

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

Regular Meeting

August 24, 2021

Members Present: Klahn, Davis, Harmony, Lawrence, Chai, Heitman

Absent: Niesyty, Amodeo, O'Brien

Others present: Dr. Farrar, Ann O'Brien, Dan Amodeo, Danielle Behringer, Boberg Rachel Mychaljuk, Vaughn Miracle, Ashley Jewett, Jim Andres, Mark Jargord – Springville Journal, Mike McCarthy

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Heitman to **ADOPT** the **AGENDA** as is.

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

6 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

✚ Washington trip – Rachel Mychaljuk – slide presentation

✚ Capital Project/Capital Outlay/Smart Schools - Young + Wright and Campus slide representation

✚ Facilities update with Jim Andres

VI. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Dr. Taweepon Farrar reported on the successful 2-day board retreat. Policy manual update – the 1st reading has been completed. We will then

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receive the 2nd draft and 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. For the re-opening of school, we will most likely be back to wearing masks, even for vaccinated staff and students. Masks would be worn on busses, hallways, and to class. While in class and seated they can remove their masks. If students get up, then they need to re-mask.

We have hired a Special Education Teacher, Physical Education Teacher, Tech teacher and Laborer. We still need to hire Bus Driver, Lunch Monitors, and ISS/Sub teacher. The District Safety plan and Code of Conduct need to be adopted by the board each year. The SCEP/DCIP plan is for the Target designation for the district. We are working diligently on this and hope that we can be removed after the 21-22 school year.

B. Business Administrator, Ann O’Brien reported on the Tax Warrant and Personal touch food service contract.

C. Principal/Curriculum Coordinator, Daniel Amodeo reported on the target school designation and 3-8 assessments for ELA and Math - 100% participation.

D. Assistant Principal/CSE/CPSE chairperson, Danielle Behringer stated that she is happy to be at West Valley Central School.

VII. BOE CORRESPONDENCE

Read thank you from Leah Seltzer for scholarship award from graduation.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved Harmony, seconded by Heitman to approve the unofficial minutes from July 13, 2021 reorganizational and regular meetings, unofficial minutes of August 5, 2021 meeting, **with the following amendment to August 5th minutes-under Personnel item (I) it should read as follows; to accept the resignation of Diane Perkins from her position of Part Time Cleaner, *not* substitute cleaner as stated, effective January 13, 2021,** and June Bank Reconciliations. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IX. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Davis to accept the resignation of Ashley Foster as the substitute caller for the 2021/22 school year, effective August 16, 2021. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Harmony to approve Krystal George as the substitute caller for the 2021/22 school year, \$3,914 stipend. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Heitman to create the civil service position named Laborer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Davis to appoint Zachary Schoepflin to the civil service full time position of Laborer, effective August 25, 2021, \$15 per hour and benefits according to the WVCS/WVSEA contract. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Lawrence to approve Melissa Fish as a substitute teacher aide for the 2021/22 school year, fingerprint clearance is on file. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Chai, seconded by Davis to approve Reann Ehman as a substitute teacher for the 2021/22 school year, fingerprint clearance is on file. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Lawrence to appoint Andrea Senseney, who holds the following; an Initial certification in Childhood Education (grades 1-6), Initial certification in Students with Disabilities (grades 1-6), pending certification in Special Education (Birth-2) and pending certification in Special Education (grades 7-12) permitting her to teach in the Elementary Special Education tenure area, is hereby conditionally appointed to the position of 1.0 FTE Elementary Special Education teacher for a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence on 9/1/2021 and to end on 6/30/25. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Andrea Senseney 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. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony to appoint Alexander Marino, who holds an Initial certification in Physical Education permitting him to teach in the Physical Education tenure area, is hereby conditionally appointed to the position of Physical Education teacher for a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence on 9/1/2021 and to end on 6/30/25. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Alexander Marino 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. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Chai to approve Julie Baren taking FMLA leave starting September 9, 2021. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Heitman to appoint Ted Perger, who holds an Initial certification in Technology Education 7-12 permitting him to teach in Technology Education 7-12 tenure area, is hereby conditionally appointed to the position of Technology Education 7-12 teacher for a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence on 9/1/2021 and to end on 6/30/2025. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Ted Perger 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. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Chai to authorize up to 3 paid workdays throughout the summer for Alexander Marino, Andrea Senseney and Ted Perger, payment as for such work, according to the WVCS/WVTA contract
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

L. Moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony to approve Julia Reiller to complete a human service internship here at West Valley Central School. She is a student at Genesee Community College and part of her curriculum is completing 120 hours (one semester) in her area of interest. She will be working with Antonette Backert, pending fingerprint clearance. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Chai, seconded by Heitman to accept a very generous donation of \$2,860 from The Rev Theatre Company Arts Access Program to be applied to your general fund for Arts in Education Programming. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Davis to approve the food service contract extension with Personal Touch Food Services Inc. for the 2021/2022 school year.
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Heitman to change the October 19, 2021 Board of Education meeting to October 12, 2021. The meeting will be held in the High School conference room at 7pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Heitman to the following **BOARD RESOLUTION:**

RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District approves the funding and ratification of the terms

negotiated between the West Valley Central School District and West Valley Teachers Association. The Collective Bargaining Agreement will be effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. The Superintendent shall have authority on behalf of the Board of Education to acknowledge the agreement accordingly. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Davis to approve the Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Water Testing by and between the West Valley Central School District (“West Valley CSD”) and the Town of Ashford (“Town”) (hereinafter referenced collectively as the “Parties”) both being, for purposes of this Agreement, “municipal corporations” as defined by Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Chai to approve the 2021-2022 tax warrant in the total sum of \$2,883,716. **(The signed tax warrant attached to the official meeting minutes)** 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Davis to approve the Audit Committee Charter. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Chai to surplus library books that are outdated and worn. **(list attached to official minutes)** 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Harmony to approve a trip to Washington DC for the 9th, 10th, and 12th graders (Gov’t) to attend the High School program in October and then the 8th graders to attend the Middle School program in May, as presented. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Davis to approve the District Wide Safety plan for the 2021/2022 school year. Public Hearing held August 24, 2021. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony to approve the Code of Conduct for the 2021/2022 school year. Public Hearing held August 24, 2021. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

L. Moved by Davis, seconded by Chai to surplus district technology devices (laptops, monitors, desktops, printers and miscellaneous items) that are outdated and worn. **(list attached to official minutes)** 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

M. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Lawrence to approve the District’s School Comprehension Education Plan (SCEP)/District Comprehension Improvement Plan (DCIP) for the 2021/22 school year. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

N. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Heitman, to approve the following Board Norms:

- The board will always prioritize the needs of students.
- District decisions will be made with a “no surprises” approach and with highest levels of transparency where items are discussed openly and shared with all stakeholders.
- Communications between the stakeholders of the board shall remain timely and inclusive of all stakeholders.
- All individual board stakeholders will publicly support final decisions of the board, regardless of personal opinion.
- Board stakeholders will treat all with respect and expect the same in return.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

O. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Harmony to approve the following Board Goals:

- The Board of Education will engage with and communicate to the school community in multiple manner on a broad variety of issues including program, facilities, and budget.
- The Board of Education will engage the community in a prideful culture by developing mission and vision statements that lead to a brand for West Valley Central School.
- The Board of Education will increase achievement by setting an expectation of the value of assessments, so the district meets NY State Education Department participation rates.
- The Board of Education will present a five-year facility plan and a five-year fiscal plan that builds community understanding and delivers community buy-in.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Davis, seconded by Lawrence to go into Executive session at 9:11 pm for the purpose of current litigation. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Harmony to come out of Executive session at 9:24pm.

XII: Moved by Harmony, seconded by Heitman to **ADJOURN** at 9:25pm
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk