

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

October 16, 2017

library conference room

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

Absent: Kazmierczak

Others Present: Amodeo, Lawton, O'Brien, Boberg, Max Borsuk – Springville Journal, Shawna Gugino, Amy Butler, Jodi Thiel, Meghan George-Baker, Bryan Hansen, RJ Alvarez, Ashley Frank, Erika Seltzer, Ashley Laudisio, EJ Thiel

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. ADOPT AGENDA

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

Additions: personnel item (C) Erika Seltzer as substitute cleaner

Deletions: none

Changes: none

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Steve Kowalski mentioned that the Cattaraugus Allegany School Boards Association would hold a new board member training on November 4. This training would be beneficial for all newly elected members. In the Springville Journal, dated October 12 an article regarding the upcoming town election. Two current council members of West Valley are running for their seats unopposed. In one council member article, he writes that one of his main goals for the town is to find a way to lower taxes for residents, which he believes annexing the West Valley Central School is one way to do that. Steve is surprised that he feels annexing the school would be the fix for the town.

Brad Frank, with regret, tendered his resignation from the WVCS Board of Education, effective December 11, 2017. In his capacity as an officer in the Army National Guard, he was notified of a deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, lasting roughly January 2018 to December 2018. This deployment will leave him unable to fulfill the duties to the board. The board members thanked him for his service and wished him well.

The board will discuss their options for the vacant seat.

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.

no comments

VI. PRESENTATIONS

- Board Appreciation – Eric thanked the members of the board for the time they spend serving the school community. He presented the board with a coffee mug and a lapel pin. The pin had a story card with it regarding Hope, Optimism and Determination. Amy Butler is a member of the WVTA, taxpayer and resident of West Valley for years and presented the board members with individual plates of baked good. She thanks the board for their service to the school.
- Senior class advisor Meghan George-Baker and senior class assistant Bryan Hansen discussed the student idea for the senior trip. The students would like to do the following:
 - Fly-Buffalo to Florida (gulf side)
 - Rent 2 vans – 12 passenger vans
 - Rent a beach house
 - Daily excursions to nearby places – ropes course, historical Landmarks, Amusement/ Water Park
 - Most meals at the beach house

The board members and advisors discussed in length the pros and concerns.

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reported on modified track, discussed pre-merger study – Castallo and Silky are available on either October 26, November 1 or November 2 to give a presentation to the board. Carolyn will call each of the members tomorrow to see what date works best for the majority, school car/deer, the gate for the exit ladder behind the back of the building was installed, lights in the parking lot are going to be harder to replace due to the age of the fixtures, three bids went out to tree companies to get a quote on taking down trees on the school property.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo thanked the West Valley Volunteer Fire Hose Company for bringing fire trucks to the school and giving a presentation on fire safety during fire prevention week. The fire company brought items for the students to take home to their families.

After school, we will again give the opportunity for students in 7 & 8 grade and 9- 12 grade to use the weight room.

Intramural activities will begin the last week of November through March for grades 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 until AYI and SYI begin in the spring.

Gerry Stead traveled with interested juniors and seniors to the Operating Engineers training facility in Lakeview, NY on October 4 to attend the Construction Career Day. Students were able to experience all of the trades through hands on activities, operating equipment, and to speak with individuals who work in these fields.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reports that as co-chapter president of the Allegany Cattaraugus Association of School Business Officials she was asked to attend the state ASBO leadership conference in Bolton Landing by Lake George. A large part of the conference was dedicated to looking for ways to make both the state association and local associations more valuable to its members in terms of support and education.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the unofficial minutes for the September 11 2017 regular meeting and October 2 2017 special meeting. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve Diane Westfall as the Professional Partner for Julie Baren for the 2017/18 school year, pay is according to the MOA between WVCS and the WVTA date September 2015. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Samborski to approve Ashley Martin as the Professional Partner for Steve Gregor for the 2017/18 school year, pay is according to the MOA between WVCS and the WVTA dated September 2015. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve Ericka Seltzer as a substitute cleaner for the remainder of the school year. Fingerprint clearance is not necessary for high school students. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Board discussed the two pre-merger study proposal received, one from Castallo and Silky and Western New York Council. The board would like the study to show three options; WV/Ellicottville, WV/Springville and WV to stay as its own district.

XI: **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Moved by Samborski, seconded by Cizdziel to approve a facility use request from Antonette Leonard for 60 student participants to use the track and cafeteria to fulfill the requirements for the Girls on the Run and Boys on the Right Track program on October 29 2017 from 10am -12pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve Dana Lembke (coach) for the Boys on the Right Track program for the 2017/18 school year. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the senior class to rent a beach house in the gulf of Florida and rent (2) vans for the senior trip in the spring of 2018. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Samborski to go into Executive session at 8:07pm to discuss superintendent contract and contractual issue. No business afterwards 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Samborski, seconded by Cizdziel to come out of Executive session at 8:54pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: Moved by Samborski, seconded by Cizdziel to **ADJOURN** at 8:55pm
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk