

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 14, 2016

auditorium

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

Absent: none

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, Matt and Stephanie Hansen, John Seltzer, John Pfeffer, Katie Clouse, Michelle Pfeffer, Marylou Forster, Michelle Enser, Kelly Noto, Beth Roy, Rae Ann Lindberg, Kim Lewis, Kathie Larsson, Jackie Mumbach, Connie and Emily Kazmierczak, Bruce and Jacquie Crandall, Connie Hellwig, Connie Poulin, Kevin Rustowicz, Lisa Green, Suzie Ciminesi, Kathy Vacanti, Kyle Woodin, Loreen Butcher, Emily Hopkins, Ashley and Joshua Auman, Amy Butler, Steven Kenworthy, Kay Conrad, Max Borsuk, Kevin Murray, Steve Wedvik, Vincent Venitelli, Bryan Hansen, Matt LaBrake, Jim Fleischman, Larry Nagel, David Smith, Richard Bernstein, Gerry Stead, Sue and Rick Neumann, Orlando Perez, Kelly Whelan, Bill Koch, Linda and Tim Lund, Travis Tingué, Jim and Jenny Wangelin, Diane Westfall, Chelsey Wesneski, Nathan Nelson, Ryan Winchip, Patty and Nick Kowalski, Brian Johnson, John Zervas, Mike Gerwitz, Donna Gerlach, Samantha Zimmer, Daniel Colf, Joe and Barb Illez, Steph and Tim Frank, Judith Raas, Andrea, Owen and Melinda Mellon, Lenny Nagel, Cindy and Rich Dayton, Tim Ploetz, Arthur Munson, Tim Siepel, Beth and Greg Boch, Polly McCauley, Tom and Jenn Seltzer, Mychelle McNeil-Wedvik, Mike Boch, Carrie Franklin, David Spencer, Kathy and Dave Savko, Sandy Bernhoft, Ryan Keem, Tim Zervas, Dean Campanella

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Jackson-McCauley, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the agenda as listed:

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

John Pfeffer stated that the school should be annexed by Ellicottville. He asks for a show of hands of who is in favor of this. He states that over 300 people signed the petition.

Linda Lund states that her family has had a long history in this school and town. She was actually on the board when the annexation study was done with Ellicottville in 2006 and is aware of the Alan Pole study done in 2012. Feels that it is time that the board acts on what the community wants.

Travis Tingué stated he attended West Valley but graduated from BOCES.

John Zerfas feels that the idea of annexation needs to be revisited.

V. Correspondence/BOE Information

Mike Frascella and Ann O'Brien attended the Legislative Breakfast and spoke with Senator Cathy Young regarding the district request for New York State and the Federal Government to Review Current Status of Compensation Related to the Impact of the West Valley Nuclear Site. Eric met with Joe Giglio in Albany and gave him a pamphlet regarding impact aid.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

The Administration and board of education invited Lynda Quick, District Superintendent for Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES to talk to the audience about the options the school has with school consolidations and answered all the questions and concerns the board and community members had. She stated, "My role as a district superintendent is to help facilitate conversation amongst you to help the board make a directional move, decide on what they need to do for a next step. My job is to be neutral, to provide information and guidance and hopefully some structure to this process." In Cattaraugus and Allegany counties, there have been five mergers, but no annexations over the past 22 years. There have been other merger votes during that time, but they all failed in one or both districts. She explained what a merger is, both of the school districts involved cease to exist and a new district is formed. In an annexation, the district being annexed ceases to exist and they are absorbed into the annexing district. All debt and obligations go to the annexing school and staff will no longer have rights to positions, only if there are openings in the annexing district. She also explained the differences in the process for a merger and annexation study. With both of these studies it could only be with one district at a time. If it were to fail in one or both districts, the district would have to wait one year until they could do a study with a different district. Another option for the district would be a pre-merger study, but will provide most of the same information and facts about both districts, at a much lesser cost. It also allows districts to do the study with multiple districts at the same time to figure out the best course of action. Many questions were asked by the audience and board of education members to Lynda and she answered all of them.

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton thanked Lynda Quick for coming to the meeting and answering questions from the board of education and community members. He recently attended an excellent conference in Albany. He recommends Bonnie Hess as Trap Club advisor, Corey Bley to be our art teacher replacement for a maternity leave, Alan Benson as a certified substitute teacher and Emily Hopkins as substitute teacher aide. The current phone system is being replaced over the Spring Break, the old system and the list of electronics will need to be approved as surplus and given to Camp Good Days. We are required to go with the electronic voting machines for future budget votes and elections. The contract will be with Cattaraugus County Board of Elections.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported on all the opportunities that our students have available to them this month: a performance of "Dr. Kaboom" at Shea's for 4th and 6th graders this provided a great connection to our Science curriculum focusing on electricity and energy; 7th and 8th graders attended a performance at Shea's on March 16th called "Out of Bounds". This performance focused on the issue of bullying. High School band and chorus has their first ever combined performance where our students played and sang together. Our 9-12 students attended Science Exploration Day at University at Buffalo with the opportunity to hear from members of the University community, explore the various science programs offered, and tour the campus. The talent show was another huge success. Our students will be performing in our junior musical "Alice in Wonderland" during the weekend of April 22nd. At least 8 of our students will participate in a Pitch Perfect Entrepreneurial Competition on April 22nd at the JCC Olean campus. For our 5-8th grade students an after school Coding program will start and a science club for our 3rd and 4th grade students.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reviewed the final draft of the budget. As recommended by the audit committee we are lowering our tax levy. On the agenda is a resolution to include a 65 passenger bus purchase as part of the budget vote. We would be replacing Bus #83. The bus would be purchased on state contract at a cost of \$109,180, which includes a \$3,200 trade in on Bus #83. Estimated aid on the bus is approximately \$83,000.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve the unofficial minutes from the February 1, 2016 regular meeting, unofficial minutes from the February 9, 2016 special meeting, November and December Treasurer's reports, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities, November and December Warrants, November and December Bank Reconciliations.
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Kowalski, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve the Working Agreement and Conditions of Employment amendment by and between the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District and the Classified Confidential staff, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve the rate of \$19.06 per hour for the position of substitute bus mechanic for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Fleischman, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve Ryan Winchip to fulfill the duties of the athletic director position, during the absence of the current athletic director, from March 15th through June 30th 2016, payment will be \$1,500 for the remaining 2015/2016 school year. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to appoint Corey Bley as a leave replacement for Hannah Mazzuto, start date is approximately April 7th or sooner for 6 to 8 weeks. She has a Professional New York State teaching certificate permitting her to teach in the Visual Arts certification area. Fingerprint clearance is on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve Alan Benson as a substitute (certified) teacher for the remainder of 2015/2016 school year. Fingerprint clearance is on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Fleischman to approve Emily Hopkins as a substitute teacher aide for the remainder of 2015/2016 school year. Fingerprint clearance is on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

None

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve CSE recommendations. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve a facility use request by Tracy Ploetz to use the Library, Home Ec. room and/or Gym/track after school for approximately 20 members of the WV Clever Clovers 4H club for research, sewing projects and health from March 14th to June 20, 2016. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve a facility use request by Mychelle McNeil-Wedvik for the West Valley Volunteer Hose Company, Inc. to use the outdoor school grounds and parking lots on Saturday March 26th 2016 from 10am to 11am to have a West Valley Community Easter Egg Hunt for approximately 75 to 100 children. Copy of insurance will be on file before event. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve Bonnie Hess as the trap advisor for the 2016 season, pay is according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the West Valley Central School District and the West Valley Service Employees Association for the bus mechanic to be reimbursed twenty five dollars per month for the 2015/2016 school year. The money will go towards the cost of his or her personal cell phone that is used for District business as long as he or she submits an expense report accompanied by a copy of his or her cell phone bill to the District Business office each month. This agreement will expire June 30, 2016, unless otherwise extended in writing by the parties. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve our current telephone system as surplus; it will be scrap once the new telephone system is installed. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kowalski that the West Valley Central School District approves the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2016-17 fiscal year. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve the West Valley Board of Education to include the purchase of (1) 65 passenger school bus at a cost not to exceed \$108,000 as part of its annual budget vote. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Jackson-McCarthy, Seconded by Fleischman to approve the list of technology equipment as surplus **(the list of equipment will be attached to the official minutes in the minute book)**, the items will be placed in the electronics recycling for Camp Good Days which is held at West Valley Central School from March 28- April 1st. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Frank to approve the contract between County of Cattaraugus and West Valley Central School District for use of electronic voting machines for school election, commencing with the May 2016 school election. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve Mrs. Virginia Reed and Mrs. Tracy Ploetz as registrars for voter registration day on May 4th, 2016 and as registrars and supervisors of the voting process during the Annual Budget Vote/election of BOE members/Bus purchase on May 17th, 2016. The rate of pay will remain the same as last year (\$75.00 per person/day). 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

L. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to nominate Stephen Kowalski to be a BOCES Board candidate for a three-year term, starting on the first day of July. The candidate vote will take place on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

M. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Frank to approve the following;

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ANNUAL RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of public school districts in Cattaraugus County and Allegany County, New York, to bid jointly for **various supplies, commodities, and/or services in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, and**

WHEREAS, The West Valley Central School District is desirous of participating with other school districts in Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties in the joint bidding of all or some of the supplies, commodities, and/or services as mentioned above, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and as determined by district need, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Boards of Education wish to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting of the results to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services and Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the West Valley Central School Board of Education hereby appoints the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services to represent it in all matters related above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the West Valley Central School Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned supplies, commodities, and/or services, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the West Valley Central School Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the West Valley Central School Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by the majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s) it will conduct all negotiations with the successful bidder(s).

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Frank, Seconded by Fleischman to go into Executive session at 9:02pm for a personal issue possibly effecting policy, no business will be conducted afterwards.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Frank to come out of Executive session at 9:23pm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Frank to **ADJOURN** at 9:23pm.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk