

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

Regular Meeting

February 9, 2021

via in person and ZOOM

Members Present: Niesyty, Ploetz, Davis - ZOOM, Harmony, Klahn, Amanda

Absent: 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

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted.

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Mike Harmony states that five policies were copied and handed out to BOE members for possible update. Mike went through each of them and they have not been updated since 2006. Mark Ward states that BOCES offers a policy updating service, which we are already involved in, but only on a monthly basis. These updates are given to us and we go through a process of getting them approved by the board. Since it has been almost 15 years it might be most beneficial to have the whole manual done. This would put the district in a good situation with policies and would help the new superintendent and board members to familiarize themselves with the policy manual. Ann states that she could put it on the BOCES service request but would just need the go ahead from the board. We currently pay for a service from BOCES but, if we were to have them redo our manual, we would not pay our current fee on top of the cost for the manual to be updated.

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

Stacey Bruce and David Rindo from Leonard Bus Sales gave a presentation on leasing and buying buses – this was for information only. Bob Harrington answered questions that the board had about our existing fleet, mileage, importance of being on a bus rotation schedule and trade in value. Mark Ward thanks Stacey for the nice job on the presentation, details, and time. Down the road the BOE will have to decide. He thinks there is something here for the board to truly look at and consider because there needs to be long-range planning.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Interim Superintendent, Mark Ward reports on a West Valley communicable disease plan and every district must do. It is required and needs to be endorsed by the unions. Have heard from 2 out of the 3 unions so far. I hope this is something we can have ready for the board to approve on February 23rd. Basically how would we respond to a closing due to a pandemic. We will do what we did in the spring but with some tweaks and SED needs a copy. It is a plan that needs to be filed with the State, so it doesn't just sit on the shelf here, it will be on their shelf. But we will better for it because we will know exactly what we need to do. New York forwarded a safety reopening plan – we have reopened anyway. There are parts of this plan that we do not have to respond to because they do not respond to West Valley. It does not have to be BOE approved and it stays here in district. Lindsey, Shawna, Dan and Mark have worked on this report. How would the district respond if a staff member comes up with a positive test result, the district has an SOP (standard operating plan) to guide us in this response. A construction manager for the project is important and working towards a contract with campus construction. The project has to be approved by the public before any of these details are settled. With the size of the project you really need to not only have an architect, but an engineer, it is a good check and balance for the project. It is not saying anything about the architect. Received a formal request from the WVTA to start the negotiation process, their contract ends on June 20, 2020. Will install LED lights on the back of the building. The flagpole and sidewalk in that area will be replaced. Instead of putting this in the project which would cost more money, the district will do it ourselves. I am completing a mailer for the Capital Improvement project and it will be sent out to residents soon. Will be hosting two presentations on February 25th and March 2nd in the auditorium to answer any questions. The vote is on March 9th from noon to 8pm. In the project is a proposed secure entrance, the 1937 entrance into the building cannot be changed due to the historical registry.

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So, we will be looking at the entrance between the gym doors and main door for the new entrance. Between the mailer and the two presentations I hope that all questions will be answered through these avenues and passed. This project will be good for the whole community.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported on continuing the work with the regional partnership center. Through these avenues we work with the teachers on registering for an explicit instruction workshop there are two opportunities to attend these workshops. The restrictions have caused these trainings to be virtual and they are doing it at their own pace, through an online platform much like an online course. The learning that they have taken away from those trainings and placed into instruction in the classrooms has been good and will continue through the remainder of the year. Discussion on the three assessments and NYS regents' exams took place and we will just need to wait and see what will happen.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported on the 2021/2022 budget. She provided the board with a report on where we are in the current fiscal year. The second report is a draft for the 21/22 budget showing the Governor's proposal for state aid and other revenue. Along with reviewing the reports, she provided the board with an update on state aid reductions and federal funding. Leonard Bus sales presentation was put together for a long-range plan for bus replacement. We have looked at replacement schedules with various years as well as purchase versus lease. After reviewing the analysis, we believe the 7-year purchase plan would work best for our District. The 7-year purchase plan would cut down on long term maintenance cost and we would still own our buses. This becomes important if a bus purchase is voted down. Overall, we believe it to be the best approach economically over long term. She went through the budget reports.

D. Director of Special Education, Shawna Gugino reported on her meeting with the state education representative to continue our special education compliance plan. Our goal is to be 100% compliant by June, so that we can close out this portion of the corrective action plan. Overall, the stages of our CPS process and meetings at this point complimentary, we are just focusing on a few specific documents and updating those to reflect current best practices. We completed our second benchmark testing in January under response to intervention which is similar to the support that Dan was talking about, as far as using the state assessments to gauge where we are at. We meet with teachers to go over the benchmark results and provide extra support to those that need it.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

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

X. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Lawrence to approve Dana Lembke to complete the ski club advisership for the 2021 season, effective February 9, 2021. Pay according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Tenure granted to Antonette Backert as follows:

Resolved, that the Board of Education of West Valley Central School, **PURSUANT TO Section 3014** of the New York State Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and on motion of Lawrence and seconded by Frank does hereby approve tenure status in the School Psychologist area, effective January 4, 2021. You hold a Provisional New York State Certificate in School Psychologist permitting you to teach in the School Psychologist area. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to accept the resignation, with regret, of Diane Perkins from the cafeteria monitor position, effective February 5, 2021. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Klahn to approve Diane Perkins as a part time cleaner for COVID purposes, 5hrs per day at \$13.25 per hour, benefits as per the WVCS/WVSEA contract, effective January 13, 2021. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Lawrence to accept the resignation, with regret, of Rachel Mychajluk from the detention monitor position on Tuesdays and Thursdays, effective February 9, 2021. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted



F. Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Harmony to approve Tyler Blumenstein as a substitute nurse, effective February 5, 2021, pay is \$25 per hour. Pending fingerprint clearance. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XII: NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve the **first reading** of the following board policies:

-  "Title IX and Sex Discrimination" #3421 new under Community Relations
-  "Controversial Subjects" #8331 under Instruction

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Lawrence that the West Valley Central School District approves the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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XIII: Moved by Harmony, seconded by Klahn to **ADJOURN** at 8:52pm
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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