

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

May 9, 2016

auditorium

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

Absent: Kazmierczak

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, Kevin Murray, David Smith, Tim Ploetz, Steve Wedvik, Art Munson, Linda Lund, Travis Tingle, Jessica Seymour, John Seltzer, Amy Butler, Gus Werchowski, Kay Conrad, Tracy Chai, Robert Conrad, Jenn and Tom Seltzer, Dave and Kathy Savko, John Zerfas, Patty and Nick Kowalski, John Bantlett, Doris Calkins

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:36pm 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 agenda as stated

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Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Bartlett asked if he could address the board and have a conversation about his and the concerns of his family. Mike stated that he cannot break protocol like he did at the last meeting. The board can listen to his concerns but will not engage in a conversation. John and his family have concerns with the schools safety policies and he will speak in very general terms due to the sensitive situation. They are not happy with the discipline that was given to the student or teacher. The teacher should position themselves in the classroom to be able to observe the whole class, where they were when this incident happened was not favorable for all of the students at all times during class. (1) Would like the district to consider a policy, for active supervision. (2) No policy in place for forcible touching/or assault with discipline. (3) Looking for teacher discipline. States the administration made a bad quote –example - Lets worry about the students first! (4) Leaving the district to go to another district should not be held against the student. The right to come to school, is everyone's right.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/BOE INFORMATION

April 28th Steve Kowalski going to Catt/Allegany BOCES meeting

VI. PRESENTATIONS

none

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reported that at the Cattaraugus County National Honor Society Banquet on Wednesday, we were well represented with 21 students in attendance. Three students won the following Awards: Outstanding member – Elizabeth Dusterhus, Distinguished service – Madison Fleischman and Scholastic excellence – Alexandra Gentner. In addition, Madison Fleischman won one of the five \$1,000 scholarships for her superior writing skills.

Our community service day was a tremendous success. The district has received thank you notes from community members where work was done at their homes or at places that service our residents. It was great to see our staff and students working around the school to beautify our campus but also working out in the community was very well received. The staff and students did road side trash pick-up and community car wash. There are (6) new Welcome to West Valley signs. A huge Thank you to Richard Conrad for constructing the beautiful rock pillars for the West Valley signs.

The Ronald McDonald house sent a thank you note for the \$1,032 donation that they received from West Valley Student Council.

The district received a letter from Mark Ward, Superintendent of Ellicottville in response to a letter that was sent from us to them inviting them to participate in a pre-merger study. He read the following from Mark Wards letter; "The Ellicottville Central School Board of Education remains committed to participating in an Annexation Study with West Valley Central School and will be willing to share the cost. However, we are not interested in participating in or paying for any study that considers a merger. We are also not interested in participating in any study that involves another District. We do not understand how this would be relevant to our consideration of annexation with you. We are only interested in how an annexation with you affects us."

The district received a letter from Kim Moritz, Superintendent of Springville in response to a letter that was sent from us to them inviting them to participate in a pre-merger study. He read the following from Kim Moritz, Superintendent letter, "It was the consensus of the board that I reach out to you to suggest that you and I, your Board member representatives, and three members of the SGI Board of Education – Michael Connors, Allison Duwe, and Jennifer Sullivan – set a date to meet to discuss possibilities. If you would contact me with some suggested meeting dates and times that you and your Board representatives could meet, I would be more than happy to coordinate a date and time that works for the SGI board representatives."

After reading parts of both letters he asked the board if they had any questions or comments. It was not intended that it was going to be a three way pre-merger study. It was explained in the letter to the districts that Eric would contact an outside agency to research the implications of merging or annexation of West Valley Central School District with either Ellicottville or Springville Griffith Institute. The West Valley Board agreed to fund the total cost of the study, this will answer some unanswered questions.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo shared a slide show – Academic Program Highlights 2016-2017 – the purpose of the slide show is to summarize what our school district offers to our students.

To educate and graduate productive members of society with 21st century skills!

We offer a variety of Bridges to the road of success –

West Valley Central School has an academic program that will work for all students by offering

*Core academic subjects to meet graduation requirements – Math, Science, ELA, Social Studies, The Arts, LOTE, Physical Education.

*Bridge Courses: providing opportunities for all students.

*Integrated Writer's Workshop.

*BOCES programs

*College Course offerings – Syracuse University: Biology, Animation and Gaming, Sport Management, Personal Finance, U.S. History: (23 credits); Houghton College: Literature, Writing (6 credits); GCC: Physics (4 credits); JCC: Problem Solving, Statistics, Pre- Calculus (10 credits) Total credits taught in WVCS = 43 (This does not include any possible Distance Learning courses) For a student attending WVCS and taking the college courses that are offered here - it is equivalent to just about 1.5 years of college course work. This is a large college savings for a West Valley family.

*STEM/STEAM Education *Zulama: Entertainment Technology – Evolution of Games, Programming I & II, Unity Programming, 3-D Design, Screenwriting, Real World Projects

*Little Bits *Hummingbird Robotics * 1:1 Technology 7-12, Office 365 * 1:1 Technology 5th & 6th grade

*Extra-Curricular Activities *Mentoring Redesigned *Chess Club *Code Monkey: coding

*3rd & 4th Science Club *Lego League Robotics: Animal Allies *Odyssey of the Mind

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported on a motion that is on the agenda for approval of the contract with Campus Construction for Clerk of the Works service. The contract has been reviewed by Hodgson Russ.

There is also a motion on the agenda for a contract with Rosellen Peek to provide Orientation and Mobility Services for a visually impaired student.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Kowalski, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to vote on A – H policy changes as one motion:

A. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Probation and Tenure" #6214 revised under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual.

B. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Administration of Medication" #7513 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

C. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Students with Life-Threatening Health Conditions" #7521 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

D. Approved the **second and final 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

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

F. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Prevention Instruction" #8211 revised under the Instruction section of the Policy Manual.

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

H. Approved the **second and final 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 Cizdziel to accept the resignation, with regret, of Suzanne Ciminesi from her position as an elementary teacher as of June 30, 2016
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve Morgan Green as a substitute (non-certified) teacher for the remainder of 2015/2016 school year.
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Fleischman to appoint William Carr as a leave replacement for Ashley Martin, start date is May 16, 2016. He has a Professional New York State teaching certificate permitting him to teach in the English 7-12 certification area. Fingerprint clearance is on file. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

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

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the West Valley Central School District and the West Valley Teachers' Association to provide a one-time waiver of Article 4, Section 14 (a) of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve a facility use request by Lisa Proctor for the Town of Ashford Summer Recreation Program to be held July 5, 2016 through July 28, 2016 from 8:30am – 11:30am for up to 35 participants to use the gym, hallway in front of the gym, playground, ball fields, track and grove. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve Karen Bernhoft and Cheryl Bernhoft 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). 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Kowalski, Seconded by Frank to approve the clerk of the works agreement between West Valley Central School District and Campus Construction Management Group, Inc. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Fleischman to approve a Service Contract and Fee Rates related to Orientation and Mobility Services between Rosellen A. Peek, TVI/COMS and West Valley Central School District for the 2015-2016 school year, covering July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Cizdziel to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to go into Executive session at 8:47pm for a legal matter. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Cizdziel to come out of Executive session at 9:54pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Cizdziel to **ADJOURN** at 9:54pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk