

# West Valley Central School Board Education

## Official Minutes

**Regular Meeting**

**August 5, 2019**

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

Members Absent: Cizdziel, Kowalski

Others Present: Lawton, O'Brien, Amodeo, Boberg, Max Borsuk – Springville Journal, Lindsey Drozd, Gene Saville, Dennis McCauley, Charlie Davis

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Timothy Ploetz, Board of Education President presiding.

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

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

Dawn Samborski entered the meeting at 7:04 pm

Additions: Personnel item (I) Krista Frank child rearing leave

Deletions: none

Changes: none

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

### **IV. Correspondence/BOE information**

Eric Lawton reported that he received a letter from Webster Szanyi LLP Attorneys regarding an addition to their team

### **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.*

Lindsey Drozd introduces herself to the board of education as the potential school nurse for our district, if approved by the board. She looks forward to the opportunity. Dennis McCauley handed out a suggested parameter for WVCS Efficiency study from his perspective to the Board of Education.

**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.*

none

**VI. PRESENTATIONS**

none

**VII. REPORTS**

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reported on the administrative team attended a retreat at Holiday Valley on Monday and Tuesday. The keynote speaker was excellent and discussed how he started his own school in Philadelphia. One of the key elements of his school was an advisory period. This is where the students sit down with an advisor who is a member of the staff. They do some goal setting and talk about their plans for the future and any concerns they may have. They try to have the students start with an advisor throughout high school. We are implementing the advisory schedule once every two weeks beginning in September for the whole school. We have decided that we need to embrace the idea of being a small school and take advantage of the student to adult ratio. He believes that we will see positive results from implanting an advisory program.

He reached out to Vince Coppola from the Western New York Educational Service Council about the generalities of a study at WVCS. The district would like to have a representative from WNYESC to speak with the board of education about its options, need, what a potential study would look like. If it is determined to do a study, it would have to be bid out.

Eric asked the board who would like to be on negotiations for the WVSEA – Niesyty, Harmony and Ploetz.

Eric asked the board who would like to be on the safety committee for the district – Harmony, Niesyty and Samborski

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported that 95% of our Master Schedule for the coming year is completed. There are only a few minor adjustments and a final review. He anticipates the schedule, opening day letters to staff, and our Superintendent Conference Day agenda's to be mailed home by Tuesday of next week. Superintendent Conference Days are scheduled and a full agenda. On day 1 - a review of our Emergency Procedures, Faculty meetings, special education meeting, and a

session for extra-curricular activity advisors. On day 2 - CA BOCES will facilitate another Restorative Justice training in the afternoon, focus will be on planning how to incorporate these practices into our school day for the 19-20 school year. He met with Joe Demartino, the Athletic Director at Springville. In our meeting we were able to ensure consistency in the necessary forms and documentation our students need to be able to participate in fall sports. We have also sent out letters informing our athletes of any forms or documentation that is needed. Also discussed ensuring opportunities for our student sot participate in a full athletics program. To this end, we will now be combining with Springville for Boys/Girls Basketball at all levels, Baseball at all levels, and Softball at all levels. Previously in our merger discussions with Springville these sports were not included. All the paper work has been filed with both Section VI and ECIC League. Finally, we are still attempting to secure enough students to be able to have our own Girls Modified Volleyball team at West Valley, it all depends on the numbers.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported that a motion on the agenda is for the Cafeteria Contract Extension with Personal Touch. The extension document is a prescribed form developed by NYSED Child Nutrition that must be used.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Samborski to approve the unofficial minutes from the June 24, 2019 regular meeting with the following amendment: under Personnel item (D) change the stipend amount of \$1,800 to \$3,281.00; May Treasurer's report, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities; May Warrants; May and June bank reconciliations.

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**IX. PERSONNEL**

A. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to approve the following for the 2019/2020 school year;

Yearbook advisor Jackie Mumbach  
Yearbook assistant; Connie Jo Kazmierczak  
Safety Patrol Coordinator; Natalie Galvin

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to accept, with regret, the resignation of Steven Gregor from the position of 7-12 English teacher, effective 7/12/2019.

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to approve Lindsey Drozd as a full-time school nurse, effective September 1, 2019. Pay and benefits according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to authorize up to 5 paid work days throughout the summer for Lindsey Drozd, payment as for such work, according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Kent, seconded by Niesyty to approve the School Business Administrator Employment Agreement by and Between West Valley Central School District and Ms. Ann O'Brien for three (3) years commencing July 1, 2019 and terminating on June 30, 2022.

After the discussion part of the motion the board decided to TABLE the motion for further conversation in executive session, moved by Harmony, seconded by Kent 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to accept the resignation, with regret, of Glenn Ramsey from his bus driver position as of June 30, 2019. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to appoint Katerina Koutsandreas, who holds an Initial New York State Teaching Certificate in English Language Arts 7-12 permitting her to teach in the English Language Arts 7-12 tenure area, is hereby conditionally appointed to the position of 1.0 FTE English teacher for a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence on 9/1/19 and to end on 6/30/23. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Katerina Koutsandreas receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. The salary during the first year of this appointment will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule as outlined in the Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to authorize up to 5 paid curriculum work days throughout the summer for Katrina Koutsandreas, payment as for such work, according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Kent to approve Krista Frank for a child rearing leave to start on September 23, 2019 **(at the September 16, 2019 meeting the board amended this motion to read September 14, 2019)** through August 31, 2021, return to work beginning of the 2021/2022 school year. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**

none

XI: **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Samborski to surplus the kiln cress M# FX-27P; S# 84I I from the school inventory. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Samborski to approve the facility use request from Jodi Thiel, PTO for the entire 2019/2020 school year. She will notify the school of the date, time and what room would be needed for the upcoming meeting or activity. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve a facility use request from Mike Frascella to use the gym for WVCS students to practice volleyball on Sundays from 10am to noon starting August 11, 2019 until school starts. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Harmony to approve the internal claims auditor report dated July 30, 2019. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to approve the food service contract extension with Personal Touch Food Service Inc. for the 2019/2020 school year. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to go into Executive session at 8:25 pm for further discussion on the business official contract. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Harmony, seconded by Kent to come out of Executive session at 9:18 pm no business will be conducted. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 9:20 pm 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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District Clerk