

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

December 21, 2015

library conference room

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

Absent: Jackson-McCarty

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, Max Borsuk-Springville Journal, Tom, Jordan and John Seltzer, Suzanne Ciminesi, Orlando Perez, Hore Warnes, Andrea Mellon, John Pfeffer Jr, Beth and Dave Buckley, Dick and Dawn Ford, Bruce and Jacquie Crandall, Susan Nelson, Stephanie and Matthew Hansen, Samantha and Brook Smith, Charlie Davis, Mark and Irene Krawczyk, Louis and Cathyann Stagner, Kevin Murray, Travis Tingue, Linda Lund, Ray and Donna Gerwitz, Brian Johnson, Chad Erlandson, Gus Werckowski, Tim and John Zervas, Dennis McCauley, Dan and Barb Raab, Kathy and Dave Sacko, Susan and Art Munson, Cindy Dayton, Lesley Durandetto, Josephine Raab, Tim Siepel, Bill Koch, P. J. Rucinski, Scott VanBuskirk, Steve Wedvik, Leanna Pfeffer, Tim Ploetz.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:13 p.m. with Frascella presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Kowalski, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve the changed agenda as listed below:

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: order of agenda – (VI) Presentations and (IV) Correspondence/BOE information switch

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moment of silence in for remembrance of Keith Young

IV. ~~(VI)~~ PRESENTATIONS

The West Valley Central School Board of Education honored Senator Catharine Young with the Wildcat Way Above and Beyond award for always working very hard for the West Valley Central School District and our students. WVCS received a grant-in-aid of \$50,000.00 and this is an additional apportionment in support of the general expenditures of the district. "I want to say thank you for this great honor. I will hang it on my wall and every time that I look at it, I will think of the Wildcats, but I will also think of this community," said Young. "I travel all over New York State and every

time I come home, I'm most grateful because I believe I'm lucky enough to represent the best part of New York State." Eric stated the school was able to hire Rebecca Roland to a one year writing teacher position for elementary and middle school students with this money. Since her appointment in September, he has seen and heard from Mr. Amodeo and members of the staff of the great progress are students in elementary and middle school have had with this additional support in writing.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Frascella stated that this is the Board of Education meeting in public. The board welcomes any community opinions but this is not a back and forth conversation. Please sign in on the sheet that is going around the audience and mark if interested in addressing the board. There are a lot of community members in the audience and the board will change the order of the agenda - public comments section and correspondence/BOE information section will be switched. The board will then have the opportunity to respond to public comments. Orlando Perez spoke on behalf of the Committee for Educational Opportunities in West Valley. This is a group of West Valley citizens and tax payers that aim to broaden community support and involvement in affairs of the district and improve educational opportunities for students of this district. Their common concern is high taxes, declining enrollment and reduced tax base. This committee would like the board of education to look towards a merger or annexation and send a letter to Ellicottville to gauge an interest in an annexation study. This committee meets on the Thursday before a board of education meeting.

Kevin Murray is a member of the future committee and has been part of the discussions on the future of the school. An annexation with Ellicottville needs to be an option and a letter sent to them would be a good step. John Pfeffer Jr. comments on the current sports merger with Ellicottville for the next 4 years and would like to see that not change.

VI. ~~(IV)~~ CORRESPONDENCE/BOE INFORMATION

Mike Frascella stated that Springville did contact West Valley wanting to be included in any future discussions regarding sharing, etc. They were definitely interested in how we offer college courses while Springville just offers AP courses which are not guaranteed to transfer to a college.

George Kazmierczak wanted to state that when Ellicottville Central School Administration and the Board of Education invited West Valley Central School Administration and the Board of Education to view their newly renovated facility, they went over what they offer in their district, had a light dinner and a conversation about what else the two districts can share. There was no other offer put on the table. When Mike Frascella heard that the public thought there was an offer from Ellicottville for more than what was stated above. He asked other WV BOE members and administration if they heard an offer at that meeting and they stated no.

While the district and board of education are open to do what is best for the students. There are a lot of areas that have to be explored and reviewed. Some community members are calling for an annexation, which could lead to some downfalls for all of the community members. There are quite a few community organizations and members that use the facility for various activities. If the school is annexed, the building will probably not be open for the community to use. The school district pays a big part into the West Valley Water District and if the building is eventually vacant, it will not be paying as much into the water district and could cause some issues and possibly raise rates to other residents within the water district to offset the loss of the schools contribution. Brad Frank motioned, Steve Kowalski seconded to send a letter to Ellicottville Central School and Springville-Griffith Institute to gauge the interest for an annexation study. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted. The board asked Eric Lawton to draft a letter to be reviewed before it is sent to ECS and S-GI.

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reports on the 2nd reading of new policies. On the agenda is a motion to accept with regret the resignation of Jim Bond. He has served the district on and off as a bus driver and mechanic for over 30 years. He began his career here in 1982. His service and dedication to the students of West Valley is very much appreciated. He is willing to come back as a substitute when needed.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reports about a new entertainment technology curriculum the school will be participating in through Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES. After students take the introductory course, they are then able to choose a path of courses that suits their interests, including coding and computer programming, screenwriting, game design, mobile game design, 3-D modeling and more. It is hoped to start piloting one of the courses in the spring and look to develop the pathway for students in grades 8-12. This entertainment technology will essentially provide our students with experience in a growing field in the economy. It will also integrate student skills from many different areas, Science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Allison Spencer approved by Syracuse to teach college credit courses. Posting for the physical education teacher opening is now on line.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reports that there is a motion on agenda to approve the budget calendar, accept BID on car and the clerk of the works proposal will be on the January 11, 2016.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Fleischman to approve the unofficial minutes from the November 2, 2015 regular meeting, August and September Treasurer's reports, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities, August and September Warrants, August and September Bank Reconciliations. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Frank, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve and **vote on B – I policy changes as one motion.**

B. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy “Probation and Tenure” #6214 under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual.

C. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy “Disciplining a Tenured Teacher or Certified Personnel” #6215 revised under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual.

D. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy “Conference/Travel Expense Reimbursement” #6161 revised under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual.

E. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy “Graduation Requirements” #7220 new under the Students section of the Policy Manual

F. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy “Identification and Register of Children with Disabilities (Child Find)” #7650 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

G. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy “Fixed Asset Inventories, Accounting, and Tracking” #5620 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual.

H. Approved 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

I. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy “Prevention Instruction” #8211 revised under the Instruction section of the Policy Manual

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Fleischman, Seconded by Cizdziel to accept the resignation, with regret, of James Bond from his position as a full-time bus driver, effective January 2, 2016. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Kowalski, Seconded by Frank to approve James Bond as a substitute bus driver/substitute bus mechanic, effective January 4, 2016. Salary will be according to the WVCS/WVSEA contract. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Fleischman, Seconded by Frank to approve Meghan Gentner as a salaried bus driver, effective January 4, 2016. The salary and benefits for this position will be according to the WVCS/WVSEA contract. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Kowalski, Seconded by Kazmierczak to appoint Allison Spencer, who holds an initial New York State Teaching Certificate permitting her to teach in the Mathematics 7-12 certification area is hereby conditionally appointed to the position of 1.0 FTE 7-12 math teacher in the Math tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years, to commence on 12/22/15 and to end on 12/22/19. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Allison Spencer 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

X. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XI: NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Kowalski to approve the CSE recommendations. During the discussion part of the motion Steve Kowalski thanked Shawna Gugino, Director of Special Education for doing a great job for our district students. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Fleischman, Seconded by Frank to accept the following DVD donations to the school library, from the Fisher family, "Tale of the Mighty Knights", "Kicking and Screaming", "Evan Almighty", "The Rescuers" and "A Bug's Life". 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Cizdziel, Seconded by Frank to accept the following DVD donations to the school library, from Steve Howe's family, the original, "Star Wars Trilogy" and Disney Pixar's, "Inside Out". 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Kowalski, Seconded by Cizdziel to accept the following memoir donation to the school library, from Jane Handforth Kester, "Never a Dull Moment, Memoir of an 86 year old (VIP) Homemaker". 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Kazmierczak to accept the highest bid for the 2005 Chevy Impala VIN number 2G1WB58K069419187 with approximately 132,400 miles.

2005 Chevy Impala Bid Summary

Bidder	Bid Amount
CDR Automotive	867.00
Kevin Mumbach	555.55
Tami Harrington	1,655.00

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Frank to approve the 2016/2017 Budget Calendar as prepared and recommended by the Superintendent and Business Official. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Frank to approve the residents of West Valley to use the building to walk the hallways for exercise from 6:30am to 7:30am and 3pm to 4pm Monday through Friday when school is in session. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Fleischman, 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, 2015 and to end on June 30, 2016. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Fleischman 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 Springville Central School District to begin on September 1, 2015 and to end on June 30, 2016. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Kowalski, Seconded by Frank to approve a facility use form for Josh Howe, student to use the auditorium, band room and studio rooms on December 23rd, 26th, 28th – 30th from 8-3pm to film and record for music video. He will be supervised by Steve Howe. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Cizdziel, Seconded by Frank to approve a facility use form for AYI girls' and boys' Basketball to use the gym and locker rooms starting January 5th through March 2016 on Tuesdays, Thursdays from 6-8pm and on Saturdays from 9-1pm. The students will be supervised by Mike Frascella, Kevin Murray or another adult that is involved in AYI. A copy of insurance is on file. Adults will be able to walk the halls during AYI girls' and boys' basketball at the designated times stated above.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Cizdziel to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 8:24pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk