

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

**Regular Meeting**

**January 9, 2017**

**library conference room**

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

Absent: none

Others Present: Amodeo, Lawton, O'Brien, Boberg, Max Borsuk-Springville Journal, Amy Butler, John Seltzer, Ryan Winchip, Taylor Smith, Kelsi Chai, Brandon Blackwell, Spencer Keller, Sydney Shanley, Jacob Kearny

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG**

### **III. ADOPT AGENDA**

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

### **IV. Correspondence/BOE information**

Hodgson Russ LLP conference is this Friday at the Millennium Hotel in Buffalo, if any other board members would like to attend please contact Carolyn. The board will be contacted with any upcoming Harris Beach seminar information.

### **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. PRESENTATIONS**

none

**VII. REPORTS**

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton asked the Athletic Director, Ryan Winchip to address the board regarding information he gathered about the possibilities of starting some modified sports here at West Valley. He stated that looking at the number of potential West Valley student athletes we have; our student participation has dropped over the past year by about 30 percent since all of our sports were sent to Ellicottville. It might be beneficial to have a modified program here to develop the basic skills of that designated sport, experience and it might encourage more students to become involved. Three main reasons for the drop in participation: the length of the school day with travel time to Ellicottville, a reduction in "social athletes" who mainly join sports to hang out with friends and a lack of playing time. Bringing something back would give the students and community a sense of school pride. Dan Amodeo, Eric Lawton and himself projected the numbers of athletes for all the different modified sports teams to see which sports they could have enough students to field a team. While some sports were out of the question, other sports are possible. The board will have further discussions regarding modified sports at a later meeting. The Board then discussed track and field for the 2017 spring season but there are time constraints, and it is very close to the deadline. They asked Ryan to talk to Franklinville regarding track and field and do another poll of our students that would be interested participating at WV school. Once that information is collected and it looks like they need to have a special board meeting next week, it can be scheduled.

The following motions are on the agenda and recommended for approval; first reading of the Public Expression at Meetings policy, Megan Kupka as an uncertified substitute teacher, Erin Parish as a substitute aide and substitute clerical, and accept the resignation of Robert Guenther. Approve a change in the hourly pay rate, as there has been a change in the minimum wage, and join the Rural Schools Association, and facility use request from Michelle Enser PTO.

The new alarm system in the bus garage has been going off on a regular basis, heat sensor. The way the system is set up there is no way to distinguish which sensor. There is a man coming from the company to check the system tomorrow.

Need for executive session for personnel and student reasons.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported that January regents will start on the 24<sup>th</sup> and most of the students will be retaking exams that they have not passed or would like to earn a higher grade. All juniors will be administered the English Common Core exam.

Our APPR plan that is aligned with Education Law 3012-d and was approved prior to the Winter Break. There will not be drastic changes with the implementation of the new APPR.

Career cruising is a program that the school will be purchasing through one of our BOCES Cosers's. This online program is a K-12 program that will assist us on meeting the expectations of NYSED's requirement for a K-12 School Counseling Plan.

On January 12, interested 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be visiting the Ellicottville CTE center.

We will have three 7<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in a leadership conference at the Dresser Rand Challenger center on Wednesday, January 18 and sponsored by the CA BOCES Principal's Association and Mr. Kenworthy will be the chaperone.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported on the Affordable Care Act. Busy with the end of year reports, Medicaid cost report, half of the funds the district receives and the other half goes to the state of New York, districts are spending more money then what they are saving. Asset Control Solutions conducted a fixed asset inventory.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Fleischman to approve the unofficial minutes from the December 5, 2016 regular meeting and December budget transfers. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**IV. PERSONNEL**

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve Megan Kupka as a substitute (uncertified) teacher for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. Fingerprint clearance is on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Fleischman, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve Erin Parish as a substitute aide and substitute clerical for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. Fingerprint clearance is on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to accept, with regret, the resignation of Robert Guenther from a substitute driver position, effective December 13, 2016. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**

none

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Kowalski to approve the CSE recommendations. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the minimum wage to be the hourly rate of pay for substitute monitors and substitute clerical staff; minimum wage plus \$.25 to be the hourly rate for substitute cleaners; \$20 to be the hourly rate for substitute nurses; \$19.45 to be the hourly rate for substitute bus driver – drive time, and \$13.60 to be the hourly rate for substitute bus driver – down time; \$19.45 to be the hourly rate for substitute bus mechanic; substitute per diem as \$70 for non-certified substitute teacher assistants or substitute aides; substitute per diem as \$75 for uncertified teachers and certified teacher assistants and substitute per diem as \$90 for certified teachers. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Fleischman, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve joining the Rural Schools Association Membership for the remainder of the 2016/2017 school year. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to acknowledge entering into a contract of agreement for the purpose of providing Health and Welfare Services, computation of fees for services as per Section 912 of the Education Law, for children residing in West Valley Central School District and attending non-public schools in the Frontier Central School District to begin on October 1, 2016 and to end on June 30, 2017. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve a facility use request from Michelle Enser for the WV PTO, up to 20 people, to hold a meeting in the library on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7pm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Public Expression at Meetings #3220 revised under the Community Relations section of the Policy Manual. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to go into Executive session at 8:17pm for personnel items, with no business afterwards. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Frank, seconded by Cizdziel to come out of Executive session at 8:48pm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: Moved by Frank, seconded by Cizdziel to **ADJOURN** at 8:49pm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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District Clerk