

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

**Special Meeting            July 27, 2020            Zoom meeting due to COVID restrictions**

Members Present: Niesyty, Ploetz, Kent, Cizdziel, Klahn, Harmony  
Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo via ZOOM, O'Brien via ZOOM, Boberg, Gugino via ZOOM, Jeffrey Swiatek Hodgson Russ attorney

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Timothy Ploetz, Board of Education President presiding.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG**

**III. ADOPT AGENDA**

Tim Ploetz read the following:

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District hereby moves to executive session to (A) consult with the district's attorney and (B) to discuss the employment history of particular persons and/or matters leading to the appointment of a particular person.

Moved by Harmony, seconded by Davis to go into executive session at 7:07pm  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to come out of executive session at 8:11pm  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Tim Ploetz read the following:

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Board member Dawn Samborski and pursuant to Education law section 1709, subsection (17) hereby appoints Brad Frank to fill the vacancy created by Dawn Samborski's resignation.

Moved by Davis, seconded by Harmony 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**IV. Correspondence/BOE information**

none

**V. 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.*

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

none

**VI. PERSONNEL**

none

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

none

**VIII: NEW BUSINESS:**

none

Tim asked the board if anyone had anything else to discuss. Mike Harmony states that we like to get together and start reviewing policies. Maybe we can go through 6 to 12 policies at a time on our own and if we have an issue, we can bring it back to the board. Darla Kent states- to discuss. Yeah and if there is anything that is in the policies that you do not like bring it to our attention and we can go over it. If there are any policies that have to be rewrote, he turns to Jeff Swiatak attorney from Hodgson and Russ to ask about the verbiage – would we run it through you and would you spell check it and check word usage? I do not know how that is done. Eric Lawton states that the school pays for a service and typically, what I will do is say here is all the changes for policies and are mostly recommended based on law. If they have to do with any particular department they are given to the principal, business official, special education, nurse or athletic director, etc. Mike was asking about brand new polices that they might want to put into place. Eric states that there is a lot to it. That is why we pay for the service through BOCES because they check law and have the most updated information. Eric asks if they are going to go through the old ones or newest ones. Mike Harmony states the old ones first. Eric asked if they still want us to send them two new ones. Mike Harmony states yes.

Tim Ploetz asked about the reopening plan. Each BOE member received a copy of the draft tonight. Eric states that this is a going to be a living and breathing document and will be ongoing. One is 100% return, remote, hybrid plan. We can socially distance in all areas. Transportation survey has been sent out to see if some parents will be still driving their children or is a ride needed. BOCES will continue to do their program as it has been. Families will have all their kids come in on the same day -if it is a hybrid plan. Harmony asks about discipline and if students do not follow the rules – handle it the same way has we have. One of the great advantages is we are a same school and have room to make the 100% return work.

**IX.** Moved by Kent, seconded by Niesyty to ADJOURN at 8:21pm  
6 ayes, 0 nays motion accepted

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District Clerk  
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