

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

**Regular Meeting**

**August 22, 2016**

**library conference room**

Members Present: Frank, Kowalski, Cizdziel, Fleischman, Ploetz, Kazmierczak

Absent: Jackson-McCarty

Others Present: Amodeo, Lawton, O'Brien, Boberg, Steve Wedvik, Ruth Ann Gerwitz, Amy Butler, Emily and Patrick Connor, Rebecca Adamchick, Jerry Young, Cheryl Henry

### **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. ADOPT AGENDA**

Moved by Fleischman, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the amended agenda as listed below:

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: Personnel item (E) switch name to Rachel Braun; order of agenda-switch presentation w/ correspondence

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

### **IV. PRESENTATIONS**

Cheryl Henry and Jerry Young – update on project and thanked the district for using their company for the project. All project items should be wrapped up by the end of September. The board asked about the stair well behind the building that goes into the old music room and what the escape exit will be.

### **V. CORRESPONDENCE/BOE INFORMATION**

Steve Kowalski states that the Catt/Allegany Association training for new BOE members is scheduled on September 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-9pm in Cuba. BOE members with experience can also attend. September 29<sup>th</sup> is the Fall Dinner meeting in Olean – Superintendents can attend. A letter to Carl Calarco, Ellicottville BOE president was sent regarding Ellicottville Central School establishing a bus pick up point within the boundaries of West Valley district. Ellicottville is picking up West Valley district students that are paying tuition to attend Ellicottville. West Valley has not given permission for them to establish this pick up point.

### **VI. 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.*

No public comments

## VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton thanked Steve Kowalski, Brad Frank, Rusty and the WVSEA members for smooth negotiations. There is a motion on the agenda to approve the collective bargaining agreement.

He attended the class of 1969 class reunion on Saturday in the school cafeteria. Very nice event and well attended.

Eric will be sending out a letter to every member of the community to explain what has been happening at the school. This would include the tax rates for the past 5 years, the sharing of athletics and how that came about, the status of our discussions about annexation. The impact of a contingent budget. Before he sends the letter, he will send a draft to the board.

District calendar has been sent to BOCES to be printed and it will be mailed out before school starts to everyone in the district.

The auditorium is housing surplus items, before the BOE approves the list he would like current and new staff to see if they need anything for their rooms.

He sent Karl Schwartz an email regarding the amount of bus trips West Valley is providing for our student athletes within one day. He provided the board with Karl's response.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reports on the teacher hiring process for the district.

First applications are reviewed, prescreen interview, panel interview consisting of students, parents and teachers, lesson with students and then narrowed down to 2 or 3 candidates.

Schedules mailed home to students. Once school is flipped to new school year parents will be able to go in.

Opening day agenda will be mailed out to staff. JCC psychology filled – BOCES only had 2 receiving schools for this course. Possibly Hudson Valley 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

New teachers are coming in on August 29<sup>th</sup> for ½ day orientation. George Kazmierczak would like the class schedule sent to BOE.

The after school program includes lego league and mentoring which will start October 3<sup>rd</sup> from Monday through Thursday and Odyssey of the Mind will meet 2 days per week.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reports that there will be a resolution on the agenda to adopt the tax levy for the 2016-2017 school year.

The district has received the second easement agreement which will need to be approved to allow the Water District to use our well and property for the well house. We

are in the process of reviewing the easement with counsel. The town water spring was getting low, the town called the county and the school to see if they could hook into our well and Bill Sloand contacted the Health Department for their guidance on the possibility of providing town people water.

The audit started on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. The audit committee met that morning to conduct the pre-audit conference with the auditor. The pre-audit conference is a requirement of the audit

There will be a bus run added to go to Olean, the district will advertise of the opening.

#### VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Moved by Kowalski, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the unofficial minutes from the July 5, 2016 reorganizational meeting and regular meeting, July 18, 2016 regular meeting and June Bank Reconciliations. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

#### IV. **PERSONNEL**

A. Moved by Ploetz, seconded by Frank to approve Alan Benson as a substitute (certified) teacher for the 2016-17 school year. Fingerprint clearance on file. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Frank, seconded by Kazmierczak to accept the resignation of Ryan Keem, with regret, from his position as science teacher, effective June 30, 2016. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Fleischman, seconded by Frank to appoint Rebecca Adamchick, who holds a Professional New York State Teaching Certificate permitting her to teach in the Physical Education certification area is hereby conditionally appointed to the position of 1.0 FTE Physical Education teacher in the Physical Education tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence on 9/1/2016 and to end on 6/30/2020. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Rebecca Adamchick 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. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Ploetz, seconded by Cizdziel to appoint Patrick Connor, who holds the following Permanent New York State Teaching Certificates: Earth Science 7-12 and General Science 7-12 extension permitting him to teach in the Earth Science 7-12 and General Science 7-12 extension certification area is hereby conditionally appointed to the position of 1.0 FTE Science teacher in the Science tenure area for a probationary period of three (3) years, to commence on 9/1/2016 and to end on 6/30/2019. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Patrick Connor 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.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Fleischman, seconded by Cizdziel to appoint Rachel Braun as a long term substitute for Hannah Mazzuto, start date is September 6, 2016 through December (~~6<sup>th</sup>~~ **amended date when BOE approved minutes at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting**) 9, 2016 (12 weeks) or she can return sooner. Rachel has a Permanent New York State teaching certificate permitting her to teach in the Art Education Kindergarten - 12<sup>th</sup> certification area. Salary will be according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. Fingerprint clearance is on file. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Cizdziel, seconded by Fleischman to approve Molly Bly as the Full time substitute teacher/ISS Facilitator for the 2016/2017 school year, salary and benefits as per the WVCS/WVTA contract. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. **OLD BUSINESS:**

none

XI: **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Moved by Frank, seconded by Ploetz to accept the internal claims auditor report for the 2015-2016 year-end report. (Document will be attached to the official minutes in book) 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Frank to approve the 2016/2017 tax levy in the total sum of \$3,003,939. (Document will be attached to the official minutes in book) 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Cizdziel to approve the Collective Negotiations Agreement between West Valley Central School and West Valley Service Employees Association effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: Moved by Kazmierczak, seconded by Frank to **ADJOURN** at 8:19pm.  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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District Clerk