

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

**Regular Meeting**

**April 13, 2021 at 7pm**

**via in person and ZOOM**

Members Present: Niesyty, Ploetz, Davis - ZOOM, Harmony, Klahn, Frank, Lawrence  
Absent: Amodeo and Gugino  
Others Present: O'Brien, Dr. Farrar, Boberg, Bryan Hansen, Carla Heitman, Mike Fleming

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

Additions: need for executive session for contract negotiations and employment of a particular person, with no business afterwards.

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**IV. Correspondence/BOE information**

Copies of the last Citizen Task Force meeting minutes were given to the board for informational purposes.

**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

## VIII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Dr. Farrar reported that Dan Amodeo and Shawna Gugino are not present tonight so she will report on some areas of theirs. ELA assessments begin next week. Mr. Amodeo has been working closely with teachers and students to reiterate the importance of the assessments and our goal of 100% participation. We need data in order to get better!

We are set to go for softball and track. Equipment is ordered and track/field will be prepped. The only issue is the pole vault. We do not have this set up and it costs approximately \$15,000-\$17,000. The coaches are meeting with parents and athletes to review the athletic code of conduct next week on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

There are comments out in the district and the building that West Valley will close. We are here and beginning to work on making WV even better and competitive. The work is beginning on a five-year plan related to academics, finances, and facilities.

The Department of Health has updated their guidance on April 9<sup>th</sup> and released over the weekend. Guidelines have essentially remained the same for schools except the change from 6ft to 3ft in classrooms for students. Adults still need to maintain 6ft distancing where possible. Masks are still required however barriers are no longer needed.

Carolyn, Ann and I worked on the initial survey specific to current practice and process for the policy manual. The documents were received by Erie 1 BOCES on April 1. It takes about 3-5 weeks to process and get the policy manual printed. Remember it is a two-year process for the entire manual to be updated. Once we get this first round of policies, I will let you know what the next steps will be.

Mrs. O'Brien will be going over the budget. We.... Ann without double has worked hard to get where we need to be this year. Before she presents, I want to insert a couple of questions from the last meeting related to the capital project. We did have our first kickoff meeting last week and will have a user group meeting next weeks to garner input from key stakeholders.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo no report

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported that the State Assembly released state aid numbers, or the enacted budget, late on Wednesday afternoon. The new numbers have been incorporated into the 21/22 proposed budget.

There are two federal programs through which we will be receiving additional dollars. One is called the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act, 2021. From here on, I will refer to it as CRRSA. The other program is called the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This funding will be tracked in the special aid fund (fund used for grants) as opposed to the general fund. The state has not finalized the guidance on the use of the grant funds, but we have received some preliminary information. There will be hoops to jump through. I am including the information for you

to review. Obviously, there will need to be a plan to determine how we will use the funds. We will keep you posted on further developments.

D. Director of Special Education, Shawna Gugino no report

#### **IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve the unofficial minutes from March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

#### **X. PERSONNEL**

A. Motion by Davis, seconded by Frank to accept the resignation of Lisa M. Slisz, with regret, from the position of school bus driver, effective April 17, 2021. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

#### **XI. OLD BUSINESS**

none

#### **XII: NEW BUSINESS**

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve a senior trip to Virginia Beach from April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Frank, seconded by Harmony to approve the proposal from Young + Wright for architectural services for the Capital Outlay Project – 2021-2022  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Davis to approve a resolution to close out the library petty cash fund. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Frank to authorize a district credit card with M&T bank with a limit not to exceed \$3000. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Harmony, seconded by Klahn to go into Executive session at 7:42 pm for the purpose of contract negotiations and employment of a particular person, no business afterwards. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to come out of Executive session at 8:10 pm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted.

**XIII:** Moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 8:11 pm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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District Clerk  
Meeting minutes from transcribed dictation and audio