

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

Regular Meeting

February 10, 2020

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

Absent: Kowalski, O'Brien

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, Boberg, Jody Thiel, Alex and Adam Fisher,
Diane Westfall, Mark Jagard – Springville Journal

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Harmony to **ADOPT** the amended

AGENDA as follows: Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Darla Kent, Mike Harmony, Gary Niesyty, Eric Lawton and Ann O'Brien attended the Legislative Breakfast. It was very informative for everyone that attended. They would like to have a policy committee and look into more hands-on curriculum.

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

Alex Fisher gave a presentation regarding his potential eagle scout project in the grove. He would like to remove debris, repair benches, distinguish pathways through the woods and identify different tree species with plaques. The board asked Alex if there is anything, he needs help with doing this project to ask. There may be some trees that need to come down they can help.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton thanked Mike, Darla, Gary and Ann for attending the legislative breakfast. He met with George Borrello and Joe Giglio at their offices in Olean will several other superintendents. He was able to give them each a copy of the report that Ann put together about the impact of the demonstration project on our school.

Joe Pillittere works at the West Valley Demonstration Project as the communication manager for contractor CH2M Hill BWXT and will be attending our March meeting to give a presentation on the history, progress and the future of the West Valley Demonstration Project.

Matt Labrake will also be presenting at the April meeting regarding the guidance department and what is offered to our students.

He met with Bryan Hansen about the newly required District Data Safety Officer position and they created a job description. He will meet with the union regarding a MOA, review the job description and stipend/hourly wage. This position needs to be filled by 7/1/2020.

Recommends all the motions on the agenda.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo states we have been offering an intramural basketball program for students in grades 4-6 and have also provided for an after-school fitness program. Considering the time of year and college basketball we are looking to provide an after-school intramural basketball program for students in grades 6-12. The program may overlap with our upcoming "Girls on the Run" and Boys on the Right Track" programs so we will need to be flexible. Our long-term Art teacher has made a really smooth transition into the position. Jennifer has been a great addition to our staff and provided us with the opportunity to give our students true art instruction for the remainder of the year.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to approve the unofficial minutes from the January 13, 2020 regular meeting, October Treasurer's report, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities; October Warrants and October bank reconciliations. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Samborski to accept the letter of resignation, with regret, for the purpose of retirement for Kathleen Vacanti from her Elementary Reading teacher position, effective June 30, 2020. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Samborski to approve Debora Mahiques for a volunteer internship sponsored by Olmsted Center for sight, effective February 11, 2020. Fingerprint clearance is complete and on file. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve Michelle Enser as a substitute teacher (certified), effective February 11, 2020. Fingerprint clearance is complete and on file. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to approve Lynette Parker as a substitute teacher (certified), effective February 11, 2020. Fingerprint clearance is complete and on file. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Kent to approve January 26, 2020 as the end date for Molly Bly as the long-term substitute in the art position. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Harmony to approve Molly Bly as the full-time substitute teacher/ISS facilitator, effective January 27, 2020, salary and benefits as per the WVCS/WVTA contract. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XII: NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to approve the **first 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 under non instructional/business operations section

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Kent that the West Valley Central School District approves the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Kent 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 Lancaster Central School District to begin on September 1, 2019 and to end on June 30, 2020. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Harmony to approve a facility use request from Ashford Youth Incorporated, Mike Frascella to use the gym to practice softball on Wednesday nights from 6-8pm, starting February 12, 2020 through March 25, 2020. Copy of insurance certificate is on file.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Harmony to reappoint the following as members of the Audit Committee for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year; Bob Conrad, Cathy Osborn, and Tim Ploetz. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Harmony seconded by Cizdziel to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the West Valley Central School District and the West Valley Teachers Association who are parties to the Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021, two Superintendent Conference Days will be scheduled as workdays on September 2, 2020 and September 3, 2020. In exchange for adding the two workdays prior to Labor Day, November 25, 2020 will be added to the Thanksgiving break and December 23, 2020 will be added to the early winter break. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to approve the 2020/2021 school calendar. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Harmony to approve CSE recommendations. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Cizdziel 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. During the discussion part of this motion, board member Kent wondered why we are going ahead with the capital project before hearing the final report from the efficiency study. Lawton stated that the cost to retain services from Young and Wright and having information readily available would be offset by favorable bidding on the capital project. This would give the district the ability to offer the project up for bid at a time when bids traditionally come in at their lowest. This was proposed for the sake of keeping us on a schedule and giving us the possibility of better pricing. Board member Harmony questioned the number and type of options the architectural firm would provide on needed repairs. This concern would simply be a request issue and easily resolved. It was further discussed, the districts list of desired scope items for the potential capital project are not locked in and we have the flexibility to change items on the list. Cizdziel feels that we should move forward with the proposal because no matter what the efficiency study shows there are still items that need to be done with no cost to the taxpayers.

3 ayes (Samborski, Cizdziel, Niesyty), 3 nays (Kent, Harmony, Ploetz), motion rejected.

J. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Samborski to approve a 6th-12th intramural basketball program to be held 2 days per week from 2:45-3:45pm in the gymnasium from February 24-April 8, 2020. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Samborski to approve Rae Ann Lindberg, Christopher Schiumo and Bryan Hansen as the Boys' and Girls' intramural basketball coaches to facilitate this program. CPR/First aid certified. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

L. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Samborski to approve Alex Fisher's eagle scout project for grove clean up and repair as presented to the board. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to go into Executive session at 8:51pm for contractual discussion and no business will be conducted afterwards. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to come out of Executive session at 9:07pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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XIII: Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to **ADJOURN** at 9:08pm.
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk