

West Valley Central School Board of Education

Annual Budget Hearing

May 8, 2017

Auditorium

Hearing called to order at 7pm with Charles Davis presiding.

Charles Davis read the Propositions listed on the Legal Notice of West Valley Central School.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing, where school administrators will present the proposed 2017-2018 school budget for the West Valley Central School District (the "District"), will be held on Monday evening, May 8, 2017 at 7:00PM EDT in the WVCS Auditorium.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Vote, School Vehicles Purchase Vote and School Board Member election will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 from 12:00 noon to 9:00PM EDT in the WVCS Gymnasium.

The purpose of voting will be on the following three propositions:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET

Copies of the proposed budget and the propositions will be available in the District's Main Office on May 2, 2017, fourteen (14) days beforehand, upon request, to District residents during normal school hours (8:00AM – 4:00PM EDT) Monday through Friday. Copies will also be available through the May issue of the School Newsletter, at the Budget Hearing and during the time of voting.

PROPOSITION NO. 2
(1) 65 Passenger school bus, (1) Chevrolet Impala, (1) Dodge Grand Caravan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the West Valley Central School District (the "District") is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) 65-passenger school bus, at an estimated maximum cost of \$107,444, one (1) Chevrolet Impala, at an estimated maximum cost of \$20,714, one (1) Dodge Grand Caravan, at an estimated maximum cost of \$21,022, and related school vehicle equipment for use in the transportation program of the District, at an estimated maximum combined cost of \$149,180, being the aforesaid estimated maximum cost, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and, in anticipation of such tax, bonds or other obligations (including, without limitation, obligations arising under leases, lease/purchase contracts or installment purchase contracts having a term of not more than five years) of the District shall be issued or entered into in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State law.

PROPOSITION NO. 3
ELECT (1) CANDIDATE FOR BOE MEMBERSHIP

Please note the following information on the available BOE seat:

- a. Five-year vacancy resulting from the term expiration of Mary Fleischman

School Board Candidate Note: In order to be on the ballot, eligible candidate for membership on the Board of Education must have filed a Nominating Petition, signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters and identify the specific seat for which the candidate is running, including the name of the incumbent and the length of the term of office to be filled.

Dawn M. Samborski has completed and filed the required paperwork with the District Clerk for her name to be present on the ballot.

Mr. Charles Davis introduced Ann O'Brien, Business Official. She provided the audience with a handout of an overview of the 2017/18 budget.

Ann O'Brien, Business Official introduced Dan Amodeo, Principal. He reported on the 2017/18 academic program highlight. College course offerings: SUPA Biology - 8 credits, SUPA Economics – 3 credits, SUPA Cybersecurity – 3 credits, Houghton English – 6 credits, Hudson Valley Psychology – 3 credits, GCC Physics – 4 credits, JCC Elementary Statistics - 3 credits and JCC Pre-Calculus – 3 credits. New college courses to be offered in 2017/2018: JCC Calculus – 8 credits and JCC US History – 6 credits or SUPA US History - 6 credits. With the addition of these two college courses, the number of credits offered at West Valley will be 47. This is equivalent to a year and a half worth of college credits and a great financial benefit to our students and families.

For our secondary program – expansion of our entertainment technology courses into Programming I & II, 3-D design, Literature & Film (English elective) and instructional support team for grades 7-12. For our elementary program – maintain state required and recommended contact time for elementary electives including PE every day for grades K-3, twenty weeks of art, twenty weeks of music, library and computer instruction. Positive Behavior intervention and supports (PBIS): a school wide behavior, social skills, and character education program and response to intervention (RtI) in grades K-6. Extra-Curricular opportunities for elementary – mentoring, Lego league, K-3 STEAM club, chess club, piano and sewing. Extra-Curricular opportunities for secondary – foreign language club, concert, jazz, and marching band, colorguard, Lego League, Academic Challenge, Trap club, technology education club, toastmaster student club, SADD, school musical, ski club, family reading and family reading. Special education programs – 12:1:1 (K-2), 12:1:1 (3-5), elementary consultant teacher and resource room program and secondary consultant teacher and resource room program.

Charles Davis asks if anyone has any questions – Gus Werchowski asked if we currently offer all the college courses listed and how many students are enrolled in each course? Dan stated that we do currently offer all the college courses listed, with the exception of next year's potential additions. According to our school policy, we have to have at least six

students enrolled in a course to offer it. Our teachers have gone through the college recommended training to teach these courses, with the exception of one course. These courses become part of the teachers' schedule. He also asked if we have any problems with these college classes transferring to the student's choice of college - we have not had any problems with this process. George Neudeck asked if the money that it will cost to have the pre-merger study done is already in the budget. Ann said that it is, under a contingent budget we could not do the study. George also asked about Ellicottville's tuition for out of district students. It was stated that it costs more to educate a student than the amount of tuition that they are receiving for 200 out of district students. Steve Wedvik asked how the self-induced contingent budget effected the school – for non-academic – there has been limitations – the purchasing of much needed student desks and lawn mower. Academics – we have experience no limitations because under contingent budget - academic spending is allowed.

Charles Davis introduced Eric Lawton. He reported on the capital project status and that there are still some items on the punch list but almost all of it is complete.

Charles Davis welcomed everyone to the West Valley Fire Company Banquet Hall for a solar meeting on May 18th at 6pm. He closed the hearing at 8:09pm