

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

December 11, 2017

library conference room

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

Absent: O'Brien

Others Present: Amodeo, Lawton, Boberg, Max Borsuk – Springville Journal, Shawna Gugino, Cindy Dayton, John Zerfas, Bill Heim, Steve Wedvik, Ashley Frank, Erika Seltzer, Haven Ford, Rena Riley, Megan George-Baker, Amy Butler

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:01pm with Kowalski presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the agenda as is:

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Steve Kowalski and members of the board acknowledged and thanked Brad Frank for his service to the board. He has been a beneficial member and will be missed.

*Pre-Annexation study update and discussion

Steve Kowalski said he, Kimberly Cizdziel, Eric Lawton recently had a meeting with three ECS board members and Superintendent Bob Miller to discuss and answer any questions regarding the pre-annexation study as ECS was hesitant to give some information to Castallo and Silky LLC Education Consultants. During the meeting, Ellicottville stated that they did not see much merit to follow through with gathering the needed information and thought it would take more time and effort. They feel that their district is in pretty good shape right now, their enrollment is decent, they are financially doing well and they don't really see a need to annex another district at this point. At the next scheduled ECS board meeting, the needed time to collect information for the pre annexation study was discussed. Eric Lawton received an email from Bob Miller stating

they felt putting the time to collect all the information for the pre-annexation study would be prohibitive on their part. ECS is willing to collect the information for the financial impact of the study, but asked if WVCS would pay the ECS employees to gather the information over a weekend. The cost would be approximately \$350 for each person. Ann O'Brien Business Official said it would be hard to pay the ECS employees in a way that meets all the criteria that the district's auditor would approve. Members of the WVCS asked to have Eric contact Castallo and Silky to see if they would pay ECS to gather the 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 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.

John Zerfas feels that the board has been dragging their feet going forward with the pre annexation study and it has caused a school that was interested to lose interest. Bill Heim feels that he has brought many businesses to West Valley and they are tired of the high taxes. He states that the school should have closed five years ago.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

*Senior class officers presented the itinerary and costs for the senior class trip.

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reported that he and Ann attended the Legislative Breakfast at Genesee Valley on December 9, 2017. He thanked them for sponsoring the event. Very informative – topics of discussion were the following; the federal tax plan will hurt public schools, teacher retirement system & special education reserves would allow schools to plan for increasing costs, fund balance needs to incrementally increase to 10%, tax cap formula- make the cap greater than or equal to 2%, end funding with strings attached, repeal APPR-Annual Professional Performance Review. He attended the WNYRIC advisory council meeting on Wednesday at Erie 1 BOCES in West Seneca – discussed the future billing for small, medium and large school districts and are doing their best to keep costs to 2% or below.

Attended a training at the Harris Beach Law offices and they reviewed the newly intensified sexual harassment issues and the best way to avoid being caught up in a lawsuit. Discussion on the new paid time off for non-public businesses and the impact that could potentially come to public employees.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported that our annual Holiday Show is on Thursday, December 21 in the Auditorium. The show will begin at approximately 1pm and will include the Elementary classes and some of our secondary music classes. Band and Chorus winter concerts are scheduled for December 13 and December 14 respectively. Both events will begin at 7pm.

We provided ASVAB testing for seven students this past week the ASVAB focuses on four areas: Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension and Mathematics Knowledge. While many associate ASVAB with the military, the assessment itself is a very good tool for informing students of strengths and weaknesses as well as guiding them to potential careers.

During the month of January we have scheduled a field trip to the CTE center for the 10th grade students to determine if they would like to enroll in a BOCES program for the 2018-10 school year. Students will attend three different courses at the CTE center and this will help them to make a decision on a program they would like to attend.

Girls on the Run/Boys on the Right Track have a spring program and will need to register for them. The programs would be approximately 10 weeks from March 19-June 2. I believe the girls 5k is held at UB North and the boys 5k is held at Woodlawn Beach in Hamburg.

He has completed compiling all of the required information requested by Castallo & Silky for the Annexation study. He has emailed and sent a hard copy of the information to Dr. Silky on Tuesday

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien – absent. The board received a paper copy of her report.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the unofficial minutes for the November 13, 2017 regular meeting, August and September Treasurer's reports, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities, August and September Warrants and August and September Bank Reconciliations.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve Laurie Gerstenslager to begin bus driver training on November 30 2017. Pay according to the WVCS/WVSEA contract. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Samborski to approve Laurie Gerstenslager as a substitute bus driver, effective December 12 2017. Pay according to the WVCS/WVSEA contract. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve Laurie Gerstenslager as a substitute monitor and substitute cleaner for the 2017/2018 school year. Pay according to the WVCS/WVSEA contract. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Samborski to approve CSE recommendations. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Frank, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve a facility use request from Michael Frascella for 10-20 participants to use the gym starting on Sunday December 17 2017 from 10am-noon for Volleyball open gym. If not West Valley students, a wavier will be signed and on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve a facility use request from Michael Frascella, Ashford Youth, Inc. representative for 10-20 participants to use the gym to practice softball starting on Wednesday evenings from December 13 2017 through April 2018 from 6-8:30pm. If not West Valley students, a wavier will be signed and on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Frank, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve a facility use request from Indrek Kongats from Westwood Wizards Girls Basketball program for 5-10 participants to the use the gym starting on Sunday December 17 2017 from 4-6pm for practicing basketball techniques. If not West Valley students, a wavier will be signed and on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve a facility use request from Emmalea Erlandson for 2 participants to use the gym and weight room for strength and conditioning starting on Monday December 11 2017 through January 11 2018, time will vary. It was explained to the participant that while the facility is used during this period, two people would be there at all times Will notify the school for its availability. A wavier will be signed and on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Frank, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Sports and the Athletic Program" #7420 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the 2018-2019 Budget Development Calendar. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the 2017/18 Organizational Chart. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I Moved by Samborski, seconded by Frank to accept the following children's books as a donation to the school library in memory of Janice Osborne; "Mix It Up!" Tullet, Herve, "Let's Play!" Tullet, Herve, "Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs: As retold by Mo Willems", Willems, Mo, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", Carle, Eric, "The Very Lonely Firefly" (Penguin Young Readers, Level 2) Carle, Eric, "The Very Clumsy Click Beetle" (Eric Carle's Very Series) Carle, Eric, "The Very Quiet Cricket" (Avenues), Carle, Eric, from Bud and Marylou Williams, Deborah and David Battistoni, Lynda and George Schwob, Cheryl and Doug MaLzan, Clayton Osborne and his family. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the senior trip to Clearwater Florida, from June 16 through June 21 2018. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Steve Kowalski stated that the board of education acknowledged the resignation of Brad Frank as a member effective December 11 2017. In his capacity as an officer in the Army National Guard, he was notified of deployment for approximately one year. He will be unable to fulfill his duties to the board and his term expires June 2018. The board thanked him for his years of service.

The board has three options to fill the seat:

- *call for a special vote
- *can appoint someone
- *leave it empty

The board of education members decided to leave it empty due to his term expiring in June 2018. At the May 2018 election, whomever is voted in for that particular seat would start their term immediately.

XII: Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to ADJOURN at 9:07pm.

District Clerk