

# UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

**Regular Meeting**

**April 19, 2016**

**auditorium**

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

Others Present: Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, John Seltzer, John Pfeffer, Kim Lewis, Lisa and Robert Green, Kelsi Belz, Charlotte Bailey, Kevin and Susan Murray, Missy Czapla, Max Borsuk, Sara Williams, John Zerfas, Dana Westfall, Amy Butler, Jennifer and Tom Seltzer, Patty and Nick Kowalski, Michelle Smith, Michelle Enser, Katie Clouse, Tim Ploetz, Ryan Winchip, Dennis McCauley, Angela Ghani, Nikki Hickey, Crystal Meppen, Vickie Erlandson, R.J. Alvarez, Orlando Perez, Cindy Dayton, Steve Wedvik

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:03pm with Frascella presiding.

## **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG**

## **III. ADOPT AGENDA**

Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve the changed agenda as stated below:

Additions: Personnel item (G) and New Business item (A) added CSE recommendations to existing list

Deletions: none

Changes: none

6 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.

Kevin Murray gave his and on behalf of the fire company their deepest condolences to the school and family for the loss of Nathaniel Howe. Commented on the remark that he heard that it was mentioned that he left after Lynda Quick made her presentation and missed the rest of the meeting. He had obligations to the fire company and had to leave. He hears the term vocal minority and refers to the petition, would like to see students here challenged, comments on social media, receiving more pilot money may not be the only answer.

Orlando Perez decided a few months ago not to be the spokesperson for the Committee for Educational opportunities and let others speak their concerns. Other community members have spoken about their concerns. He is concerned that all public comments at the meetings are not being recorded in the minutes.

Angela Ghani states that people are reporting on only negatives not any positives. At West Valley Central school we have amazing, dedicated teachers that go over and beyond what is expected and we have a great family community. We are moving forward so we are improving. I trust that our board, our principal and our superintendent have our children's best interests at the forefront. Parents have the right to send their kids where ever want and parents have the right to keep their kids here at West Valley.

Mike Frascella responded to some of these comments made to the board and answered some of the criticism of the board and the school. Everyone on this board realizes that there is a need to do a study, to see if there is any feasibility. At some point, something is going to change from what we have now, we are already being competitive with neighboring districts. He gets upset about this because it is not moving fast enough for certain people so therefore it is an attack on the board that we are not doing enough. This district faces the same issue that the majority of New York State schools are experiencing, declining enrollment. George Kazmierczak states that the board members are volunteers for this position to help generate the best education for these kids. Focusing on one area is not what is best for our kids. We need to look at other districts and see what fits us best.

#### V. CORRESPONDENCE/BOE INFORMATION

The Board of Education discussed in public the information that was presented by Lynda Quick, District Superintendent at the last meeting. If a pre-merger study is conducted instead of a full merger study, our district would have the ability to do a study with more than one district at the same time. Michael Frascella feels that the best option would be to conduct a premerger study with us and Springville and us and Ellicottville. After the discussion between the members, the majority of the board agrees that the best course of action would be to pursue a pre-merger study with both districts. Brad Frank agrees with doing the study with both districts and feels that it will answer questions, but feels doing it may bring up some problems. Ellicottville is a small district like ours, they are interested, already doing sports why not academics and the board has received a petition from community members. Steve Kowalski also agrees with the majority of the board but would like it be clear and there is actually three options – staying as West Valley Central School, Springville and Ellicottville. The board agrees to give direction to Eric Lawton, Superintendent to reach out to both ECS and S-GI to gauge their interest in doing a pre-merger study. Also, would like him to ask the two districts to contribute to the cost of the study.

#### VI. PRESENTATIONS

Physical education teacher Ryan Winchip made a presentation to the board about a new weight room that will be installed in the school. He stated that the weight room will include new, state – of –the –art weight training equipment, along with a section for cardio training. He is planning on starting a weight training unit in their physical education curriculum and is looking into opening the weight room to community members.

#### VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton was absent from the meeting due to illness. Ann O'Brien gave an over view so his report - he thanked the faculty, staff and community of West Valley for their outstanding response to the tragic loss of Nathaniel Howe. This community comes together like no other in their rapid response to the needs of its members. It is an honor to be part of this community.

She read a thank you from Bev Hess regarding Henry Heim making a wood crafted sign for her family farm. She thought it was great that the school offers the students the ability to create such items.

Community Day will take place May 5<sup>th</sup> with a rain date scheduled. Gerry Stead and Bryan Hansen have been preparing and planning activities for the day. There have been requests from community members for help at their homes.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported that he is working on the schedule for next school year. Almost completed our 9-12 course requests for the 16-17 school year. All students were informed of the potential new courses that would be offered. This would include college courses offered through Syracuse as well as our Entertainment Technology courses. Our school will again be working with the University of Michigan to administer a research survey about the attitudes of adolescents on a number of topics. We participated in this last year. Last week he sent home the information regarding the survey to the parents and they may choose to not have their child participate.

3-8 assessments are almost finished with the exception of a few make up tests. For this school year the number of test refusals decreased by about 15%. More than half of the refusals have come from students in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The number of refusals in any district still has the potential to provide inaccurate information on a school's performance on 3-8 assessments. He will be attending the Pitch Perfect event at JCC Olean Campus with 9 of our students. This is an entrepreneurial competition where students will be teamed up to develop a product or service to pitch to a panel of judges. This is very similar to the TV show Shark Tank.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien will distribute and review copies of the 2016/2017 budget.

1. Moved by Jackson- McCarty, Seconded by Kowalski that the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District adopts the proposed 2016-17 budget in the amount of \$8,897,863 and the property tax report card. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

#### VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve the unofficial minutes from the March 14, 2016 regular meeting, January and February Treasurer's reports, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities, January and February Warrants, January and February Bank Reconciliations. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to **vote on B – H policy changes as one motion:**

B. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Probation and Tenure" #6214 revised under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual.

C. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Administration of Medication" #7513 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

D. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions" #7521 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

E. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Code of Ethics for Board Members and all District Personnel" #6110 revised under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual

F. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Safety of Students (Fingerprinting Clearance of new Hires)" #6170 revised under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual.

G. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Prevention Instruction" #8211 revised under the Instruction section of the Policy Manual.

H. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Student Grading Information Systems" #5675 new under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual

I. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Student Gender Identity" #7554 new under the Students section of the Policy Manual

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

#### IV. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to accept the resignation of Carol Kruse, with regret, as cafeteria monitor effective April 4, 2016.  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve Donna Gerlach as part time cafeteria monitor, effective April 12, 2016, starting hourly wage of \$9.44, salary and benefits according to the WVCS/WVSEA contract. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Kowalski, Seconded by Frank to accept the resignation of Laurie Gerstenslager, with regret, as substitute bus driver and substitute cafeteria monitor, effective March 19, 2016. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kowalski to approve Jim Bond as a full time bus driver effective March 29<sup>th</sup> 2016, salary at the same rate at which he retired and benefits to be reinstated as they were when he retired. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve Kara Andrews as a substitute teacher, certification in elementary education for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year. Fingerprint clearance on file. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve Thomas Lawton as a substitute teacher, certification in music for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve to increase the daily to \$105 per day for a certified teacher who is in a leave replacement position and certified in that area and is serving in that capacity for less than 10 weeks.  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

#### X. OLD BUSINESS:

none

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve CSE recommendations. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Kowalski to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow Cattaraugus County Health Department to utilize the West Valley CSD in the event of a public health emergency. This Memorandum is reauthorized every five years. The current MOU expires in June 2016. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the West Valley Central School District and the West Valley Teachers' Association. This Memorandum of Agreement is entered into and between the West Valley Central School District and the West Valley Teachers' Association to provide supervision for West Valley Central School students enrolled in a distance learning class outside the regular school day. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the West Valley Central School District and the West Valley Teachers' Association. This Memorandum of Agreement is an amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 for the Newsletter Layout position. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Cizdziel, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve Justin Baker (husband of Megan George-Baker), Denise Lawton (wife of Eric Lawton) and Justine Stephan (wife of Aron Cole) as chaperones for the Junior/Senior prom on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 5pm – 11:55pm at Holland Willows. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve a Xerox Phaser 860 SN: M2XC1BHP99 as surplus, the item will be placed in the electronics recycling for Camp Good Days. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 as a day off for students and staff, no snow days have been used for this school year. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve West Valley Central School students and teacher volunteers to participate in Community Service Day on May 5<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Kowalski, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the Contract between County of Cattaraugus and West Valley Central School District for approved Preschool Special Education Related Services and SEIT. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve a facility use request by Missy Czapla for up to 15 West Valley students to use the Gym and have access to the storage closet to practice Volleyball on Sundays, starting April 24, 2016 from 2-4pm through the end of the school year. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve a facility use request by Kristine Fisher of West Valley PTO to use the Gym for roller skating for up to 50 participants, on Saturday April 23, 2016 from 10-11:30 am. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

L. Moved by Cizdziel, Seconded by Kowalski to approve a facility use request by Lisa Green the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to use the cafeteria for Author’s Share – 4<sup>th</sup> grade nonfiction texts for up to 50 participants, on Thursday April 28, 2016 from 6-7pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

M. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to adopt the 2016-2017 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

N. Cast **one** vote for a BOCES Board candidate in the following designated areas: Area 3, Area 7 and Area 8

1. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to vote for **Dr. Ralph Kerr** from Area 3 (Belfast, Cuba-Rushford & Fillmore) 3 year term. **Candidate running unopposed** 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

2. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Frascella to vote for **one** of the following from Area 7 (Franklinville, Hinsdale & West Valley) 3 year term:

**Mr. Stephen Kowalski** \_\_X\_\_

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**No vote casted for Mr. Robert Keenan**

3. Moved by Kowalski, Seconded by Frank to vote for **Steve Crowley** from Area 8 (Salamanca & Ellicottville) 3 year term. **Candidate running unopposed** 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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

**GENERAL RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN A COOPERATIVE BID COORDINATED BY THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF ONTARIO, SENECA, WAYNE AND YATES COUNTIES FOR**

**Cooperative Natural Gas Bid for the Period of 10/01/2016 – 09/30/2017**

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, West Valley Central School District of New York State desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties from year to year or, until this Resolution is rescinded, for the purchase of supply of natural gas. And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, West Valley Central School District of New York State is desirous of participating with The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o... And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, West Valley Central School District of New York State has appointed The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, West Valley Central School District of New York State and making recommendations thereon...

THEREFORE...

BE IT RESOLVED, That The Board of Education, West Valley Central School District of New York State and The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties hereby accepts the appointment of The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters related above... And...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Education, West Valley Central School District of New York State authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services... And...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Education , West Valley Central School District of New York State agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding... And...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The president of the Board of Education, on behalf of the Board of Education, West Valley Central School District of New York State hereby is authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties for supply of natural gas and if requested to furnish The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

P. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve a facility use request by Sandra Bainbridge for the Class of 1969 reunion up to 50-60 participants to use the cafeteria on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 12-6pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Frank to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 9:02pm  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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District Clerk