

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 12, 2018

library conference room

Members Present: Kazmierczak, Ploetz, Cizdziel, Kowalski, Samborski,
Jackson-McCarty

Absent: Amodeo

Others Present: Lawton, O'Brien, Boberg, Max Borsuk – Springville Journal,
Amy Butler, John Seltzer, Rich Place – Salamanca Press, Stephanie Delano, Cameron
Stuhler

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm with Kowalski presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to **ADOPT** the **AGENDA** as is.

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

*Pre-Annexation study update and discussion – Eric Lawton received a draft copy of the pre-annexation study. They are working on finalizing the study and have to figure out what the best time for the public presentation from Castallo & Silky LLC Education Consultants would take place. The WVCS would like them to present the information to them and possibly make a decision on what to do next. If the board decides to move forward, they would plan a meeting with S-GI and Ellicottville Central School to present the information to their board. If WVCS decides they want to hold off for the time being, they would give the results to both districts to have. The presentation could take place as early as April.

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 school procedures, policies, budget.....

A sign in sheet is located next to tonight's meeting agenda. Please print your name, address and indicate if you would like to address the board by printing yes or no. Before the meeting starts, the sign-in sheet is collected and the Board President will recognize those that have indicated addressing the board during the Public Comments section of the agenda. You will be called in order, state your name and address. We ask that individual comments be limited to a few minutes in order to accomplish the evenings

agenda. This is a community comment section not a back and forth conversation between the community and board.

Those items brought to the attention of the Board during this time may be taken under consideration for future response or action. We respectfully ask that issues related to specific school district personnel or student(s) be brought to the attention of Eric Lawton, Superintendent (extension 4101 or elawton@wvalley.org) or Daniel Amodeo, Principal (extension 4106 or damodeo@wvalley.org) privately.

No public comment

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.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

none

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton stated that since February 14, constables from the Town of Ashford have been coming into WVCS on a regular basis voluntarily. Town Supervisor, Charles Davis and he have had conversations about the best way to continue their presence. Eric stated that it would be less predictable if the constables come into the school at random times throughout the day. Cattaraugus Superintendents met with Cattaraugus County Sheriff Tim Whitcomb and Brandon Walters, who is in charge of all the student resource officers in the county. During the meeting, Walters asked to be able to speak with the constables to make sure they are following the proper protocol if something were to happen in the school. One of the biggest things brought up during the meeting was trying to make schools a hard target rather than a soft target.

DOE and NYSERDA will be holding scoping meetings in various locations to give people the opportunity to voice their opinions on the West Valley site, the scoping and SEIS process and alternative decommissioning actions proposed for phase two of the project.

Cheryl Henry is looking over our 5-year plan and updating it with the work that is recently completed. We also have her coming out to look at the sidewalk, as it appears to be chipping.

The annual community service day is on May 4 details in the upcoming newsletter. Steve Kowalski and Teaseleman Jackson-McCarty will be on the negotiations team.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo absent – Eric read his report. On March 16th is our last superintendents day conference and the day will be packed with a session on Teacher Connect, which is a new function in eSchool, our student management system. The day will also include identifying topics for professional development with a focus on that professional development affecting positive changes in student achievement and school climate.

Mr. LaBrake is almost complete with course requests for students in grades 7-12. In the next few weeks, students will be taking placement tests to determine their eligibility for upper level courses. Students have all had the opportunity to choose a CTE program of their interest for the 18-19 school year.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported that on the agenda is a bus purchase resolution. If agreed upon by the Board, we would be putting up a bus proposition along with the budget vote. We are looking to purchase a 2018, 22 passenger Chevrolet Collins at a cost of \$55,732 (this amount increased from \$53,232). This would replace, Bus 90, a 2009, 22 passenger Chevrolet Collins with over 70,000 miles and keep with the District's replacement schedule, which is typically one bus per year. She went over all budget documents handed out at the meeting.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Samborski to approve the unofficial minutes for the February 12, 2018 regular meeting and February budget transfers.
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Kazmierczak to vote on B – J policy changes as one motion:

B. Approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Code of Ethics for Board Members and All District Personnel" #6110 revised under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual.

C. Approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Temporary Personnel" #6220 revised under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual.

D. Approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Searches and Interrogations of Students" #7330 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

E. Approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions" #7521 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

F. Approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Rights of Non-Custodial Parents" #7241 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

G. Approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Regular Board Meetings and Rules (Quorum and Parliamentary Procedure)" #1510 revised under the By-Laws section of the Policy Manual.

H. Approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Diploma or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities" # 7222 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

I. Approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Child Abuse and Maltreatment" #7530 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

J. Approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Registration and Professional Development" #6218 revised under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. **PERSONNEL**

A. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the following **BOARD RESOLUTION:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints and employs Eric J. Lawton as Superintendent of School, for the period of three (3) school years, commencing on July 1, 2018 and terminating on June 30, 2021 and further approves the Employment Agreement dated March 12, 2018 setting forth the terms and conditions of such appointment and employment.

During the discussion portion of the motion, Teaseleman Jackson-McCarty moved to go into executive session, Samborski seconded at 8pm 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted.

Kazmierczak made a motion to come out of executive, Cizdziel seconded at 8:59pm 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Kowalski asked Cizdziel and Kazmierczak respectively if their original motion would stand – they agreed. 4 ayes, 2 nays (Ploetz, Samborski), motion accepted

B. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve Ashley Blackmon as a substitute registered nurse, effective March 13, 2018. Fingerprint clearance on file. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. **OLD BUSINESS:**

none

XI: **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Kazmierczak to approve CSE recommendations. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Jackson-McCarty) motion accepted

B. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the West Valley Board of Education to include the purchase of (1) 22 passenger Chevy/Collins school bus, model C/T G33503 at a cost not to exceed ~~\$53,232~~ \$55,732 (update figure according to Ann O'Brien) as part of its annual budget vote.
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve West Valley Central School students and teacher volunteers to participate in a Community Service Day on May 4 2018. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve a facility use request from Michelle Enser to use the gym and both locker rooms for a High School Fun Night. Approximately 50 participants on ~~Friday, March 23~~ Monday, March 26 from 6:30-8 pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve a facility use request from Michelle Enser to use the library for a PTO meeting on Thursday, March 22 from 7-8 pm. During the discussion portion of the motion, Steve Kowalski thanked the PTO for everything extra that they do for our kids.
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve a new West Valley Art Club for grades 9-12 to start in the 2018/2019 school year.
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Cizdziel to go into Executive session at 9:06pm for discussing a student discipline situation with no business to be conducted afterwards.
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Cizdziel to come out of Executive session at 9:26pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Cizdziel to **ADJOURN** at 9:27pm.
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk