

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 8, 2018

library conference room

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

Absent: Kowalski, Samborski

Others Present: O'Brien, Lawton, Boberg, Max Borsuk – Springville Journal, Jim Boberg, Mary Fleischman, Steve Wedvik, John Zerfas, Amy Butler John Seltzer, Rich Place – Salamanca Press, Mike Frascella, Madison Fleischman, John Seltzer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm with Cizdziel presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the amended agenda as stated below.

Additions: Under New Business item (E) facility use

Deletions: none

Changes: none

4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Eric Lawton stated that after speaking to Castallo & Silky LLC Education Consultants and Ann O'Brien Business Official regarding Ellicottville's request for the consultant firm or West Valley paying their staff to gather information for the study – they agreed not to do this. Ellicottville has communicated that they are not interested in participating in the study. Castallo & Silky and Ann O'Brien have gathered enough information to do the financial portion of the pre-annexation study between WVCS and ECS. Eric contacted ECS superintendent and told him that they would not need to gather any information. The presentation for Springville-Griffith Institute will include all the requested information.

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 evening's 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.

*Mike Frascella thanked the board for volunteering to do a thankless job, starting up the talks again with both districts – this is important because you want all the information on the table to make an educated decision for what is best for our district and our kids. Our school is a very important part of this community and if the school were to close, we would all still have to pay school taxes. He also thanked the board and the district for the many opportunities provided to middle/high school students ranging from offering more athletics with neighboring districts to college level courses and offering many elementary extra-curricular opportunities. Any time we have an opportunity to give our kids anything whether it is Ellicottville or Springville, as long as the kids get the opportunity, he is happy.

*John Zerfas stated that he agreed with everything that Mike said and he thanked the board.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Within this section of tonight's agenda, the Board of Education or Administration may take the opportunity to comment on matters of interest or concern.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

none

VIII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton recommended the tenure appointment for Kyle Woodin in Special education. This appointment should have been done prior to the 2011 school year – just cleaning up.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo absent Eric Lawton covered his written report. The middle school staff have nominated six 7th grade students to attend a Leadership Seminar at the Dresser Rand Challenger center on Thursday, January 18. The Leadership Conference sponsored by the Catt-Ally Principal's Association and is devoted to developing young leaders.

Mrs. Spencer is going to begin holding auditions next week for this year's school musical Dear Edwina Jr for grades 4-12th. We are hoping that the numbers of participants will not be affected by the many other extra-curricular activities that students are participating in.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported on five new policies. Prepaid property taxes – Governor Cuomo issued an executive order allowing for the pre-payment of property tax in response to the recent changes in federal tax law. In conjunction with this, the IRS issued an advisory opinion that said property taxes paid prior to being assessed were not deductible in 2017. School districts levy taxes in the fall of each year. Currently there is no mechanism to accept payments prior to taxes be assessed. The governor gave his state of the state address on January 3. The governor did not release any school budget aid runs. This is the second year in a row he has not released them in early January. I hope that we will have something by the time we review our first budget draft in February.
No mid-year cuts mentioned – which is good.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Ploetz to approve the unofficial minutes for the December 11, 2017 regular meeting. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Ploetz to vote on B – F policy changes as one motion:

B. Approve the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Budget Planning and Development" #5110 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual.

C. Approve the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Budget Adoption" #5130 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual.

D. Approve the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Reserve Funds" #5512 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual.

E. Approve the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Financial Accountability" #5570 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual

F. Approve the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Audit Committee" #5572 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual.

4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Ploetz to approve Kyle Woodin as a part time (over 40%) special education teacher in the special education teacher tenure area effective 9/1/2011. This was a 2 year tenure track due to having tenure in another tenure area. Tenure granted on June 30 2013 by estoppel.
4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Sports and the Athletic Program" #7420 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.
4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Kazmierczak to approve CSE recommendations. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Kazmierczak 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 Frontier Central School District to begin on October 1, 2017 and to end on June 30, 2018. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Ploetz to approve the following 2018 spring programs: Girls on the Run and Boys on the Right Track.
4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Kazmierczak to accept the following children's books as a donation to the school library in memory of Janice Osborne; (1) "Amelia Bedelia Chapter Book #1: Amelia Bedelia Means Business, Parish, Herman"; (1) Mighty, Mighty Construction Site, Rinker, Sherri Duskey; (1) The Bad Seed, John, Jory; (1) The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors, Daywalt, Drew; (1) After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again), Santat, Dan; (1) The Stray Dog: From a True Story by Reiko Sassa, Simont, Marc from Edwin Osborne.
4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Ploetz to approve a facility use request from Amy Butler to use the gym, locker room and equipment for Girls Elementary Intramural volleyball. Approximately 20 West Valley School students from grades 4-6th will participant on Feb 15, March 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 6-7:30 pm.
4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Ploetz to go into Executive session at 7:39 pm, for the purpose of district involvement in a lawsuit. No action after executive session. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to come out of Executive session at 7:59 pm. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XIII: Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to **ADJOURN** at 8 pm. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk