

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

**Regular Meeting March 9, 2020 Library-Media Center Zoom meeting due
to COVID restrictions**

Members Present: Niesyty, Harmony, Ploetz, Kent, Cizdziel, Samborski,
Kowalski

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, Steve Kenworthy, Amy
Butler, Diane Westfall, John Seltzer, Kelly Noto, Connie Jo and Emily
Kazmierczak, Matt LaBrake, Shawna Gugino, Mark Jagard – Springville Journal

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:14pm by Timothy Ploetz, Board of
Education President presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

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

Additions: NB item (H) Men's basketball 6-8pm Thursday

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

The board would like to have a policy committee. Discussed when, how
often and what time they would like to meet.

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.*

-Steve Kenworthy-18-year veteran, WVTA president wanted to acknowledge and
thank the support he and his students received while he was out sick. Big thank
you to Allison Kloepfer, Bryan Hansen, Rachel Mulhisen and Molly Bly that
covered his classes. All the wonderful and heartfelt messages that he received
from the West Valley family was very comforting.

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

Matthew LaBrake gave a school counseling presentation that covered our counseling services that included history, opportunities and requirements.

Our Mission

West Valley will meet the academic, career, and social-emotional needs of every student as they transition from elementary school through high school to their post-secondary years. Our mission is to focus on individual students and the barriers each student will face throughout their school years.

Our Vision

West Valley's School Counselling Program aims to prepare students to be productive, well-rounded citizens while developing respect for self and tolerance of the diversity of others. Through this plan, West Valley students and the school community will benefit from a cutting-edge school counseling curriculum that strives to develop future citizens able to adapt to all types of changes. The integrated school counseling program aspires to provide a safe and secure environment for learning, reducing counterproductive behaviors, ensuring academic success, and enhancing student resiliency; to allow students to achieve their fullest potential.

Our Three Goals

*Ensure academic achievement for all students.

*Develop students social-emotional skills, practices, and knowledge

*Provide students with the connection between school, post-secondary education, and careers

Explained in greater detail how the school provides support and opportunities to achieve each of the goals listed above.

A member of our board inquired about internships through the counseling office. We do offer those opportunities for our students and find them to be very helpful.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reported on his meeting in Albany at the NYSCOSS Conference where he listened to several key-note speakers on a variety of topics. Also attended a Target school meeting in Albany. Since we have been designated as a target school, we must come up with a plan to improve in those areas that need improving. The state will give us \$50,000 this year to create a plan and then \$100,000 next year and probably the year after that to be able to continue to run with the plan.

He sent out a letter to parent households to provide information on the COVID-19, what the Department of Health recommends, and what steps we are taking to keep our schools clean and healthy.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reports on the Corona Virus and an upcoming Wellness Fair. He also discussed potential field trips for students that included a Pennsylvania trip to a WWII museum and an ancient Egypt museum trip. May 1st is the tentative day for Community Day.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien gave a detailed financial update on the budget. She distributed a 12-page line item report of nearly 1,000 entries of the general fund budget that included the past five years as well as the current year. She also detailed the district's wish list in terms of needs that included transportation routing software, upgraded radios to transmit beyond Hamburg a SUV and a tractor. She asked the board members to review her work and make any recommendations at an upcoming additional meeting planned in early April so that the budget can be completed near the end of April. Special meeting was set for April 6th at 7pm.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved Samborski, seconded by Harmony to approve the unofficial minutes from the February 10, 2020 regular meeting, November and December Treasurer's report, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities; November and December Warrants and November and December bank reconciliations. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to approve Isabella Draine-Soto, student at West Valley, as a substitute cleaner, effective March 11, 2020. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

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

✚ "Diploma or Credential options for Students with Disabilities" #7222 revised- under student section.

✚ "Graduation options/Early Graduation/Accelerated Program" #7220 revised-under student section.

✚ "Certification and Qualifications" #6212 revised-under personnel section.

✚ "Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and other Substances (staff)" #6150 revised -under personnel section.

✚ "Comprehensive Student Attendance" #7110 revised-under student section.

✚ "Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and other Substances (students) #7320 revised-under student section.

✚ "Allocation of Title 1, Part A Funds in the District" #5551 new-under non instructional/business operations section

✚ "Sexual Harassment in the Workplace" #6121 revised-under Personnel

✚ "Smoking/Tobacco Use" #5640 revised-under non instructional/business operations section

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Kowalski to accept the Proposal from Young and Wright Architectural for Pre-Referendum Services to assist West Valley Central School District for its upcoming 2020 Capital Improvement Project. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Cizdziel to accept the following book donations:

- * "Thank You for My Service" by Mat Best, donated by Steve Howe and family
- * "The Unofficial Harry Potter Cookbook" by Dinah Bucholz, donated by Jim and Jean Bond.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Samborski to acknowledge entering into a contract of agreement for the purpose of providing Health and Welfare Services, computation of fees for services as per Section 912 of the Education Law, for children residing in West Valley Central School District and attending non-public schools in the Williamsville Central School District to begin on September 3, 2019 and to end on June 26, 2020. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Kowalski to approve the Data Privacy Officer job description and stipend information for this new State mandated position. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Harmony to approve CSE recommendations. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to surplus the following textbooks:

SAXTON - Course 2 Math ISBN 978-1-591-41835-1 (21 books)

Teacher Manuals (3)

SAXTON - Course 3 Math ISBN 978-1-591-41886-3 (2 books)

Teacher Manuals (2)

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Kent to approve a facility use request from a volunteer for Ashford Youth Incorporated, Mychelle McNeil-Wedvik - to have a table set up by the gym for baseball/softball sign-ups for 2020 summer league on March 4, March 11, March 19 and March 26 from 6-7:30 pm. Copy of insurance certificate is on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Kowalski to approve the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Supplemental Health Care Services for School Staffing Services on an as needed basis.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to approve an additional night to an existing facility use request from Jake Cranston to use the gym to play basketball on Monday and Thursday nights from 6-8pm, starting March 12, 2020 through the end of the school year, each participant will fill out a waiver to be on file in the district office. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XIII: Moved by Samborski, seconded by Kowalski to **ADJOURN** at 9:14pm.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk
Meeting minutes from transcribed dictation and audio