

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

Regular Meeting

April 20, 2021 at 7pm

via in person and ZOOM

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

Absent: Frank

Others Present: O'Brien, Dr. Farrar, Gugino, Amodeo, Boberg, Bryan Hansen, Carla Heitman, Mark Jagord – Springville Journal, Michael Frascella, Scott Payne, Alex Fisher, chemistry class, Glenn Keller, Meghan George-Baker

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Davis to **ADOPT** the **AGENDA** as amended:

Additions: NB item (N)

Deletions: NB item (H), (I), (J), and (K)

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

Alex Fisher presented his Eagle Scout project that was to start last spring but due to COVID restrictions he could not complete. This spring he will be redoing a path in the recreational area, known as the Grove, behind West Valley Central School. The path will run approximately 745 feet from an entry point in the back of the parking lot, to an exit point where it intersects a large trail meant for vehicles. The trail itself will be made with landscaping timbers, which are going to be fit into place along either side of the trail. The ends will be cut to meet smoothly, and spikes will be used to secure them in place. Gravel will be placed in two different runs.

Chemistry class presented on the history of tapping trees, the process of collecting sap, boiling, and packaging the syrup. The class visited our local maple shack owned the Conrad family to see what it looks like on a larger scale than what the class did at school. The average rate of sap to syrup is 40 parts to one, it takes 40 gallons of sap to make just one gallon of syrup. The sap mixture lost over 90% of its water content, but it retains the many vitamins and minerals. It can be sold as pure syrup or turned into either hard or powder candy. By completing this lesson, it has helped the students by giving them hands on experience, allowing them to make connections that they couldn't with pen and paper and gave them the opportunity to interact with their classmates, allowing for social leaning as well.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Dr. Farrar reported that we are still promoting 100% participation so we can use that data to improve our curriculum and instruction. Any support to get as many students taking the assessments is appreciated. ELA 3-8 assessment is April 21 and 22. Math assessment is May 5 and 6. Previously mentioned working with Erie 1 BOCES for our 5-year facilities plan. After more investigation and conversations, we will work with Campus with the assistance of Young and Wright. This will allow us to garner more aid back on this work (85% aid with Campus versus 65% aid with BOCES). It would also cost significantly less as we are already doing much of the work with them already and flow through incidental costs. On the agenda there is a MOA for the bus driver that will be taking the seniors to Virginia Beach. The posting closes on Tuesday so this will be an addition to the agenda on Tuesday. The job goes to the most senior person that puts in for the duty according to the contract.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported on 3-8 assessments and looking for 100% participation.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported on the 21/22 Budget. There will be no increase in the tax levy. Each year the board approves a resolution to participate in cooperative purchasing with BOCES. This allows us to take advantage of group bids especially with the insurance consortium, workers compensation, and other items the component districts may choose to do as a group. She reviewed the general fund, estimated revenues, proposed expenditures, property tax report card and tax calculations.

D. Director of Special Education, Shawna Gugino reported that we are excited to offer summer school for our students through BOCES this year. Program will run from July 7 through August 13th from 8:30am-2:30pm and we will provide transportation to Pioneer Central School for in person instruction.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony to approve March budget transfers. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Klahn to approve Dana Lembke and Pat Connor as coordinators for Boys on the Right Track, effective May 3, 2021, pay according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI. OLD BUSINESS

none

XII: NEW BUSINESS

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

B. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Davis to approve the following:

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ANNUAL RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of public school districts in Cattaraugus County and Allegany County, New York, to bid jointly for **various supplies, commodities, and/or services in the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and**

WHEREAS, The West Valley Central School District is desirous of participating with other school districts in Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties in the joint bidding of all or some of the supplies, commodities, and/or services as mentioned above, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and as determined by district need, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Boards of Education wish to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting of the results to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That the West Valley Central School Board of Education hereby appoints the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services to represent it in all matters related above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the West Valley Central School Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned supplies, commodities, and/or services, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the West Valley Central School Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the West Valley Central School Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by the majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations with the successful bidder(s).

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Davis that the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District adopts the proposed 2021-22 budget in the amount of \$9,038,905 and the property tax report card. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Davis, seconded by Klahn to adopt the 2021-2022 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.:
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Harmony to cast **one** vote for a BOCES Board candidate in the following designated areas: **Area 1, Area 2, Area 5 and Area 6** (all candidates running unopposed):

CAST ONE VOTE FOR EACH VACANCY

Area 1 – Vacancy – 2-year term

Leslie Buckley
342 West State Street
Wellsville NY 14895

x

Area 2 – Vacancy – 3-year term:

Charles Bessette
2588 Harland Ames Road
Bolivar, NY 14715

x

Area 5 – Vacancy – 3-year term

Ira Katzenstein
1830 Windfall Road
Olean, NY 14760

x

Area 6 – Vacancy – 3-year term:

Michael Conroy
6355 Stinson Road
Arcade, NY 14009

x

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony to accept the following Bid award:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education awards the April 14, 2021 Capital Outlay Project 2020-2021 – General Construction bid/contract to **Highland Masonry and Restoration, Inc.** as follows:

Contract Total

\$82,700

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

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Harmony to approve the Standard Form of Agreement, which was made as of the twentieth day of April in the year two thousand twenty one between West Valley Central School District and Highland Masonry and Restoration, Inc for the following Project 20075 West Valley CSD Capital Outlay Project 2020-2021. Young Architectural LLC, dba Young + Wright Architectural

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

~~**DELETE** - H. Consider a 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.~~

~~**DELETE** - I. Consider a motion to approve the proposal from Young and Wright and enter into a professional service agreement, for architectural services for the 2021 Capital Improvement Project.~~

~~**DELETE** - J. Consider a motion to approve the proposal from Young and Wright and enter into a professional service agreement, for architectural services for the 2021 Capital Outlay Project.~~

~~**DELETE** - K. Consider a motion 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.~~

L. Moved by Klahn, seconded by Niesyty to accept a library book donation from Chris and Michelle Enser:

- ✚ "Django the Greyhound Gets Adopted", by Samantha Wulff (former WV student).

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

M. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Lawrence to approve Mrs. Pat Morton 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.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

N. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Davis to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the West Valley Central School District and the West Valley Service Employees Association, who are parties of a Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 regarding the Class of 2021 senior trip to Virginia Beach from April 24, 2021 to May 1, 2021, requesting one of our buses and driver.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted.

Moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony to go into Executive session at 7:34 pm for the following reasons with no business afterward:

- *Discussions regarding current litigations
- *employment history of a particular person
- *Collective Negotiation

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Niesyty to come out of Executive session at 7:52 pm

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XIII: Moved by Harmony, seconded by Klahn to **ADJOURN** at 7:53 pm

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk
Meeting minutes from transcribed dictation and audio