

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

Regular Meeting June 1, 2020 Zoom meeting due to COVID restrictions

Members Present: Niesyty, Ploetz, Kent, Cizdziel, Kowalski, Samborski, Harmony
Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting called to order at 8:13pm with Timothy Ploetz presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Niesyty to **ADOPT** the **AGENDA** as follows:

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

Gary Niesyty lost ZOOM contact.

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. PRESENTATIONS

none

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reported that he has had several meetings today. The first was with Mark, Lauree, Dan and Ann. We sat down and reviewed the draft document that they had for their efficiency study for our district. We looked through it, just to make sure there were no errors that we could detect, we found a couple little numerical things, nothing major. And a couple words that weren't exactly accurate and we made some changes and what they're going to be doing in the next week is they're going to get the information to me in the form of a written report, and I am going to provide that to you next week. To take home and read over and write down questions that you might have. They are going to do a presentation here at school live via zoom on the internet. For those of you members who want to come and attend our June 22 meeting, you'll be able to come in for the presentation or you can stay home and participate by ZOOM. If you come in we will be six feet apart.

I thought they did a really nice and thorough job. But what would be nice, is if you took it over the next week, two weeks, read it over. It is like I said a 100-page document. So, they are going to send the final copy to me later this week. We will print it up and have it handed out to you on Tuesday the ninth at our meeting. If you are not here that night. Don't worry we can either drop it off at your house or ship it to you. If you have any questions, concerns, comments, you want to make, write it down and then when they are here, they can answer your questions.

Another meeting I had today had to do with graduation, and we have decided that we are going to be holding our graduation at it's normal time which is June 27 at 1pm right out front of the school because we have 12 graduates. We're going to have the graduates and their families only come up in their vehicles and park along the circle. There will be a couple of tents set up. It looks like rain so we will have two giant TVs set up to play videos that the students are going to have like they normally do when they walk in and will run the whole time. We're going to run our normal procedure but different microphones for each speaker, Students will get out of their vehicle come up and give their speech. Dan will do his introduction and I will do my typical reading of all the awards. However, students get out of their vehicles one at a time and get their diploma. We have been informed that we can not hand the diploma to them at this point in time. So, we are going to keep it as simple as we can. To the process we had before. Families stay in their vehicles. We have to practice social distancing. We don't want to take any chances on violating the rules. It will be a nice ceremony, you know Bryan Hansen, Megan George-Baker and Dana Lemke are really putting a lot of thought into what they're doing. They really came up with a really nice plan. We are going to have the programs like we do every year but BOE members will not be invited. Simply because we have to keep our numbers down to a reasonable amount and we will be recording it. I don't know that we'll be able to play it live based on getting everything going, but we're recording it and will be able to play it afterwards so our folks can see. We have also made an accommodation for Kim to come up and hand her daughter the diploma, So, that can be a handoff because there in the same household.

There is a reopening taskforce in our state and a large number of people from our area of the state participated in the Statewide Thought Exchange. Also discussed transportation.

Recommended motions on the agenda. Recommend approving to grant tenure to Dana Lembke. He has been a wonderful addition to our staff and I think the value, not only just his, his quality teaching and his commitment to extracurricular activities but also the that he is special education certified in social studies certified he provides a lot of flexibility. We had talked about going into executive session tonight, but I got some feedback from a couple board members that they feel, it is going to be kind of hard to do that via zoom. And they would like to wait until our meeting next week Tuesday when we have people here and we can communicate across the table. We can still maintain that via zoom. If you are not comfortable coming in and we prefer to do that. So, I have no reason unless you do.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported on the end of the year student collection of material. We have a tentative plan in place and how to do that essentially what we want to do is be able to mail every family a letter that includes their student name and the items that they need to return with directions on how to return them and how we would like those packaged up. Basically, we want the items in a bag or box when returned, they'll bring those materials in on the 18th and 19th. They will be placed in the gm for over the weekend and then we'll come back in the following week and inventory all the items. See what we are missing and reach back out to those individual families that we still need to have materials back from them. Summer school I mentioned in the presentation that will not be allowed face to face, special education programs are being offered virtually just like traditional summer school. Shawna is working with the families on that and determining which of our students will be attending any special education summer school programs. As far as the general education summer school it is going to be distance learning. Both of these will be working with a vendor that we've used in the past to provide online virtual courses that have an instructor attached to them. Courses can be customized based on student need, and because this is through apex learning. There are a lot more courses being offered that previously were through the traditional summer school. To help support some leaning gaps for different circumstances and situations, now obviously, we will need to assess the student's ability to work independently based on their internet access and their connectivity. We will need to still take all those things into consideration.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien will be substituting my budget hearing report for my report tonight

Eric took a moment to thank Ann and acknowledge the tremendous amount of work she did to put together a school budget and to get us in the fine financial shape that we re in. Mike Harmony agreed

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Kent to approve the unofficial minutes from the April 6, 2020 regular meeting via ZOOM and from the April 21, 2020 regular meeting via ZOOM. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IX. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Cizdziel to grant tenure for Dana Lembke in the Special Education area, effective September 1, 2020, as recommended by the Superintendent. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XI: NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Cizdziel to approve Mrs. Virginia Reed and Mrs. Karen Bernhoft as registrars and supervisors of the voting process during the Annual Budget Vote and election of BOE members on June 9, 2020. The rate of pay will be \$12.50 per hour. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Harmony to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 8:28pm
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk
Meeting minutes from transcribed dictation and audio