

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

**Regular Meeting**

**July 2, 2013**

**Library Conference room**

Members Present: Frascella, Fleischman, Jackson-McCarty, Engels, McCauley, Kazmierczak, Frank

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, Amy Butler, Craig Stiller, Springville Journal

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:24pm by President Michael Frascella

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

**III.** Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by McCauley to **ADOPT** the amended agenda.

Additions – Personnel item (R) substitute cleaner Britney Nowak, Personnel item (S) summer helper Michael Pfeffer, Personnel item (T) resignation of Justine Stephan, NB item (F) donation

Deletions – none

Changes – none

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

### **IV. Correspondence/BOE information**

Teaseleman Jackson-McCarty comments on the importance of being elected by the community to be a member of the board of education and we also need to remember it is not a position that we should take for granted. When she was first elected and still today, her focus remains on the students of West Valley and making sure every student receives the best education that our district can provide regardless, of who they are, what they have or do not have. Her focus has not waived throughout her time on the board and she will continue serving the community with the same mindset. It is important that we as a board work together as a team to move our school and community to a better place. Our job as board members is and should be a policy making board, to do what is best for the students and to be the voice of the whole community. It is very important that we remember that we as a board has hired professional staff members to do a job and we have to let them do it and not micro manage them or their decisions. A Board of Education member cannot have their own personal agenda; we were not elected by the community for that reason. Again, our job is to work together as a team.

Michael Frascella thanked the board for electing him to the position of President, he is honored. He wants what is best for the students and community of West Valley.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Craig Stiller handed in his letter requesting an unpaid leave of absence for one year. He wanted to let the board know that West Valley is a great place to work and that he appreciates the opportunity to work here. He has decided that he needs to take the leave of absence for health reasons. He commented that 85% of our students that took AP Calculus received college credit. He feels that having the class taught by a teacher in the classroom instead of on line is a big reason why the passing percentage rate is so high. Two sections in 9<sup>th</sup> grade math have been beneficial for the students because this math is cognitively abstract and reasoning which makes it more difficult. Students develop this technique at different stages.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**VII. REPORTS**

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reports that Justine Stephan is working until July 17<sup>th</sup> at a daily rate of pay. Summer helpers are on the agenda for approval and fingerprinting is completed. A building project list was handed out to the board and he asked the board to rate the items on the list from important to not as important.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported that interviews for Social Studies and Art positions have been completed and finalist will be interviewed by the Superintendent next week. Summer reading program will start on Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> and we are still waiting for some responses from parents regarding interest in the program.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien - none

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**IV. PERSONNEL**

A. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the following substitute teachers for the 2013-14 school year: Jodi Thiel, Kelly Hansen, Kristopher Fuller, Reann Ehman, Kate Morris, Jason Kearney, Kelly Blackmon, Lesley Durnadetto, Helen Davis, Christopher Enser, Michael Piatek, Jolene Wulff, Jamie Baldwin, Sarah Koch, Stephen Vant, Virginia Siepel, Angie Wittman, Diana Frank, Amy Frank, Mychelle McNeil-Wedvik, Kristi Haun, Phillip Gorlewski.  
6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Frank) motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to approve the following substitute teacher aides for the 2013-14 school year: Kelly Blackmon, Lesley Durandetto, Christopher Enser, Lori Smith, Jane Baker, Marilyn Fullington  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve the following substitute clerical for the 2013-14 school year: Christopher Enser, Virginia Siepel, Kelly Blackmon, Jodi Thiel  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Engels, Seconded by McCauley to approve the following substitute bus drivers for 2013-14 school year: Larry Nagel, Marc Gentner, Keith Ploetz, Cheryl Gentner, Leanne Pfeffer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Frank), motion accepted

E. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Engels to approve the following substitute cleaners for 2013-14 school year: Susan Feldman, Kim Mortenson, Denise Wheeler, Donna Gerlach, Marcus Enser, Rachel Herbert, Lisa Fox  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Engels to approve the following substitute monitors for 2013-14 school year: Theresa Nowak, Donna Gerlach, Colleen Fuller, Denise Wheeler, Dorothy Very, Rachel Herbert, Pat Glanowski, Lisa Fox  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the following mentor volunteers: Matthew LaBrake, Eric Lawton, Dan Adanti, Michelle Pfeffer, Beth Roy, Kathy Vacanti, Polly McCauley, Bonnie Hess, Rae Ann Lindberg, Marylou Forster, Connie Jo Kazmierczak, Ilene Simon, Dana Westfall, Loreen Butcher, Pam Casey, Michael Baronich, Ann O'Brien and Kathy Larsson for the 2013/14 school year.  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to approve April Preston as the Athletic Director for the 2013/2014 school year, according to the WVCS/WVTA contract. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Engels to approve James Boberg and Michael Parish as School Constables for the 2013/2014 school year.  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve Stephen Vant, Richard Preston and Michael Piatek as (out of school tutors) for the 2013/2014 school year. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

K. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Engels to approve the following **Advisors, Coordinators and Assistants for the 2013/2014 school year**, according to the WVCS/WVTA contract:

Class of 2014 advisor – Cathie Nason  
Class of 2014 assistant – Matt LaBrake  
Class of 2016 advisor – Jeanne Ford  
Class of 2017 advisor – Pam Casey  
Class of 2018 advisor – Cara Abbey  
Class of 2019 advisor – Marylou Forster  
National Honor Society advisor - Meghan George  
Junior National Honor Society advisor – Cara Abbey  
Jazz Band (Grades 6-8) – Vincent Venitelli  
Jazz Band (Grades 9-12) - Vincent Venitelli  
Marching Band et. al. – Vincent Venitelli  
Colorguard advisor – Patty Kowalski  
SADD co-coordinators – Lisa Green and Michelle Enser  
Spanish Club advisor – Marylou Forster  
Yearbook advisor – Cathie Nason  
Student Council advisor - Bonnie Hess  
Ski Club advisor - Gerald Stead  
Technology Education Club advisor – Gerald Stead  
International Connections Club advisor – Mike Baronich  
West Valley Vocalists advisor – Leanna Pfeffer  
Safety Patrol – Amy Butler  
Academic Challenge advisor – Ryan Keem  
Toastmaster Student Club co advisors Nicole Falkner and Jim Howe  
PARP Coordinator – Loreen Butcher  
Family Math Coordinator – Kelly Noto  
Family Reading Night Coordinator - Loreen Butcher  
Parenting Class Facilitator(s) – shared by Loreen Butcher and Michelle Pfeffer  
Musical Director – Aron Cole  
Assistant Musical Director - Megan George  
Detention Monitor - (Tues& Wed) Marylou Forster and (Thurs) Leanna Pfeffer

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

L. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve Connie Jo Kazmierczak and Bonnie Hess as co-advisors for the Class of 2015, for the 2013/2014 school year, according to the WVCS/WVTA contract.  
5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstain roll call Kazmierczak abstain, Fleischman aye, McCauley aye, Jackson-McCarty aye, Frascella aye, Engels aye, Frank abstain, motion accepted

M. Moved by Engels, Seconded by Frank to approve Daniel Loveless as a summer helper to work in the building and grounds department, effective July 8, 2013; and the starting wage will be \$7.25. Fingerprinting is complete and on file.  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

N. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to approve Nicole Archibald as a summer helper to work in the building and grounds department, effective July 8, 2013; and the starting wage will be \$7.25. Fingerprinting is complete and on file.  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

O. Moved by Frank, Seconded by McCauley to approve Dylan Westfall as a summer helper to work in the building and grounds department, effective July 8, 2013; and the starting wage will be \$7.25. Fingerprinting is complete and on file.  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

P. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Fleischman to approve the WVCS/WVSEA contract effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 through June 30, 2014 school year, for the 2014/2015 school year and for the 2015/2016 school year.  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Q. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve an annual stipend, according to the WVCS/WVSEA contract, to William Sloand as the New York State approved water systems operator for the 2013/2014 school year.  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

R. Moved by Engels, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve Britney Nowak as a substitute cleaner, working on an on call basis, starting wage will be \$7.50 per hour. Finger print clearance has been completed and on file.  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

S. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by McCauley to approve Michael Pfeffer as a summer helper to work in the building and grounds department and technology department. The starting wage will be \$7.25 per hour. Finger print clearance has been completed and on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

T. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to extend the employment agreement of Justine Stephan at her current rate of pay through 7/17/2013.  
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to approve the following resolution;

**Whereas**, Governor Cuomo has proposed legislation creating tax-free zones adjacent to state universities, private universities, and state-owned strategic sites, and,

**Whereas**, legislative markup is certain to be a component of future legislation, and,

**Whereas**, legislative approval will be required to move this proposal forward, and,

**Whereas**, the proposal indicates that twenty strategic state assets will be designated tax-free, and

**Whereas** the state-owned Western New York Nuclear Service Center, located in Northern Cattaraugus County contains usable acreage, utilities, and access for new business startups, and,

**Whereas**, the majority of the acreage is not contaminated,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, the West Valley Central School District requests that portions of the Western New York Nuclear Service Center be included in legislation approving the Governors tax-free NY proposal, and

**Further Be It Resolved** that creation of a tax-free zone at the Western New York Nuclear Service Center will be a positive step forward to the future use of the Western New York Nuclear Service Center.

**(attached)**

6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Frank), motion accepted

**XI: NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Engels to approve a full day Pre K program for the 2013/2014 school year.

5 ayes, 2 nays, roll call Kazmierczak aye, Fleischman aye, McCauley nay, Jackson-McCarty aye, Frascella aye, Engels aye, Frank nay, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Engels to appoint the following Board of Education members: McCauley, Frank and Frascella to be the visitation committee representatives, to visit the school annually and report on its condition, as per Policy #2210, for the 2013/14 school year.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Frank, Seconded by McCauley to approve West Valley Central School District to open the school library on Wednesday evenings for 1½ hours to the community, during the summer and school year (except when the district is closed). 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Frank to appoint Michael Frascella, Board of Education member, School Business Official ( at no additional pay) and Bill Sloand (at no additional pay) to be part of the energy conservation committee. The committee will analyze the school district's energy consumption patterns and cost data. Work with outside consultants and/or staff members to recommend and evaluate energy saving ideas. Progress reports on the implementation of energy conservation measures will be made to the Superintendent at least annually, as per Policy #5650, for the 2013/14 school year. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Engels to approve the CSE recommendations. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Frank to accept a donation of \$2,310 from Merry-Go-Round Playhouse to be added to the general fund for Arts in Education programming. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Frank, Seconded by Engels to go into Executive session at 8:20pm to discuss the contract of the Superintendent. No business will take place after executive. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Engels to come out of Executive session at 9:22pm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Engels to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 9:23pm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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District Clerk