

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Special Meeting

May 23, 2017

library conference room

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

Others Present: Lawton, Boberg, Max Borsuk-Springville Journal, Amy Butler, Cindy Dayton, Michael Frascella, Ryan Winchip, Jason Czapl, Mackenzie Czapl, Ashley Frank, Caitlyn Cizdziel, Lesley Durandetto, Michele Smith, Samantha Smith, Patty Kowalski, Tom, Leah and Erika Seltzer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Special Meeting called to order at 8pm with Kowalski presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to **ADOPT AGENDA** as is:

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Ryan Winchip, WVCS Athletic Director said that after looking at the amount of students who signed up for volleyball this year, he saw the possibility of starting up the programs back at West Valley. The district currently sends athletes to Ellicottville Central School but with high sign up numbers; both schools could potentially have their own programs. This could eliminate the need for cuts and possibly make the overall program stronger by giving the students more playing time and experience. We have 21 students that signed up for volleyball, this could break down to a 10 player modified team and an 11 player varsity team. ECS has 34 volleyball players signed up for Modified, JV and Varsity. He is very passionate for our students and wants to give our students every opportunity.

There was good dialogue between board members and residents. There are concerns with stepping away from Ellicottville because what if either school has injuries or students quit - the programs could fall apart and this would affect all students. A resident asked, if we could field another team and would we pull out of that sport. What if the next year we could not field a team -would we then try to combine again. Mark Ward, Bob Miller, ECS athletic director, Ryan Winchip and Eric Lawton will meet to discuss this proposal. Another resident concern was that this special meeting held tonight was too short of notice for residents to attend. Ryan explained that there are league time constraints and if this was a possibility, we needed to move on it. Two WV student athletes spoke about the stresses that have occurred in the combined sports agreement: traveling to Ellicottville every day for practice -it is like going to an away game every day, gym at ECS is too small for the number of volleyball players last

year and there is more this year, sitting the bench, interest in sport is lost due to no playing time, would learn more by playing the sport and this could be accomplished by having two modified teams and the communication with ECS needs to be better.. . We have a 4-year agreement with Ellicottville for combining sports and the 2nd year was just completed.

George Kazmierczak made the motion to **TABLE** both motions under new business, due to needing more information, seconded by Frank. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted With direction from the board - Eric Lawton, Superintendent will contact Mark Ward of Ellicottville and Ryan WInchip will contact Karl Schwartz to get more information on the specifics of the agreement and answer questions that were raised by the board and public. Potential special meeting set for June 1st at 7pm to discuss further if needed.

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.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

none

VII. PERSONNEL

none

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

none

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

~~A. Consider a motion to approve a West Valley Girls Modified Volleyball team for the 2017/18 school year. **TABLED**~~

~~B. Consider a motion to approve a West Valley Girls Varsity Volleyball team for the 2017/18 school year. **TABLED**~~

X. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Frank to **ADJOURN** at 9:29 pm

District Clerk