

West Valley Central School Board of Education

Official Minutes

Regular Meeting

September 10, 2018

Library-Media Center

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

Absent: Cizdziel, Samborski

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, Meghan George-Baker, Steve Kenworthy, Gene Seville, John Seltzer, Max Borsuk – Springville Journal

I. CALL to ORDER

The 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

Moment of silence for Kent Hoppel, resident of West Valley.

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

Additions: Personnel item (O) Julie Baren additional coach for Girls on the run;
Personnel item (P) Derek Backert volunteer for Girls on the run

Deletions: none

Changes: none

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Steve Kowalski reports that the Catt/Allegany fall meeting is on September 27. Eric Lawton acknowledged the receipt of a letter from BOCES thanking West Valley Central School allowing Jody Thiel to present "STEAM in the Library" at the CABOCES"TECH" sploring Technology Camp in July. It was stated that Jody's session was engaging and a topic that was very interesting to their attendees. She shared some of the great things going in on the library at West Valley.

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. none

VII. PRESENTATIONS

none

VIII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reports on a smooth opening day and the safety plan was discussed with staff. Athletics - we are in the final year of the 4-year verbal sports agreement with Ellicottville. The board needs to start having conversations regarding this before January. It would be nice to host some sports here, for example; cross-country, track and maybe modified teams. The board asked Eric to reach out to the following schools Catt/LV, Ellicottville, Franklinville and Springville to see if interested in sports merger. The board would like to be provided again with the student survey that Ryan Winchip conducted at the end of last school year.

September 13 is the next community workshop at 7pm in the auditorium. Discussion on enrollment, tax rate and staffing. Rick Chapman will facilitate.

He provided the board information on what the requirements for publishing/announcing a board retreat, what can or cannot be discussed and if it can be facilitated. The board will pick a date for the retreat.

Motions on the agenda are recommended.

Enrollment –we had 25 students register to attend our school – buying a home or renting in our district.

B. Principal, Dan Amodeo reports on an excellent opening day for staff. Reviewed many of our procedures in both the Elementary and High School. These include everything from setting up gradebooks to when student reports are due. The Code of Conduct revisions were shared.

Opening day for students went well and it was great to see so many new faces in the building this year. The Code of Conduct was reviewed with all grade levels and the expectations at school. The school lockers are in horrible condition and with students using their lockers more he will do research on cost to replace. Presently, it is something that we can have the students deal with and work around, but long term this is something that needs to be addressed.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve the unofficial minutes from the August 6, 2018 regular meeting, April and May Treasurer's reports, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities, April and May Warrants.
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Kazmierczak to accept, with regret, the resignation of Leanna Pfeffer from the position of newsletter layout, effective August 28, 2018. During the discussion section of the motion Eric Lawton thanked her for her service.
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Harmony to approve Patrick Connor to the newsletter layout position for the remainder of the 2018/19 school year, effective September 11 2018, pay according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Kamierczak to approve Bryan Hansen for the National Junior Honor Society adviser for the 2018/19 school year, pay according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Harmony to approve Steven Gregor for the assistant Senior Class adviser for the 2018/19 school year, pay according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Kazmierczak to approve Dana Lembke as co-Junior class adviser for the 2018/19 school year, pay according to the WVCS/WVTA contract and will be shared equally. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Harmony to authorize Zachary Gelen payment for curriculum workdays starting 8/10/2018, which is prior to his effective date of employment (9/1/2018), payment as for such work, according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Kazmierczak to approve an amendment, to the employment terms and conditions, dated August 7, 2017, by and between the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District located in Cattaraugus County in the State of New York (hereinafter call the "Board") and Shawna Gugino (hereinafter called the "Director of Special Education").

The parties agree to amend Article III, Section 4 of the terms and conditions as follows: The stipend will increase by 3% for the 2018/2019 school year and 3% for the 2019/2020 school year. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Kowalski 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, hereby agree as follows: A teacher aide appointed to the position of bus monitor/aide will be paid at their current teacher aide hourly rate while performing the duties of bus aide. This agreement is effective September 5, 2018. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Niesyty to approve Patti Kowalski as a bus aide for the 2018/2019 school year, hourly rate in accordance with the WVCS/WVSEA – Memorandum of Agreement dated September 5, 2018. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Kowalski), motion accepted

J. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Niesyty to approve John Gamel, effective September 10, 2018, as a six hour per day cleaner, hourly rate and benefits in accordance with the WVCS/WVSEA contract. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Kowalski to approve abolishing a 3-hour cleaner position from the WVCS/WVSEA contract, effective September 11, 2018.
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

L. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Kowalski to approve Theresa Nowak, effective September 5, 2018, as an eight hour per day cleaner, hourly rate and benefits in accordance with the WVCS/WVSEA contract. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

M. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Harmony to approve Kelly Hansen as a substitute teacher (certified) effective September 11, 2018 for the 2018/2019 school year. Fingerprint clearance is on file. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

N. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Harmony to approve Zachary Gelen as the Ellicottville modified boys' soccer coach for the 2018 fall season, pay according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

O. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Kazmierczak to approve Julie Baren (coach) for the Girls on the Run program for the 2018/19 school year, pay according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

P. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Niesyty to approve Derek Backert as a volunteer to the Girls on the Run program, he attends Fredonia State College and needs internship hours for this Sports Management degree, once the District receives his fingerprint clearance he can start. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XII: NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Kazmierczak to approve residents of West Valley and school employees to use the facility for indoor exercise before and after school hours Monday through Friday when school is in session – days listed below. A Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk for Use of District Facilities form filled out each school year and on file for each person participating.

Monday through Friday 6:30am-7:30am; Monday through Friday 3pm-7:30pm and Friday 3pm-7pm when school is in session. West Valley residents will sign in and out on the visitor sign in sheet located in the main office.

The weight room can be utilized only, if the buddy system is used.

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XIII: Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Harmony to **ADJOURN** at 8:08 pm.
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk