

West Valley Central School Board of Education

Official Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 11 2019

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

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, John Seltzer, Shannon Niesyty, Max Borsuk – Springville Journal, Brian Reed, Nathan Dash, Kyle Kornacki, Maddy Shanley, Lilly Shanley, Beccz Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Timothy Ploetz, Board of Education President presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG

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

Additions: New Business item (L) late – late bus start 3/13/19, New Business item (M) facility use request Rachel Mychajluk

Deletions: none

Changes: New Business item (K) add the following to the existing motion – pending fingerprinting and approval of our insurance

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Dawn Samborski entered meeting at 7:12 pm

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Steve Kowalski stated that the following dinner meetings are upcoming up;
Allegany Cattaraugus Association of School Board dinner meeting at Moonwinks on March 28 at 5:30 pm and BOCES budget meeting on April 3rd

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.

Mike Harmony would like the board to have a 5 year plan in place for their August meeting. Newsletter concerns were discussed.

VII. PRESENTATION

none

VIII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton congratulated Max Borsuk for being promoted to associate editor at Springville Journal. Congratulated Travis Dusterhus for being selected to receive an Educational Foundation Distinction Scholarship at Alfred State College. He was selected because of GPA and SAT or ACT score. Publicly thanked Cathy Young for her service. Her plan is to begin working with Cornell University Ag and Tech Program to help bring jobs to Western New York.

One of the new mandates that does not affect us yet has to do with having the local school districts evaluate the Private and Parochial school curriculum to be sure that they are meeting state standards and graduation requirements

A facility use form was submitted by Brad Frank on the request of the planning board to have a farmer's market on school property or in the auditorium. They are hoping to host them from 9-1pm August through October.

On March 20 met with the safety team to go over the plan. Very good meeting with a lot great ideas.

Ryan Dabrino from Cathy Young's office met with Eric regarding the continuation of effort in trying to receive extra money for West Valley.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reports that Mr. LaBrake, guidance counselor has been meeting with students regarding course selections for next school year. This is a process that we go through every year. Students are questioned on what other courses or interests they may have beyond what we currently offer. If there are common interests among the students to offer any new courses for the 19-20 school year. We have the WWII field trip and 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. trip coming up. On the next superintendent conference day we will have CA BOCES provide an initial training to our staff around Restoration Justice practices. Restorative Justice practices are not a replacement for consequences for student misbehavior. The focus of these practices is to better equip teachers and adults with the tools to be able to build relationships with students; in the way they speak to students, interact with students, and address misbehaviors. This has proven to be a successful approach to dealing with student misbehavior and reducing suspensions. It is a preventive approach to dealing with student discipline and can also be used as a peer mediation tool.

For the most part the "No Cell Phone Policy" has been accepted by the students. There has been a significant decline in the amount of drama created by the use of social media.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported of the most recent draft of the proposed budget, estimated revenues, and estimated tax levy. The tax levy has an estimated decrease of 2%.

Regarding the Farmer's Market I checked with our insurance agent. As long as the farmer's market can provide us with proof that they are insured we can host a farmer's market on school premises.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Samborski to approve the unofficial minutes from the February 11, 2019 regular meeting; October, November, December and January Treasurer's report, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities; October, November, December and January Warrants and October, November, December and January bank reconciliations. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to approve Kelsey Jeffs as a substitute teacher (uncertified), effective March 12, 2019 for the remainder of the 2018/2019 school year. Fingerprint clearance is on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Samborski to approve Steven Gregor (coach), Dana Lembke (coach) and Antonette Leonard (substitute) for the Boys on the Right Track program for the 2018/19 school year, pay according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Samborski to approve Julie Baren (coach), Antonette Leonard (coach) and Alicia Dix (coach) for the Girls on the Run program for the 2018/19 school year, pay according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the **second readings** of the following Board Policies:

"Certification and Qualifications" #6212 revised under the Personnel section

"Leaves of Absence" #6550 revised under Personnel section

"Military Recruiters' Access to Students" #7242 revised under the Students section

"Student Physicals" #7512 revised under the Students section

"Medication and Personal Care items" #7513 revised under the Students section

"Instruction in certain subjects" #8240 revised under Instruction section

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Harmony to approve the CSE recommendations. 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 4, 2018 and to end on June 27, 2019. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to approve a facility use request from Anne Malloy, WVCS Alumni Association member to use the cafeteria, kitchen and restrooms on Friday, July 5, 2019 to set up for banquet and Saturday, July 6, 2019 to hold their annual business meeting and banquet at 6:30pm, 80 expected participants. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Samborski to approve a facility use request from Brian Fish community member to use the gym/weight room for exercise during scheduled work hours of the cleaners, starting March 12, 2019, and each participant that is not a student of WVCS will fill out a waiver to be on file in the district office. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Kowalski to approve the 2019/2020 school calendar. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Harmony to nominate Stephen Kowalski as a candidate for the Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES Board seat representing Area 7 (Franklinville, Hinsdale, and West Valley). It is a three-year term, starting on the first day of July. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Kowalski to approve making the following changes to the 2018-2019 school calendar:

*currently March 22 is a scheduled superintendents day - change to students school day

*currently April 17 is the first scheduled day of break for staff/students – change to superintendents day

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve a facility use request from Michelle Enser, PTO member to use the library conference room on Monday April 29, 2019 for the plant sale final order count at 3pm, 15 expected participants.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Kazmierczak to approve a facility use request from Michelle Enser, PTO member to use the elementary library on Thursday, May 16, 2019 to hold their meeting at 3pm, 15 expected participants.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to approve to have an additional board of education meeting on March 25, 2019 at 7pm in the library conference room
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Harmony to approve Richard Gerlach as volunteer security person on a random schedule for the school during the remainder of the 2018/19 school year. (pending fingerprinting and approval of insurance)
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

L. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Kowalski to approve a late – late bus starting Wednesday March 13, 2019 at 5pm through the duration of the musical on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as needed. The bus will be designated for students participating in the musical only.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

M. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Cizdziel to approve a facility use request from Rachel Mychaljuk, student council advisor to use the gym on Friday March 29, 2019 for members of student council to play splat ball starting at 5:30 pm, 20 expected participants. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XIII: Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Kazmierczak to **ADJOURN** at 8:45 pm.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk