

# West Valley Central School Board of Education

## Official Minutes

**Regular Meeting**

**February 11 2019**

**Library-Media Center**

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

Absent: Kazmierczak, Kowalski

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, Gene Seville, Max

Borsuk – Springville Journal, Kim Lewis, Leanna Pfeffer, John Seltzer, Steve Kenworthy, Bob Harrington, Corrine and Shawn Bryant, Keith and Pam Herbst, Richard Gerlach

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

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Timothy Ploetz, Board of Education President presiding.

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG**

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

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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

Mike Harmony states that he has been gathering information on evaluating the board.

### **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.*

Pam Herbst addressed the board on her grandson transferring out of district and a bullying issue.

**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 brought the following topics of discussion and/or interest to the administration and other fellow board members:

\*a student voice at the board table \*open board communication with the unions and the following departments - bus garage, maintenance, cleaners \*would like to have the board approve a date for a maintenance walk through – when the walk through happens he thought it would be helpful to have the rooms listed by number in each section - so the committee can make note of what they see needs repair \*open the school for more after school activities for the students \*fireman convention in 2020 \* possible farmers market on school property – will have to check on insurance

**VII. PRESENTATION**

none

**VIII. REPORTS**

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reports that we are out of snow days for this school year. If we have some serious weather where he forced to call a day off, he will make that day a staff development day with a delayed start and staff only reporting. He will then have to change our March 22<sup>nd</sup> Superintendent Conference day to a student attendance day. Any days beyond that would have to come out of the Spring Break starting with Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

He attended a JMT meeting on Friday and they discussed the State budget for next year. The governor is positioning for a financial crisis. The additional PILOT money was not in the governor's budget for next year.

Big congratulations to Nathan Dash. His artwork was chosen to be displayed at Daemen High School Art Exhibit and he will be receiving a scholarship for his piece. Abby Proctor has been accepted to the Marine Science program at Jacksonville University. She was awarded a Merit scholarship and was selected for the University Scholar Program. Rachel Frascella also earned a full scholarship to Alfred State College Distinguished Scholars Excellence in Education Scholarship.

Received a request for our constables and after a discussion with Charlie Davis, he supports this idea. They are looking at a retired sheriff's car from the plant.

Bob Harrington attended the meeting to answer any questions regarding our current buses. He also stressed the importance of getting two new buses to replace a 65-passenger school bus (#87) and a 22-passenger school bus (#90). Bus 87 is a 2007 with approximately 108,212 miles and Bus 90 is a 2009 with approximately 80,569 miles.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reports on the need for a part time Social Worker. We have far too many students and families that are in need of additional support beyond what we are currently able to provide. With the increased social and emotional needs of our students a Social Worker would benefit our students and assist them in managing their school day and reducing, or at the very least, limiting the negative impact of life factors in their education.

Change to our Code of Conduct regarding electronic devices, specifically cellular phones. As of January 30, the use of cell phones and other such devices by any student will not be permitted in any area of the school building during regular school hours. This includes but is not limited to classrooms, locker rooms, study halls, bathrooms, nurse's office, library, and hallways. The main reason for this change is school safety and disruptions to the educational process. The requirement is that students who have cell phones keep them in their locker throughout the day, no exceptions. He then went over the process that will be followed if a cell phone is seen.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien began discussing the 2019-2020 budget process and reviewed revenues.

The cost of a 2019 – 22 passenger Chevy Collins is \$57,381.39. The cost of a 2019 – 65 passenger IC is \$112,205.78. The buses would be included as a separate proposition to vote on. After transportation aid the approximate local cost of the buses are \$13,255 and \$25,920, respectively. Typically, trade in values are worth \$2,000 to \$4,000. This is without trade in which would reduce the amount.

Tim Ploetz suggested to the board to into executive session before continuing with the next segment of the meeting for personnel and contractual reasons.

Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to go into executive session at 8:42pm.  
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted. He invited Kim Lewis to enter executive session.

Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to come out of executive session at 9:20pm.  
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion

## **IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Samborski to approve the unofficial minutes from the December 10, 2018 regular meeting; July, August and September Treasurer's report, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities; July, August and September Warrants and July, August and September bank reconciliations.  
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

## **X. PERSONNEL**

A. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to approve the Working Agreement and Conditions of Employment for Classified Confidential Staff for the 2018/2019 school year. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to accept the resignation, with regret, of Rachel Herbert from her position as a lunch monitor and substitute cleaner, effective February 1, 2019. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Samborski to approve Rachel Herbert as a substitute lunch monitor, effective February 2, 2019 for the remainder of the 2018/19 school year. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Harmony to approve Emil Erlandson as a substitute teacher (certified), effective February 12, 2019 for the remainder of the 2018/19 school year. Fingerprint clearance on file. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Samborski to approve Eva Gibson as a substitute monitor and substitute cleaner, effective February 12, 2019 for the remainder of the 2018/2019 school year. Fingerprint clearance is on file. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to approve Corrine Bryant as a substitute monitor and substitute cleaner, effective February 12, 2019 for the remainder of the 2018/2019 school year. Fingerprint clearance is on file. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to grant a Sabbatical Leave for Kim Lewis, Spanish teacher, for the 2019-2020 school year. 0 ayes, 5 nays, motion rejected

**XI. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to approve the **second reading** of the Board Policy "Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) #6551 revised under Personnel section of the Policy Manual. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to accept the highest bids on the following sealed bid miscellaneous items:

3-tier metal cart on wheels \$30, 5-tier metal shelf \$10.09, wood book case \$51, blue upholstered chair \$5, children's plastic playhouse \$10, small wood library chairs 2 for \$5, large wood library chairs 3 for \$4.50, library table \$10.50 and large folding table \$20.25.

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**XII: NEW BUSINESS**

A. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to approve the CSE recommendations. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to abolish the position of Director of Facilities 1. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Harmony to approve a facility use request from Michelle Enser, PTO member to use the library on March 7 and April 4, 2019 to hold their meetings at 6 pm, 25 expected participants. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to approve the **first 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

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to approve a facility use request from Jake Cranston to use the gym to play basketball on Monday nights, starting January 14, 2019 through the end of the school year, each participant will fill out a waiver to be on file in the district office. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the West Valley Central School District and the West Valley Service Employees Association who are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. They hereby agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the MOA to St. Aloysius. This MOA is effective from January 2 2019 through June 30 2019.

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the West Valley Central School District and the West Valley Service Employees Association who are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. They hereby agree to the terms outlined in the MOA for a unit member working additional hours. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty that West Valley Central School District approves the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2019-20 fiscal year. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve a payment, in the amount of \$1,520.07, out of the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund, for the consent order issued by the State of New York Supreme Court: County of Cattaraugus as a result of a tax certiorari proceeding for real property located at 5972 Ashford Hollow Road in Ashford, New York. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Samborski to approve West Valley Board of Education to include the purchase of (1) 65 passenger IC school bus at a cost not to exceed \$112,205.78 and (1) 22 passenger Chevy/Collins school bus at a cost not to exceed \$57,381.39, as part of its annual budget vote. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Cizdziel to approve a facility use request from Jennifer Glatz and Brienne LaBelle from Howard Hanna Real Estate Services to host a Community Open House in the school auditorium on February 9 209 from 10am – noon. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XIII: Moved by Samborski, seconded by Niesyty to **ADJOURN** at 9:31pm. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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District Clerk