

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

June 12, 2017

library conference room

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

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, Emil, Chad and Emmalea Erlandson, Amy Butler, Darrien and Estelle Shanley, Jeanette and Kyle Grzechowiak, Marisah and Hailey Croakman, Rachel, Chris and Walker Herbert, David, Julie, Taylor and Alyssa Smith, Lori, Don Jacob Kearney, Leanna Pfeffer, Desirae Phillips, Shawna Gugino, Antonette Leonard, Katie Joyce, Todd and Derrick Miller, Paul Bembia, Tracy and Kelsey Chai, Tracy and Sidney Ploetz Max Borsuk-Springville Journal

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. Moved by Frank, seconded by Cizdziel to **ADOPT AGENDA** with changes listed:

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: Personnel item (E) – July 30th date should be the 31st.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Kowalski reminded the board members that on June 26, 2017 from 5:30-7:30pm NYSSBA will be holding a New Complimentary Reception at the Old Library in Olean. Let Carolyn know if you will be attending so she can register you.

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.

none

VI. PRESENTATIONS

*Katie Joyce presented, on an after school program for girls. The Girls on the Run (GOTR) is a nonprofit, 501(c)3, after school youth development program for girls in the 3rd – 8th grades. Our mission is to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, research-based curriculum that creatively integrates running.

- Girls meet twice a week after school for 90 minutes
- We have a fall program (September – November) and a spring program (March-June)
- Each season runs for 10 weeks
- Our coaches are volunteers.
- Our curriculum tackles topics such as body image, negative self-talk, resisting peer pressure, gratitude, gossip, nutrition, making healthy decisions and contributing to the community.
- These life lessons are taught using interactive games and the power of running and over the course of 10 weeks, we train the girls to run a 5k (3.1-mile) race.
- All girls run the GOTR 5k in the fall (at Delaware Park) or the spring (University at Buffalo). Our 5k is noncompetitive and all girls receive a finishing medal.

We want to instill at an early age that physical activity and running can transform their life. The deeper purpose of running focuses on building self-esteem and improving emotional, psychological and physical health. Ultimately, we want girls to feel good about themselves so they will be less likely to engage in unhealthy behaviors.

Program offered currently in Erie County but they would like to offer it in Cattaraugus County. She explained what the site should provide, participant registration, program fees and scholarships, coaches and their requirements and group size. She will continue discussions with Dan Amodeo and hopes to bring this program to West Valley.

****Wildcat Way Above and Beyond Award***

Eric Lawton, Superintendent, Stephen Kowalski and Kimberly Cizdziel Board of Education members presented awards to the following recipients:

Top 10 Seniors

- *Kelsey Chai*
- *Jacob Kearney*
- *Emmalea Erlandson*
- *Sidney Ploetz*
- *Taylor Smith*
- *Brenna Green*
- *Sydney Shanley*
- *Marisah Croakman*
- *Kyle Grzechowiak*
- *Derek Miller*

West Valley Student

- *Madelyn Winsor*
- *Elizabeth Winsor*

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reported that at the May 23 special meeting, motions on the agenda after discussion were tabled and the board requested more information. The board tentatively set up another special meeting for June 1 with the same two motions. However, before the next special meeting, the BOE wanted Ryan and himself to meet with Bob Miller, Mark Ward and Karl Schwartz to discuss the current sports agreement. To have an open discussion on what can be done to make it more beneficial for both school districts. It was agreed that there would be a Varsity, JV and two modified teams, a volleyball coach from WV needed, to hold some practices and games here. There was no need to have the June 1 meeting, so was canceled. The decision to hold monthly meetings with superintendents and athletic directors of both schools would help keep communication open. The board requested a report sent home to them so they also can know how the agreement is going.

The academic award dinner was on Monday and our students' successes were recognized. The band concert was excellent and a great display of our students talent. The chorus concert featured many students performing original songs. It was true authentic assessment. Our students were amazing; we even had a third grader accompany his chorus for a song on the piano.

He recommended the approval of all motions on the agenda.

On the agenda is a motion for accepting the resignation of Jim Howe. He has been with the district for 22 years. He thanked him for all of his hard work. Jim came up with effective ways to clean our facilities, including an ozone machine with his own adapter to wash our windows. Using no chemicals, this was also a reduction in costs and made our school more environmentally conscious.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported on staffing. On the agenda is a motion for the appointment of Carleen Conrad to the Elementary Special education position in a 12:1:1 classroom. She will be a great addition to our staff and community.

Summer reading program. The four-week program has continued to assist our students by maintaining the growth in the previous academic year and in many cases continue that growth shown by our students. Currently we have 10 students recommended and will finish with our recommendations early next week.

Regent exams begin next week. Additionally, 7 and 8 graders will take their finals during the morning session from Tuesday to Friday. Scoring of all Regents exams except Chemistry will be in partnership with Pioneer high School.

Rachel Mychajluk is approved by Syracuse to attend SUPA US History training.

Meghan George-Baker is approved to teach SUPA Chemistry. The plan is to alternate SUPA Chemistry and GCC Physics every other year. This has been done in the past and would be a benefit to the students' course load and fitting in another college course to our academic program. SUPA Chemistry aligns well with the regents in Chemistry and our students will prepare for that. 11 and 12 graders are eligible to take SUPA Chemistry. Our students will be able to take up to 51 college credits.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien no verbal report

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Fleischman, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the unofficial minutes from the May 8, 2017 regular meeting, May 8, 2017 Budget Hearing and April Treasurer's reports, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities, April Warrants, April Bank Reconciliations and budget transfers.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve Kelsey Chai as a summer helper to work in the building and grounds department at minimum wage starting July 10, 2017. Fingerprint clearance will be on file.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve Erin Parish as a summer helper to work in the building and grounds department at minimum wage starting July 10, 2017. Fingerprint clearance on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve Patrick Enser as a summer helper to work in the technology department at minimum wage starting July 10, 2017. Fingerprint clearance on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Frank, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between West Valley Central School District and the West Valley Teachers' Association to provide correction to the current CBA dates July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018 in section 4.21.

WVCS and WVTA agree to the following: The stipend for the Chess Club will be the same as the National Honor Society, with a 3-tier payment for each of the years of the current contract. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Fleischman to accept a letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, with regret, from Jim Howe for the following positions: Head Cleaner and Safety Coordinator effective July 30 31 30, 2017.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Fleischman to appoint Carleen Conrad, who holds a Professional New York State Teaching Certificate permitting her to teach in the Elementary Special Education certification area, is hereby conditionally appointed to the position of 1.0 FTE Elementary Special Education teacher in the Special Education tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence

on 9/1/17 and to end on 6/30/2021. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Carleen Conrad receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. The salary during the first year of this appointment will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule as outlined in the Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement.

During the discussion of the motion Dan Amodeo stated that she would have been here tonight but her 4th grade class at orchard park school was having an author share.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve a request from Rae Ann Lindberg to take a voluntary transfer to the 1.0 FTE Physical Education K-12 position, effective September 1, 2017. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Fleischman, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve a request from Kim Lewis to take a voluntary transfer to the 1.0 FTE Spanish 7-12 position, effective September 1, 2017. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve a facility use request from Erin Parish for a WVCS Alumni Basketball game to be held on July 8, 2017 in the gymnasium from 4-5:30 pm. They will need access to the locker rooms, bathrooms and hallway for this event. On July 6th and 7th the basketball players would like to use the gym and locker rooms to condition. The time for practice is unknown at this time. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Frank to approve a facility use request from Michelle Enser for the PTO to have a meeting on August 23, 2017 at 7pm in the library. They will plan and organize events for the 2017/2018 school year. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve a facility use request from Michelle Enser for the PTO to have a Fall Festival on Friday September 29 2017 from 4-8pm, activities will take place on the front lawn, possibly auditorium and cafeteria. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve a facility use request from David Schuman, West Valley Demonstration Project Security Manager to use the West Valley Central School track on June 20, 2017 from 9:30-10:30am. The purpose of this request is for three of their employees to run a protective force physical fitness testing. They will also have five to six observers (including an EMT).
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to surplus several library books (**list attached to official minutes**) from our current catalog due to the new circulation system. This is a recommendation of BOCES and using the Texas MUSTIE standards. The majority of the books have never been checked out of the library, in disrepair or in poor condition. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Fleischman, seconded by Frank to approve setting the Annual School District Reorganizational meeting and Regular Board of Education meeting to follow on Tuesday July 11, 2017 at 6:30pm in the library conference room
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Fleischman to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District hereby authorizes and directs the following fund transfers:

1. return of the unused portion, \$130,843.79, of the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund to the General Fund
2. re-establishment of the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund in the amount of \$130,843.79
3. transfer of up to \$242,758.86 from undesignated fund balance to the capital fund for the District's Capital Improvements Project 2014
4. transfer of \$33,149.00 from the undesignated fund balance to the District's previously established Retirement Contribution Fund
5. transfer of any remaining excess reserves over 4%, up to \$300,000.00, to one or more of the following: Retirement Contribution Reserve, Workers Compensation Reserve, Unemployment Reserve, or Capital Reserve for the purpose of funding future obligations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the fund transfers set forth above shall be deemed effective June 30, 2017, and that the Superintendent shall be authorized to undertake all actions necessary to implement the intent and operation of this resolution.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to accept a book donation from Bill and Carol King in memory of Kate Boberg, Martha Stewart's dinner at home: 52 quick meals to cook for family & friends, by Stewart, Martha and a book donation in memory of Chris Gerwitz, 50 things you should know about music, by Baker, Rob. These books will be available to check out of the library soon.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Fleischman to accept a donation by Jeffrey Stevens from Alfred State College - a Kilo Watt meter and 4 solar panel kits (each kit contains): (1) solar panel, (2) LED lights (1 red and 1 green), (2) light bulb bases, (1) package of electric leads and (1) multi meter. These kits will be in the library for teachers to check out and used as part of our STEAM days in the library.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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

K. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve an elementary summer reading program to be held here at West Valley Central School. Transportation will be offered. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

L. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve Kathy Vacanti as the summer reading teacher, pay will be according to the WVCS/WVTA contract.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to go into Executive session at 8:12pm for the purpose of discussion on elementary counselor position. No business after executive session. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Frank to come out of Executive session at 9:03pm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Frank to **ADJOURN** at 9:03pm
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk