

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

December 5, 2016

library conference room

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

Absent: none

Others Present: Amodeo, Lawton, O'Brien, Amy Butler, Jody Thiel, Sidney Ploetz, Patty Kowalski, Ann Ulmer, Brenna Green, Marisah Croakman, Connie Poulin

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: NB item (I) band trip

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Last Thursday, School Boards meeting was very informative.

Two items of correspondence. Taylor Smith, senior, wrote a letter to the board of education regarding the use of the weight room for students after school. She would like the board to consider a certified supervisor that would be available after school or a weight room club so students can stay or get it shape.

Sydney Shanley, student, wrote a letter to the board of education regarding bringing back some of the sports that we do have enough students to participate in. He would prefer playing a sport for his school than a different school. Maybe we could do JV and modified teams here at West Valley He feels that it will bring pride back to West Valley and the community. Track is a sport that you do not need a set amount of athletes to have a team. He asks that the board please reconsider the decision to send all sports to Ellicottville. The board decided to have Ryan Winchip, Athletic Director come to the next Board meeting to discuss.

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.

Ann Ulmer, resident, would like to thank the board for going forward with the annexation study. She feels that the board will be wasting their time looking at Springville, ECS is the best fit for our students. She would like the board to reconsider doing an annexation study with Springville, it should be just with Ellicottville.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

none

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reported that there are a few things on the agenda to consider; 2nd reading on updated policies, recommend Deb Randall as a substitute teacher, one-day unpaid for maternity for Meghan Gentner, accept resignation of Beth Roy and approve Jody Thiel as Library Media Specialist, MOA to add the school psychologist position to the WVTA Collective Bargaining Unit and MOA for mentoring chaperones, recommend John Gamel Jr as a substitute monitor in the cafeteria, Antonette Backert as the school psychologist, Morgan Green as a substitute teacher aide, MOA for paid supervision for student use in weight room, appoint the following as supervisors for students to use weight room; Jackie Mumbach , Rebecca Adamchick, Rae Ann Lindberg, Ryan Winchip and Meghan George-Baker, recommend Krista Frank as Odyssey of the Mind Coach, approve facility use request, surplus social studies and science books. Several students have approached us about indoor track.... for next school year with Springville. If we have under 5 students, we will not provide transportation. Recommend approving the planning of the senior trip, budget calendar for 2017-18.

Thoughts and prayers go out to George and his family.

Bus accident discussed – nobody was hurt and no tickets issued.

Building project electricians were in, burning smell in the cafeteria, replaced ballasts, found out it was the salad cooler.

This past Friday he attended the tree lighting in front of the Community center, thanks to Jean Bond, Charlie Davis, Gerry Stead and Bryan Hansen for putting together the tree stand, our chorus and other local choruses sang. The Girl Scouts and 4H supplied hot coffee.

He shared an email from our substitute Art teacher – Rachel Braun.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported on the itinerary for Band trip to Boston, MA.

Our two teams competed at the qualifying tournament at Houghton College on November 19th. Our two teams finished 5th and 6th out of 18 teams for the robot mission portion of the competition. One of our teams won the "Best Project" award out of the 18 teams that competed. For our first year of completion this was an outstanding job by our students and coaches. Our teams were made up of students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade and were competing against teams that were made up of primarily 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students. I am looking forward to continuing the first Lego league program and we will make some adjustments for next school year.

After talking with BOCES and looking at our policy manual we have a current policy for Early Release. We would not need a new policy for Early Release as a senior privilege; we would need a regulation to follow the policy. He gave a copy of the Early Release Regulation and form that would go along with this regulation.

The holiday show will take place on Thursday, December 22nd from 1-2:15pm. He met with staff that will be supervising the after-school weight room. They have created sign-ups that we will be put out to students next week. Our PE teacher will provide an orientation to the weight room and machines on Monday and Tuesday of next week. The program will start the week of December 12th for students in grades 7-12.

Two reward activities have been held for our students for their achievements during the 1st quarter. On Monday, November 21st for 7-12th our teachers put on a Neon themed reward party. On December 1st we had our 4th-6th Merit/Honor/High Honor Roll breakfast. Congratulations to all of the students for their hard work and success.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported on a proposed budget calendar and it is no different than what we did last year. One meeting a month...if we need one we can add to that.

Budget preparation is underway. Thursday evening Eric, Steve and Ann attended the Allegany Cattaraugus School Board Association meeting. David Little who is the Executive Director for Rural Schools and Julie Marlette who is the Executive Director for Governmental Relations at NYSSBA spoke about the political climate at the federal and state level and how it may relate to future funding for schools.

One of the concerns at the federal level is the impact a voucher system could have on current education funding. The president elect has made it clear that he is a proponent of a voucher system. It has been said that as much as 20 billion dollars could be diverted from current funding to support a voucher system. This could cause a reduction in money received for Title programs and special education.

At the state level, due to where we are at in the election cycle, the feeling is there will be less of an incentive to direct increases in funding for schools to the extent we have seen in the last couple of years. The one shot revenues the state has received in recent years from bank settlements and fines are going away. On top of that the millionaire's

tax is set to expire December of 2016. The state is projecting a deficit for the current year and a structural deficit in future years.

Steve stated that it would be advantageous for the school to join Rural Schools.

VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the unofficial minutes from the October 3, 2016 and November 7, 2016 regular meetings, September and October Treasurer's reports, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities, September and October Warrants, September and October Bank Reconciliations and November budget transfers

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

voted on letters B – L policy changes as separate motions:

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Business of the Annual District Election" #1611 revised under the By-Laws section of the Policy Manual.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Ploetz, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Visitors to the School" #3210 revised under the Community Relations section of the Policy Manual.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Fleischman, Jackson-McCarty to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Use of Service Animals" #3215 revised under the Community Relations section of the Policy Manual. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Public Expression at Meetings" #3220 revised under the Community Relations section of the Policy Manual. After the discussion portion of the motion regarding the usage of the word shall and may; results of roll call are as the following; Ploetz – nay, Jackson-McCarty – nay, Cizdziel – aye, Frank – nay, Kowalski – aye, Kazmierczak – aye, Fleischman – nay. 3 ayes, 4 nays, motion rejected. The board gave direction to the superintendent to include an area within the policy for special meetings and public comment. The changed policy will be on the next agenda.

F. Moved by Ploetz, seconded by Frank to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Procurement of Goods and Services" #5411 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Facilities, Inspection, Operation, and Maintenance" #5630 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Data Networks and Security Access" #5674 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Fleischman to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Transportation of Students" #5730 revised under the Non-Instructional /Business Operations section of the Policy Manual. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Graduation Options/Early Graduation/Accelerated Programs" #7220 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Fleischman, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Family and Medical Leave Act" #6551 revised under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

L. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Prevention Instruction" #8211 revised under the Instruction section of the Policy Manual. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve Debra Randall as a substitute (certified) teacher for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve November 22nd, 2016 as an unpaid day off for Meghan Gentner, who returned to work on November 28th, she was off on maternity leave. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the resignation, with regret, of Beth Roy from the position of School Library Media Specialist, effective January 2, 2017. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Ploetz to appoint Jody Thiel, who holds an Initial New York State Teaching Certificate permitting her to teach in the Library Media Specialist certification area, is hereby conditionally appointed to the position of 1.0 FTE in the Library Media Specialist tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence on January 9, 2017 and to end on January 8, 2021. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Jody Thiel 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 will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule as outlined in the Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the WVCS and the WVTA to the following amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018; Appendix N – School Psychologist
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Kowalski to appoint Antonette P. Backert who holds a Provisional New York State Certificate permitting her to work as a School Psychologist is hereby conditionally appointed to the position of 1.0 FTE School Psychologist in the School Psychologist tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years, ~~the start date will be determined once she gives her current employee 30-day notice.~~ January 5, 2017 through January 4, 2021. The salary will be paid in accordance with the salary schedule as outlined in the Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve John Gamel Jr. as a substitute cafeteria monitor, effective December 6, 2016. He currently works as a night cleaner at West Valley School. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve Morgan Green as a substitute teacher aide, effective December 6, 2016. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Fleischman to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the WVCS and the WVTA to provide payment for supervision of the weight room for students as an afterschool activity.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the following as supervisors for a student after-school weight room usage;
Meghan George-Baker, Rebecca Adamchick, Jackie Mumbach, Ryan Winchip, Rae Ann Lindberg. Pay will be according to the MOA between the WVCS and the WVTA.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve Krista Frank as an Odyssey of the Mind coach for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Frank), motion accepted

X. **OLD BUSINESS:**

none

XI: **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

B. Moved by Frank, seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve a facility use request from Indrek Kongats for the Western New York AYBA Skills and Wills Basketball group, up to 10-15 participants, for teaching basketball skills, using the gym during the months of November through March 2017 in the evening. When dates are known he will call the district to check availability. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Kowalski to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the WVCS and the WVTA to provide payment for supervision of the afterschool Mentoring Program. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Kazmierczak), motion accepted

D. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to surplus the following list of social studies textbooks:

- (14) World History Pearson ISBN 978-0-7854-6405-1
- (4) United States History AGS 0-7854-3859-9
- (15) The American Nation Pearson 0-13-052954-0
- (6) Global History the Growth of Civilizations 1-56765-606-4
- (1) World History Modern Era 0-02-800397-7
- (1) World History Early Ages 0-02-664151-8
- (1) World History Volume I 0-13-435915-1
- (1) World History 0-07-873460-6
- (1) World History 0-13-360051-3
- (1) World History Connections to Today 0-13-434660-2
- (13) U.S. History and Government 0-87720-878-6
- (3) World Cultures 0-13-296781-2
- (1) Global History and Geography 978-1-56765-677-0
- (2) One Flag, One Land 0-382-20069-1
- (1) America Pathways to the Present 0-13-435100-2
- (1) The Human Expression 06-554301-7
- (6) 40 American Biographies no ISBN #
- (1) Government for Everybody 978-1-56765-681-7
- (1) Economics Institution and Analysis 978-1-56765-667-1

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to surplus the following list of science textbooks:

- (47) Earth Science: ISBN 0-669-26184-X
 - (12) General Science: ISBN 0-13-717802-6
 - (13) Environment: ISBN 0-935487-51-4
 - (1) Physical Science: ISBN 0-13-806969-7
 - (1) Physical Science: ISBN 0-13-050623-0
 - (1) Physical Science: ISBN 0-13-982158-9
 - (1) Physical Science: ISBN 0-07-833745-3
- 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Fleischman to approve both Boys and Girls Indoor Track for the 2017-2018 winter sports season with Springville-Griffith Institute High School, anticipated number of student athletes is 2-5. Transportation will not be provided by the district if the number of student athletes is not 5 or more. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve the senior class students with advisors to beginning planning for a spring 2017 trip. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the 2017-2018 Budget Development Calendar. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Frank to approve the West Valley band trip to Boston, MA from April 28, 2017 through April 30, 2017. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: Moved by Jackson-McCarty, seconded by Cizdziel to **ADJOURN** at 8:29pm
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk