

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

February 1, 2016

library conference room

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

Absent: Jackson-McCarty, Frascella

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, John, Tom and Jenn Seltzer, Stephanie and Matt Hansen, Chelsey Wesneski, Sue Nelson, Brook Smith, Kevin Murray, Patty and Nick Kowalski, Cathy and Lou Stagner, John and Tim Zerfas, Kathy and Dave Sauko, Tim Ploetz, Linda Lund, Bill Koch, Ann Ulmer, Emily Arena, Gregory and Beth Bock, Scott Summers. Michelle Smith, Steve Wedvik, Rich Bernstein, Mychelle McNeil-Wedvik, Bonnie Spencer, Kari Klein, Scott VanBuskirk, Art and Susan Munson

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. with Kazmierczak presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Cizdziel, Seconded by Fleischman to approve the agenda as listed:

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

George asked if everyone had the opportunity to sign the sheet that is going around the audience and mark if interested in addressing the board.

Stephanie Hansen an alumna of West Valley, sister of current students and has her own children enrolled in this school. She called the current school a "shadow" of the school she attended, adding that the district no longer has enough children enrolled to keep it going. She states that there is a lack of urgency on this important matter.

Personal agendas need to be put aside.

Kevin Murray, as a member of the Committee for Educational opportunities in West Valley read their Mission Statement --- The Mission of the Committee for Educational Opportunities in West Valley is to effectively drive educational and economic change in the West Valley Central School District and its communities. He read their Vision Statement ---The Vision of the Committee for Educational Opportunities in West Valley is to work to realize the best possible educational opportunities for the children of the District and at the best possible value for the district's residents. He read their Goals ---

The goals of the Committee for Educational opportunities in West Valley are as follows:

*To support the West Valley Central School Board of Education in the annexation of West Valley by the Ellicottville Central School District. *To support the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education in advocating for the annexation of West Valley Central School. *To support the visioning of a brighter future for both school communities that will be achieved by the above mentioned annexation. *To seek and provide fact-based solutions to the above issues, and to de-emphasize emotional and non-sequitur arguments. He turned in the petition to the board of education that was referenced at the January 11th meeting. The petition heading states the following –We, the citizens of the West Valley Central School District, petition the District, its Board of Education and all of the District’s School Administrators to act promptly and sincerely to open a good faith dialogue with the Ellicottville Central School District to explore the feasibility of consolidating the school districts to improve the educational opportunities and outcomes for each of the districts’ students. He also read a letter from John A. Pfeffer and himself that addressed the alleged statement that the fire company would not respond to a fire call if a person did not want to sign the petition.

John Zerfas asked for a show of hands from the audience if they supported the petition. Rich Bernstein clarifies the water district comments made.

V. **Correspondence/BOE information**

Eric mentioned that two people are running for a vacant BOCES board seat Area 8, the term will end June 30, 2016. Information regarding the following candidates, Steve Crowley and Kenneth Nary, was included in your packet. The board will vote on this February 9th at 5:30pm.

VI. **PRESENTATIONS**

none

VII. **REPORTS**

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reports that the celebration of the life of Keith Young was a fitting tribute to an outstanding teacher, coach, father and friend. It is an honor and privilege to be a part of this caring school family. Thanks go out to the entire faculty staff and community.

Chess Club is up and running and we had a large number of students participating. He reported that they had a successful meeting with three members of the Springville Board and their superintendents. They discussed areas that we could share services and possible distance learning opportunities. Also discussed what an annexation would look like.

We have a rescheduled meeting scheduled with the Ellicottville board and superintendent on Thursday.

He applauds the participation of community members and now that they have encouraged the Board to begin discussions, I would encourage them to help us in

getting the word out to our legislators. We need to increase the PILOT and or get some additional funding from the Federal Government. With no increase in the PILOT since 1996 the taxes will continue to rise. He will be going to Albany in the beginning of March and will meet with Assemblyman Joseph Giglio and Senator Catharine Young to hopefully discuss West Valley's current taxes. He will mail them a copy of the report one week prior to his visit to Albany and also to Senator Charles Schumer and Tom Reed.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reports that January regents are completed. He handed out a comparison sheet to the board of education and to the public listing all academic courses that are offered at West Valley Central School, Ellicottville and Springville Gl.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reports that the West Valley Central School audit committee will meet on Thursday, February 4th, to review and discuss the idea of lowering the rate and will be making a recommendation to the Board. The process hasn't officially begun but the committee will be considering it. We have to be careful and thoughtful. It's not going to be a drastic reduction. She discussed the 1st budget draft along with the governor's proposed revenues and an estimated tax calculation. The estimated tax increase is currently at 0%. She discussed the bus replacement and we will have a loaner bus until the new one comes in.

VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Kowalski to approve the unofficial minutes from the January 11, 2016 regular meeting, October Treasurer's reports, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities, October Warrants, October Bank Reconciliations. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

After the **Discussion** part of the motion the board of education agreed to - amend the January 11th BOE meeting minutes, under new business item (E) Girls scouts of WNY to hold the Court of Awards Ceremony on Friday May 13th has been rescheduled to May 20th.

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. **PERSONNEL**

A. Moved by Fleischman, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve Kevin Rowland as a substitute bus driver for the remainder of 2015/2016 school year, effective date February 2, 2016. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Fleischman to approve Laurie Gerstenslager as a substitute cleaner and substitute cafeteria monitor, working on an on call basis, effective February 2, 2016. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Cizdziel, Seconded by Frank to accept, with regret, the resignation of Jackie Mumbach from the Trap Club Advisor position for the 2016 season, effective February 2, 2016. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Kowalski, Seconded by Frank to appoint Ryan Winchip, who holds an initial New York State Teaching Certificate permitting him 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 2/22/16 and to end on 2/22/20. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Ryan Winchip 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. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Fleischman to approve replacing Bus #95 with a 66 passenger bus to be purchased from Leonard Bus Sales, Inc. The bus will be funded by insurance proceeds (\$85,000) and General Fund appropriations (\$27,077.60) for a total replacement cost of \$112,077.60. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Kowalski, Seconded by Cizdziek to approve CSE recommendations. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Fleischman, Seconded by Frank to approve a facility use request by Tracy Chai to use the Auditorium or Gym (whichever is available) for (3) WVCS students to (open gym) practice field hockey on Thursdays from 3:30-5:30pm until March 10th and 6-8pm after March 10th and for the remainder of the school year. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Cizdziel 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 Williamsville Central School District to begin on September 8, 2015 and to end on June 23, 2016. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Cizdziel, Seconded by Frank to go into Executive session at 8pm for a legal matter regarding the contract for capital project. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Cizdziel, Seconded Kowalski to come out of Executive session at 8:20pm.
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII. Moved by Cizdziel, Seconded by Kowalski to **ADJOURN** at 8:20pm
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted.

District Clerk