

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Special Meeting

October 26, 2017

library conference room

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

Absent: Kazmierczak

Others Present: Amodeo, Lawton, O'Brien, Boberg, Jackie and Richard Conrad, Dawn Ford, John Seltzer, Ann Ploetz, Max Borsuk – Springville Journal

I. CALL TO ORDER

Special Meeting called to order at 6:34pm with Kowalski presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Ploetz to approve the agenda as stated:

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion between the Board of Education and Castallo and Silky LLC, Education Consultants regarding the following Proposal: Feasibility/Pre-Annexation Study for the West Valley Central School District. Bill Silky, Suzanne Gilmour and Steve Bocciohatt made a presentation and answered any questions the board had about their company and what they would do in a pre-annexation study. The same areas that are required by New York State Education Department in a full annexation study are required in a pre-annexation study but, just not in as much detail. The study will look at enrollment, history and projections, programs and courses offered, current state of the facilities, transportation, staffing and the overall finances of the district. The board and Silky also discussed the possibilities of shared services. Silky will provide them with additional information to look at this possibly for the future. Silky states that a pre-merger study takes much less time, with one major reason being that the state does not require an advisory committee for a pre-annexation study where one is needed for the full study. In March, they should be able to present results to the board as long as both districts are cooperative in providing needed information. If not, the information can still be gathered but with a little more difficulty. It is much easier with willing participants that is why they requested Eric to contact each superintendent from the two districts. Brad Frank was unable to be at the meeting – asked Steve to bring up the following points; is there a way to gauge the public sentiment to do the pre-merger study? Bill Silky stated

that this has never been done in pre-merger study just full merger. There should be three options within the pre-merger study; WV/Ellicottville, WV/Springville and West Valley to remain autonomous. Bill Silky will provide us with a list of items needed to complete the study.

After a discussion, the board decided to make a motion to hire Castallo and Silky to conduct the pre-annexation study.

B. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Cizdziel to approve Castallo & Silky LLC Education Consultants to conduct the Pre-Annexation Study for the West Valley Central School District according to the proposal dated September 4, 2017.
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

V: Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Samborski to **ADJOURN** at 7:29pm
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk