

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

Regular Meeting

May 11, 2021

via in person and ZOOM

Members Present: Niesyty, Ploetz, Harmony, Lawrence, Davis, Frank

Absent: Klahn

Others Present: Dr Farrar, O'Brien, Amodeo, Boberg, Tracy Chai, Bryan Hansen, Carla Heitman, Jordan Robbins, Robert Osborne, Gus Werchowski

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:55pm with Timothy Ploetz presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

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

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

none

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 a few 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. BOARD COMMENTS

Within this section of the agenda, the Board of Education or Administration may take the opportunity to comment on matters of interest or concern.

none

VII. PRESENTATIONS

none

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VIII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Dr. Farrar reported that the past two months have been busy with meeting all the staff individually, students and several community members. I am now taking all the information I have learned to begin incorporating them into our 5-year plans. It has been an amazing beginning.

We had 100% participation in 3-8 assessments

Athletics – students are extremely excited to wear the West Valley uniform. The softball field is ready for games. The track is almost ready. We did order the equipment needed. However, the pole vault kit may not arrive on time due to a foam shortage.

After searching in and out of the region, we have a school district that has extra pole vault equipment we can use until we get our equipment. It will be picked up the week of May 10th so our students can begin practicing the pole vault.

Audit Committee – in the past, we have had three people along with a BOE member as the audit committee. I am recommending the board of education be the audit committee.

Calendar changes for this year – Juneteenth, will be observed on June 18th and last day of school for Pk-6 is a full day it will now be ½ day for those students.

Facilities – we had our capital project user group meeting for the offices.

Policy Manual update – we received our first draft of the policy manual. Carolyn, Ann and I are working through the first round of additions and corrections as these are very specific to the day to day operations of the district.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo – thank you to all students, parents, teachers and everyone that made it possible for 100% participation for 3-8 assessments

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien - none

D. Director of Special Education, Shawna Gugino - none

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve the unofficial minutes of April 13th and April 20th, 2021, February and March Treasurer's report, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities, February and March Warrants, and February and March Bank Reconciliations. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Frank, seconded by Davis to accept the retirement of Deborah Brown, with regret, from the position of typist, effective June 29, 2021. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Harmony to abolish the civil service typist positions, effective June 30, 2021. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Davis to change the position of keyboard specialist held by Dana Westfall from 10 months to 12 months, effective July 1, 2021, benefits according to the WVCS/WVSEA contract. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI. OLD BUSINESS

none

XII: NEW BUSINESS

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Frank to approve the proposal from Campus Construction Management Group, Inc., and enter into a professional service agreement, for construction management services for the 2021 Capital Improvement Project. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Lawrence to approve the proposal from Young and Wright and enter into a professional service agreement, for architectural services for the 2021 Capital Improvement Project. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Frank, seconded by Harmony to approve the proposal from Young and Wright and enter into a professional service agreement, for architectural services for the 2021 Capital Outlay Project. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Davis, seconded by Niesyty to approve the proposal from Young and Wright and enter into a professional service agreement, for architectural services for the 2021 Smart Schools Bond Act Project. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Frank to accept a grant check in the amount of \$260 from the Elisa B. Hughey Fund for the Arts, to be used for a special art installation project for Memorial Day. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony to amend the 2020-2021 school calendar as follows:

June 18, 2021 - students and staff off to observe Juneteenth day

June 24, 2021 – ½ day for PreK – 6th grade students

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Lawrence to acknowledge entering into a contract of agreement for the purpose of providing Health and Welfare Services, computation of fees for services as per Section 912 of the Education Law, for children residing in West Valley Central School District and attending non-public schools in the Springville-Griffith Institute Central School District to begin on September 1, 2020 and to end on June 30, 2021. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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

I. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Frank to approve CSE recommendations.
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Frank, seconded by Harmony to approve that the Board of Education will serve as the District's Audit Committee. 6 aye, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Davis to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the West Valley Central School District and the West Valley Teacher's Association who are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021, agree to compensation when a teacher gives up their planning period to sub for another member of the unit, agreement is for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, and will terminate on June 30, 2021
5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Frank,) motion accepted

L. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Harmony to approve Steve Vant as supervisor and Ann Ploetz as registrar of the Annual Budget Vote and election of BOE members on May 18, 2021 from noon – 9pm. The rate of pay will be \$13.20 per hour.
5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Ploetz), motion accepted

Moved by Frank, seconded by Harmony to go into Executive session at 8:39pm for the following reasons:

*collective negotiation

*current litigations

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Davis, seconded by Lawrence to come out of Executive session at 9:48pm.
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XIII: Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to **ADJOURN** at 9:49pm
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk