adaptation in November. The Administrative manual will be the next to address after the policy manual is approved. Upcoming activities for the school-small musical production and beginning a modified basketball program for boys and girls. On October 5th the audit committee will meet with Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator and Ken Frank from RA Mercer Company. We continue to require masks and social distancing. Because of these practices and our MERV-13 filters, if and where there is a position COVID case, the quarantine is minimal as per the Cattaraugus County Department of Health. If staff members are not vaccinated, it is required to do weekly testing.

The technology Plan is being updated and will be on the November agenda for approval.

B. Business Administrator, Ann O'Brien- reported on a fund transfer motion on the agenda. This motion will finalize the audit.

C. Principal/Curriculum Coordinator, Daniel Amodeo-reported on assessment testing and benchmarking. The school will be visited by the Western NY colleges of admission recruiters, field trips planned for students and a Washington D.C. trip. The district had a highly successful recent open house which drew close to 300 attendees.

D. Assistant Principal/CSE/CPSE chairperson, Danielle Behringer announced upcoming training for teachers by Erie 1 BOCES to ensure that Individual Education Plans for special needs students have goals and services adequately addressed

VII. BOE CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

none

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve the unofficial minutes from August 24, 2021 and Budget transfers for May, June, July, and August.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IX. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Niesyty to accept, with regret, the resignation of Katherine Koutsandreas from the position of English teacher, effective September 7, 2021. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. 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~~ replace with 10/12/2021 and end on 10/11/2025 (see 10/12/2021 consent agenda to confirm). 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, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Chai to approve the following for the 2021/2022 school year, pay is according to the WVCS/WVTA contract in either Appendix Q or M:

Dana Lembke - Professional Partner for Ted Perger
Rae Ann Lindberg as the Professional Partner for Alex Marino
Diane Westfall as the Mentor for Andrea Senseney

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Robbins, seconded by Heitman to approve Danielle Ulinger as a part time cafeteria monitor, effective September 7, 2021 for the 2021/22 school year, fingerprint clearance is on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Harmony to approve the following substitutes for the 2021/2022 school year:

Danielle Ulinger	substitute cleaner	fingerprint cleared	minimum wage
Zachary Westfall	substitute cleaner	student	minimum wage
Nicole Paveljack	substitute nurse	fingerprint cleared	\$25 per hour
Janel Vacinek	substitute monitor	fingerprint cleared	minimum wage
Janet Vacinek	Substitute teacher uncertified	fingerprint cleared	\$93 per day

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Robbins, seconded by Harmony to approve Janet Vacinek to begin training for the position of substitute bus driver, will be paid at the substitute bus driver down time rate of \$13.60 per hour. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Chai, seconded by Heitman to appoint Krystal George as the Wellness Coordinator for the 2021/2022 school year, stipend of \$1,000 will be paid. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Robbins, seconded by Harmony to appoint Bryan Hansen as the Data Privacy Officer for the 2021/2022 school year, stipend of \$3,000 will be paid and an hourly rate of \$47.53 during the 2022 summer for a maximum number of days. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve Rae Ann Lindberg as a substitute for the Girls on the Run program and Boys on the Right Track program for the 2021/2022 school year, pay is according to the WVCS/WVTA contract 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Niesyty to approve Alex Marino as an ~~assistant~~ replace with a coach (see 10/12/2021 consent agenda to confirm) for the Boys on the Right Track program for the 2021/2022 school year, pay is according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Robbins, seconded by Chai to approve Hannah Mazzuto and Allison Kloefer as co student council advisors for the 2021/2022 school year, pay is according to the WVCS/WVTA contract and stipend will be shared equally. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

L. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Chai to motion 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 Administrators’ Association (the “Association”), to amend Article XI. longevity award. The Board authorizes the funding of the Agreement and the Superintendent to execute it accordingly. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

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

B. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Harmony to accept the following books have been donated to the library by the WVTA in memory of James Webster, Diane Westfall's father: Boxitects by Kim Smith and The Big, Fun Kids Cookbook: 150+ Recipes for Young Chef. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Heitman to approve the following:

RESOLVED, that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District hereby authorizes and directs the following fund transfers:

Transfer of \$266,799.89 from the Worker’s Compensation Reserve to Unreserved Fund Balance (Transfer is to reduce amount in the Worker’s Compensation Reserve from 366,799.89 to \$100,000)

1. Transfer of \$750,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the newly created Transportation Reserve
2. Transfer of \$120.84 from the Tax Certiorari Reserve to Unreserved Fund Balance (This is the interest earnings allocated to the Tax Certiorari Reserve for the year ended 6/30/21 – A previous transfer was made in June to return the unused portion of this reserve to Unreserved Fund Balance as there are no claims outstanding.
3. Transfer of \$693,860.17 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the ERS Reserve (Excess reserves over 4%)
4. To cancel the Transfer of \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Cafeteria Fund as budgeted in 2020-2021 (The transfer, approved in June of 2021, is not needed as the District received higher federal reimbursements from the USDA due to the COVID pandemic

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Robbins, seconded by Harmony to approve the following.
Whereas, a former employee of the district made a claim at the New York State Division of Human Rights, and
Whereas it is in the District's best interest to settle this claim without further litigation and without making any admission of wrongdoing.
Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a settlement agreement in this matter. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Harmony to **ADJOURN** at 8:47pm
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk