

West Valley Central School Board Education

Official Minutes

Regular Meeting

June 24, 2019

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Members Present: Niesyty, Harmony, Ploetz, Cizdziel, Kazmierczak, Kowalski,
Absent: Samborski

Others Present: Lawton, O'Brien, Amodeo, Boberg, Max Borsuk – Springville Journal,
Bryan Hansen, Mike and Rachel Frascella, Christine Frascella, Orlando Perez, Jody
and Dave Thiel, Erin Parish, Kelly, Brian and Brandon Blackmon, Darla Kent, Rachel
Mychajluk, Brian, David and Virginia Reed, Jenny and Travis Dusterhus, Gerry Stead,
Joseph Papp, Connie Jo Kazmierczak, Shawna Gugino, Ken Dash

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 Kowalski to **ADOPT** the amended **AGENDA** as
follows:

Additions: New Business item (K)

Deletions: none

Changes: New Business item (J) July 13th changed to July 22nd

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

none

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.

*Mike Frascella thanked WVCS for providing our students with the tools to be successful and the Board of Education to support the programs. Congratulations to the top 5 students. Thank you to George Kazmierczak for his 15 years of volunteered service to the district as a board of education member.

*Jody Thiel thanked George Kazmierczak on behalf of the WVTA for always putting students first.

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.

Mike Harmony would like the board to look at the (3) policies that were given to them. Discussion will take place at next meeting. Questions about the auditorium.

VII. PRESENTATION

**Wildcat Way Above and Beyond Award*

Eric Lawton, Superintendent, George Kazmierczak, Board of Education member will present an award to the following recipients:

Top 5 Seniors

**Rachel Frascella is the Valedictorian for 2019. In addition to her regular coursework at WVCS, she completed the following college courses for credit: English Composition and Literature, United States History, Personal Finance, Elementary Statistics, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology. Her involvement has also included National Honor Society, chorus, band, softball, volleyball, bowling and many volunteer service opportunities.*

**Travis Dusterhus is the Salutatorian for 2019. In addition to the regular and honors coursework at WVCS, he completed the following college courses for credit: Personal Finance, Physics, Statistics, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Calculus II, Psychology, Literature, College Writing, American History, and Government. He attended the Ellicottville Center and Technical Center for two year for Power Equipment Technology. His involvement has also included National Honor Society, band, basketball, very involved in extracurricular activities and volunteer service opportunities.*

**Brandon Blackmon is third in his class. In addition to his regular course work at WVCS, he completed the following college courses for credit: Economics of Personal Finance, American History 101 and 102, Pre-Calculus, English and Writing 111, Elementary Statistics, Calculus 1 and 2, and Physics. He attended the Ellicottville Center and Technical Center for two years where he took Carpentry and Construction Trades.*

**Nathan Dash is fourth in his class. In addition to his regular course work at WVCS, he completed the following college courses for credit: SUPA Chemistry, SUPA U.S. History, SUPA Personal Finance, Houghton ENG 111, Houghton WRIT 111, JCC PreCalculus, JCC Elementary Statistics, GCC Physics, and HVCC General Psychology. His involvement has also included baseball, soccer, basketball, bowling, academic challenge team, band, chorus, school musicals and entered his art in many art shows at local colleges.*

**Brian Reed is fifth in his class. In addition to his regular course work at WVCS, he completed the following college courses for credit: SUPA History, GCC Physics, JCC Pre-Calculus, SUPA Cybersecurity, Houghton English, Houghton Writing, SUPA Personal Finance, and JCC Statistics, His extracurricular participation includes basketball, bowling, track and field, baseball JV soccer, marching and concert band.*

**Rachel Mychajluk was honored for her hard work as student council advisor, organized numerous fundraisers for charities that she turned into student competitions, helped plan the eighth grade Washington D.C. trip, other trips and events for students*

**Jody Thiel was honored for being the organizing force behind the Spring Fling and Fall Festival. She has coordinated both events between the PTO, West Valley Teachers Association and student council.*

**Joseph Papp was honored for his gardening expertise that he shared during the WVCS Community Day in the raised gardens going to the grove behind school.*

**Bryan Hansen was honored for his continued help with the technology needs of the district. He is also the kindergarten-grade 12 computer teacher, the Keystone Specialist for the district and helps with the WVCS community day. He is a tireless employee who works mornings and late evenings to ensure the technology needs are met for everybody in the district.*

**Nick Klahn was honored for his kindness to another student in need. What Nick displayed is the kind of atmosphere that we try instilling in how we want our students to treat another.*

**Kaley McCracken was honored for organizing the collection of money and supplies for the EARS Animal Rescue. She is an enthusiastic, friendly and helpful person who always has a smile to share.*

**Gerry Stead was recognized for going above and beyond making sure that all the requests are honored for Community Day. He is a teacher that encourages his students to reach their full potential.*

**George Kazmierczak was recognized for his 15 years serving the WVCS Board of Education. All your hard work and dedication has been appreciated.*

VIII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reports that there are two retirements this year Kathy Larsson and Michelle Enser. The auditorium and cafeteria will be painted in the beginning of July. New floors will be installed in the cafeteria and outside the library.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reports that interviews are being held for PE, English, long-term special education, science and long-term art teacher. The candidate for 6th grade teacher is on the agenda for approval. He attended the CTE graduation and the following from our school were award winners:

United BOCES Teacher Awards to Outstanding CTE Students
Michael Boberg - Heavy Equipment Operations

American Red Cross Award in Medical Assistant
Delaney Neuman – West Valley

Emerling Ford Outstanding Student of the Year
Scott McBurney – West Valley

Ellicottville Police Officer's Association
presented by – Officer Amber Graham
Lillian Shanley – West Valley

1 Year Perfect Attendance
Lillian Shanley

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported on Workers Compensation Reserve, TRS Reserve Sub fund and payment for buses out of excess – the board decided to add a motion to the agenda regarding payment of buses – New Business item (L)

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the May budget transfers. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Harmony to accept the resignation, with regret, of Zachary Gelen from his K-12 Physical Education Teacher position and Athletic Director position, effective June 30, 2019. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Niesyty to approve Leah Seltzer as a summer helper to work as a computer technology assistant at minimum wage starting July 1, 2019. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted.

C. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Cizdziel to approve Rachel Frascella as a summer helper at minimum wage starting July 8, 2019. Pending fingerprint clearance 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Niesyty to approve the stipend of ~~\$1,800~~ **\$3,281** for 2019 summer painting to David W. Fisher. (BOE made a motion to amend this motion at the August 5, 2019 meeting, under consent agenda) 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Kowalski to appoint Natalie Galvin, who holds Initial New York State Teaching Certificates in the following areas; Childhood Education (1-6) and Early Childhood Education (birth-2) permitting her to teach in the Elementary Education certification area, is hereby conditionally appointed to the position of 1.0 FTE Elementary Education teacher in the Elementary Education tenure area 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 Natalie Galvin 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. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

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

B. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the contract between the County of Cattaraugus and the West Valley Central School District for Approved Preschool Special Education Related Services and Special Education Itinerant Services to commence July 1, 2019 and to terminate June 30, 2020. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Kowalski to approve the contract between the County of Cattaraugus and the West Valley Central School District for Independent Evaluations for Preschool Handicapped Children to commence July 1, 2019 and to terminate June 30, 2020. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Harmony to approve the Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund Resolution as stated:

WHEREAS, the West Valley Central School District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS"); and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2019, the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District by resolution established a Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund known as the Retirement Contribution Reserve of the ERS Retirement Reserve Fund previously established pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined it is also appropriate to establish a sub-fund within said Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District, pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law, as follows:

1. The Board hereby establishes a sub-fund within the Retirement Contribution Reserve of the ERS Retirement Reserve Fund previously established to be known as the TRS Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund;
2. The source of funds for this Reserve Sub-Fund shall be:
 - a. such amounts as may be provided therefore by budgetary appropriation or raised by tax therefore;
 - b. such revenues as are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account;
 - c. such other funds as may be legally appropriated; and
 - d. notwithstanding any law to the contrary, such amounts as may be transferred from a reserve fund established pursuant to Section 6-c, 6-d, 6-e, 6-f or 6-g of Article 2 of the General Municipal Law, comprised of moneys raised from the same tax base as the moneys in the retirement contribution reserve fund, or a reserve fund established pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, provided that any such transfer shall only be made by Board resolution adopted after a public hearing held on at least 15 days prior notice published in at least one newspaper having general circulation in the District.
3. By resolution, the Board of Education may authorize expenditures from this Reserve Sub-Fund. Except as otherwise provided by law, moneys in this Reserve Sub-Fund may only be appropriated to finance retirement contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, and/or to offset all or a portion of the amount deducted from the moneys apportioned to the District from the State for the support of schools pursuant to Section 521 of the Education Law.
4. No member of the Board of Education or employee of the District shall:
 - a. authorize a withdrawal from this Reserve Sub-Fund for any purpose except as provided in Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law; or
 - b. expend any money withdrawn from this Reserve Sub-Fund for a purpose other than as provided in Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law.
5. The moneys contributed annually to the Reserve Sub-Fund shall not exceed 2% of the total compensation or salaries of all teachers employed by the District who are members of TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year.

6. The balance of the Reserve Sub-Fund shall not exceed 10% of the total compensation or salaries of all teachers employed by the District who are members of TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year.
7. The moneys in this Reserve Sub-Fund shall be deposited and secured in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Board of Education or its authorized designee may invest the moneys in this Reserve Sub-Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law. Any interest earned or capital gain realized on the money so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of this Reserve Sub-Fund.
8. The chief fiscal officer shall account for this Reserve Sub-Fund separate and apart from all other funds of the District. Such accounting shall show: the source, date and amount of each sum paid into the sub-fund; the interest earned by such sub-fund; capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of this sub-fund; the order, purpose thereof, date and amount of each payment from this sub-fund; the assets of the sub-fund, indicating cash balance and a schedule of investments. The chief fiscal officer, within sixty (60) days of the end of each fiscal year, shall furnish a detailed report of the operation and condition of this sub-fund to the Board of Education.
9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Niesyty to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the West Valley Central School District and the West Valley Teachers' Association who are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. The MOA is for a starting salary change for the School Nurse position and the effective date will be July 1, 2019. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Niesyty to approve a payment, in the amount of \$16,838, out of the Workers Compensation Reserve, for the additional premium incurred as a result of a claim awarded by the New York State Workers Compensation Board. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the following;

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District authorized and directs the following fund transfers:

1. \$55,940 from the undesignated fund balance to the District's previously established TRS Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund
2. \$33,149 from the undesignated fund balance to the District's previously established Retirement Contribution Fund

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Harmony to approve an AED Automated External Defibrillator machine, serial number 4404804 as surplus, it will expire on June 30, 2019. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Kowalski to approve a facility use request from Erin Parish for a WVCS Alumni Basketball game to be held on July 6, 2019 in the gymnasium starting at 3:30 pm. Participants will have waivers filled out and submitted. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve a facility use request from the Town of Ashford to host a Bicycle Rodeo to use the school parking lot to partner with the Sheriff Department for Bike safety session on July ~~13th or later date~~ 22nd or rain date of July 24th. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the following books as surplus:

*Saxon Math – 26 textbooks – ISBN: 13-978-1-600-32540-3

*McGraw-Hill Science - 30 textbooks – ISBN: 0-02-280037-9

*MacMillan/McGraw-Hill Reading – 21 textbooks – ISBN: 0-02-188570-2

*MacMillan/McGraw-Hill New York – Adventures in Time and Place – 32 textbooks – ISBN: 0-02-149112-7

*MacMillan – Beginning Dictionary – 15 books

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

L. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Harmony to approve a transfer to the capital fund, to reduce the cost of issuing debt, in the amount of \$159,688.00, for bus purchases approved by the voters on May 21, 2019. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XIII. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Kowalski to **ADJOURN** at 7:59pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk