

West Valley Central School Board of Education

Official Minutes

Regular Meeting

August 27, 2018

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

Absent: Cizdziel, Samborski

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, Shawna Gugino, Steve Wedvik, Max Borsuk – Springville Journal

**I. CALL to ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm 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 (A) Ashford constable

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 and Castallo and Silky presented their findings to the Springville board on August 14. He attended the meeting and the members of the Springville board pledged to be open minded to all of the information presented because this could benefit all students. Their board was very impressed with our course offerings and the financial status that WV district is in considering our size, high praise to Ann O'Brien, Business Official. Springville board states that it is a West Valley decision and there could possibly look at sharing without a full annexation study.

**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 spoke with the board about having a Board Retreat in the near future. This school year we are operating on a contingent budget and a facilitator cannot be paid, but we could go through BOCES. Tim Cox may have staff available that have assisted with such retreats and they may be able to help. He asked our school council what could be discussed at a retreat and shared it with the board.

This is the last year of the 4-year agreement with Ellicottville and we need to begin to discuss our plans with athletics. Unfortunately, Ellicottville canceled football cheerleading because only five students went out for the team. Three of those five were from West Valley.

The School Board of Education received information to start a new community outreach program, headed by School Psychologist Antonette Leonard and Guidance Counselor Matt LaBrake, CORP – permission was granted to proceed. The program would offer monthly meetings and trainings after school, create a resource list to provide parents with useful information, use surveys to determine the needs of the community, partner with community based programs and develop a resource team to work together and achieve its goals.

Bus inspection was completed and our buses passed. The cost of repairs to our current buses versus the purchase of a new bus with the return of state aid is unfortunate that the bus proposition was voted down.

The next Community Workshop scheduled for September 13 at 7pm.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reports on the new hire for the English position, master schedule is completed and the agenda set for the teachers first day.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reports on the potential memorandum of agreement, cleaning position and bus aid. She spoke of disadvantages of tuition students to other schools - once a school district does that it is hard to bring students back. At the August workshop, it was suggested that the school conduct studies on busing, sharing services and tuition - for school employees to do this in-house would take a lot of time away from other things that need attention and she feels it is better to have an outside agency conduct.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve the unofficial minutes for the following meetings; July 10, 2018 reorganizational, July 10, 2018 regular and July 23, 2018 regular, bank reconciliations for April, May and June; June budget transfers.

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**X. PERSONNEL**

A. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Harmony to approve Ashley Blackmon as a substitute nurse for the 2018/2019 school year. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Kowalski to approve Steven Gregor (coach) for the Boys on the Right Track program for the 2018/19 school year, pay according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 5 ayes, 0 nays motion accepted

C. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Kazmierczak to appoint Sarah Budde, who holds a permanent New York State Teaching Certificate permitting her to teach in the 7-12 English certification area is hereby conditionally appointed to the position of 1.0 FTE English teacher in the English tenure area for a probationary period of three (3) years, to commence on 9/01/18 and to end on 8/31/2021. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Sarah Budde 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. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Harmony to approve the Principal (Prek-12) employment agreement by and between West Valley Central School District and Mr. Daniel Amodeo. The Principal's terms and conditions of employment shall be for three (3) school years, commencing on July 1, 2017 and terminating on June 30, 2020. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Kowalski to approve Rachel Herbert as a substitute cleaner effective September 1, 2018 for the 2018/2019 school year. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Niesyty, seconded by Kazmierczak to approve Kara Andrews as a substitute teacher (certified) effective September 1, 2018 for the 2018/2019 school year. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**XI. OLD BUSINESS:**

none

**XII: NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Move by Kazmierczak, seconded by Harmony to approve Krista Frank, Zachary Gelen, Allison Spencer and Ashford constable as additional members of the Emergency Management Team. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve moving the October 15 scheduled board of education meeting to October 9, 2018. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved Kazmierczak, seconded by Harmony to approve the following Board of Education Goals:

- ✚ The Board of Education will increase the quality of district communications to better prepare all constituents to support student learning.
- ✚ The Board of Education will support programs that ensure that all schools meet or exceed Cattaraugus Allegany BOCES Regional average proficiency percentages for 3-8 ELA, Math and Science assessments, all Regents Examinations and Graduation Rates.
- ✚ The Board of Education will develop a fiscally sound instructional spending plan that promotes learning, engagement, student achievement, facility management and district advocacy to meet expected outcomes to support District goals.

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Kazmierczak to surplus technology (TV's, monitors, printers, smart boards, and laminator) items; complete list will be attached to the official minutes. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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

Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Harmony to go into Executive session at 8:13pm for personnel reason 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Harmony to come out of Executive session at 8:38 pm. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XIII: Moved by Harmony, seconded by Kowalski to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 8:39pm 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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District Clerk