

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

**Regular Meeting**

**March 9, 2021 at 7pm**

**via in person and ZOOM**

Members Present: Niesyty, Ploetz, Davis - ZOOM, Harmony, Klahn, Amanda, Frank  
Others Present: Amodeo, O'Brien, Ward, Gugino, Boberg, Mark Jagord – Springville  
Journal, Bryan Hansen, Taweepon Farrar

**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 Niesyty to **ADOPT** the amended agenda as listed below:

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 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

## **VIII. REPORTS**

A. Superintendent, Dr. Farrar thanked Mark Ward for his time as the interim superintendent. She has had the opportunity to communicate and meet with him a couple of times before his departure. An agreement was shared at the last BOE meeting and then tabled. She wanted to follow up by stating that she did have further discussions with Mr. Ward related to said agreement. The agreement will be tabled and not brought back to the board. If I feel there is a need then we will re-visit the discussion and agreement with the board. I have Mr. Ward's contact information and he has mine. I will reach out if needed.

After looking into the needs of the district regarding the policy manual it will be revised and updated through BOCES. Last time the whole manual was gone through was in 2006. The district will receive aid by going through BOCES, not if we would go through NYSSBA. The administrative manuals purpose is to implement day to day procedures, which we will do after the policy manual is complete.

The draft 2021-2022 school calendar was shared with unions – there is a new national holiday – Juneteenth. This holiday celebrates the emancipation of African Americans from slavery in the United States. We are required to add this new holiday, Section 24 stipulates that any holiday that falls on a Sunday is observed on the Monday after. For example, Juneteenth falls on Sunday, June 19 in 2022, and will be observed on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>. The law does not require that holidays falling on a Saturday are observed on a Friday. In 2021, June 19 falls on a Saturday, so districts are not obligated to close for this holiday.

Teacher Contract is up at the end of June. The union has notified the district of their desire to begin negotiations. She would also like a board member to attend the negotiation meetings. It is a great experience for a board member to sit at the table as a part of the district team.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo no report

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported on the instructional portion of the budget. Tax levy limit calculation and tax cap report was reviewed by the board that was submitted to the Comptroller's office prior to the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The formula to calculate the limit is prescribed by NYS.

The state kicked back our corrective action plan related to last year's external audit. They are required that we put an implementation timeline for each item noted in the management letter.

D. Director of Special Education, Shawna Gugino reported on the referral process and IEP development.

## **IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve the unofficial minutes from February 9, 2021, November, December and January Treasurer's report, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities, November, December and January

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Warrants, November, December and January Bank Reconciliations and February budget transfers. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**X. PERSONNEL**

A. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Frank to approve the following 2021 spring coaches for WV student teams, pay according to the WVCS/WVTA contract.

- + Bryan Hansen Varsity softball coach
- + Antonette Backert as softball assistant
- + Rae Ann Lindberg as the Head Boys' track coach
- + Christopher Schiumo as track assistant

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

none

**XII: NEW BUSINESS:**

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

B. Moved by Frank, seconded by Harmony to approve the revised corrective action plan related to the June 30, 2020 Independent Auditor's Report.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Harmony to Recess for Capital Improvements Project results from the Voting booth at 7:23pm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Harmony, seconded by Frank to continue with the meeting at 8:05pm  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Frank, seconded by Harmony to certify the outcome of the Capital Improvements Project.

**PROPOSITION 1**

*Capital Improvement Project Vote*

YES 81

NO 35

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**(Complete results attached to minutes in official book)**

**XIII:** Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to **ADJOURN** at 8:06pm  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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District Clerk

Meeting minutes from transcribed dictation and audio