

West Valley Central School Board Education

Official Minutes

Regular Meeting

April 8, 2019

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

Others Present: O'Brien, Amodeo, Boberg, Max Borsuk – Springville Journal, Brad Frank, Patty Kowalski, Jim Boberg, Larry Ploetz, Darla Kent, John Seltzer

Absent: Lawton

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:13pm by Timothy Ploetz, Board of Education President presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG

Tim Ploetz asked for a moment of silence for Paul Lawton (Eric's dad)

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

Additions: Personnel item (A) resignation of John Gamel from cleaner position

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 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.

Darla Kent stated that all the money from Cathy Young should go back to the tax payers.

Jim Boberg stated that you do not want to give all the money back because the district has done that in the past and it did not benefit tax payers in the long run. Giving all the money back is a one shot decrease for taxpayers, that is it. The years to follow that huge decrease you still have to balance your budget and the only way to do that is to increase the tax levy.

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.

Gary Niesyty started the discussion on the 2019-2020 budget - he wanted to know if the budget can come down a little more? Ann O'Brien stated the district will be seeing greater excess funds from the 2018-19 school year, resulting from an additional payment in lieu of taxes, money from Senator Cathy Young's office, decreased special education costs and a high BOCES refund. The board tabled action for the excess money at the previous meeting with O'Brien asking the board for a decision at this meeting for the use of the money. Ann O'Brien is looking for direction from this board of education. George Kazmierczak voiced his opinion about the best uses for the 2018-19 excess money. He feels paying off the school bus debt and looking at future building projects for the school is a step in the right direction. Before moving onto another discussion Steve asked if we could give Ann direction on what we want to do with the excess money. Is paying off the bus ban something the board wants to do with the excess money? Carolyn Boberg asked for a roll call – Harmony - aye, Cizdziel - aye, Kazmierczak – aye, Niesyty – aye, Kowalski – aye, Samborski – aye, and Ploetz – aye. All in favor to pay off the bus ban. Ann stated that paying off the bus ban is approx. \$218,000 and reducing the tax levy by 2.84% is the money from Cathy Young spent. Building projects including new doors or improved safety features is something the school can also look at with excess money. Other ideas that were discussed to bring extra revenue into the district included installing solar panels, opening the school for college satellite offices. Dan Amodeo recommended that if the board wants to explore these things, prioritize a list, make a direction and we will make it happen. We are all for increasing our revenue and marketing our school... we need that direction, our teachers, students and community need that direction.

VII. PRESENTATION

none

VIII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton - absent
B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported makeups were completed for the grades 3-8 ELA assessments. Refusal numbers for the assessments have decreased from last year. The no cell phone policy has significantly dropped discipline write ups. Friday and Saturday is the Shrek Jr musical - our students have been working hard. There will be a pizza fundraiser before the Friday show. Springville athletics have made contact with us and our students in grades 6-11 were bussed over to Springville to meet the coaches and tour the facility.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien report given during board comments

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Samborski to approve the unofficial minutes from the March 11, 2019 regular meeting and March 25, 2019 regular meeting.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. **PERSONNEL**

A. Moved by Samborsk, seconded by Harmony to accept the resignation of John Gamel from the position of cleaner, effective April 5, 2019. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI. **OLD BUSINESS**

none

XII: **NEW BUSINESS**

none

XIII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

none

Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Harmony to go into Executive session at 8:12 pm for union contractual matters and no business will be conducted afterwards.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Samborski, seconded by Kazmierczak to come out of Executive session at 9:12 pm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XIV: Moved by Samborski, seconded by Kazmierczak to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 9:13 pm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk