

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

**Special Meeting**

**November 18, 2013**

**Library Conference room**

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

Members Absent: Kazmierczak

Others Present: Lawton, O'Brien, Boberg, Leslie Durandetto, Amy Butler, Danielle Stenbakken, Kay and Bob Conrad, Tracy Chai, Justin – Springville Journal, Leslie Durandetto, Carol Olejniczak

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

Special Meeting called to order at 7pm with Frascella presiding.

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

**III.** Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to **ADOPT** the amended agenda.

Additions –Personnel item (A) family medical leave and item (B) resignation

Deletions –none

Changes – none

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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

Mike Frascella stated that Frances Engels has resigned from the board. He asked the board how they wanted to handle filling this position for the remainder of the school year. They decided to advertise the opening on the website and in the December newsletter. Interested volunteers are to send a letter of interest to Carolyn Boberg by December 6<sup>th</sup> and attend the BOE meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The board will meet with the interested individuals that evening. They do not want to just place someone in that position without notifying the community of the opening and this will give the community an equal chance.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kay Conrad commented on the changes in the SUNY system from when she was a student, the motto then was to let each become all he is capable of being. She graduated from that system and in her years of teaching and administration, she believed that those words meant educators are facilitators. She feels that, “the common core will eventually take local control out of the education equation. It is a special interest takeover of education that replaces local control with national and perhaps someday international standards – treating every child will be treated as though they were the same and learn the same way.”

She also states, "States succumbed to the lure of free money from the Federal government. Bill Gates has been quoted as saying; the common core has unleashed a POWERFUL MARKET to provide services to teachers and those who will implement it." The best way to take control over people is to take a little of their freedom at a time. She would like our school board and administrators to get vocal about unfunded mandates and the imposition of the ill-conceived Common Core with the accompanying high-stakes testing. She will be meeting with our State Senator Cathy Young to express her concerns.

Leslie Durandetto commented on the presentation given by Lynda Quick regarding the districts options – shared services, open borders, tuition out or merger. She was also wondering what the long term expense of the capital project will be in years 2,3,4 after project.

## **VI. PRESENTATIONS**

none

## **VII. REPORTS**

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reported that 19 students participated in the volleyball club this past Sunday. He handed out 36 homework awards to students in grades 7-12 for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. On the agenda is the first reading for the smoking policy to be amended to include e-cigarettes. He asked the board for their direction on sports. Athletics is a good opportunity for all students to participate in; no cuts at the modified or JV level and Varsity level would possibly have cuts.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo - no report presented

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported that on the agenda is a motion to approve the response letter going to the State Comptroller audit findings in April 2013. The report is confidential so it cannot be discussed in open session. The comptroller office has to receive our response before their report goes public. She asks Bob Conrad to speak to the board of behalf of the audit committee. He stated that the report did not comment on positives on payroll, accounts and that all money is accounted for. He states that the district needs to continue to be conservative with the budget process.

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Fleischman to approve the unofficial Board of Education minutes from November 4, 2013 regular meeting. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**IV. PERSONNEL**

A. Moved by Frank, Seconded by McCauley to approve a request from Carol Kruse for a Family Medical Leave beginning 12/2/13 due to surgery. Her expected day of return is between 1/6/14 and 1/20/14. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted.

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to accept the resignation of Dorothy Very from her substitute position effective immediately. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Inventories and Accounting of Fixed Assets" #5620 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**XI: NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to approve the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)" #7320 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to approve the West Valley PTO to use the cafeteria and library on Saturday December 14, 2013 for the annual "Santa's School for Elves", from 10 - 2pm. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Fleischman to approve the Girls' Scout Troop 381 to use the cafeteria on Saturday November 16, 2013 for their regular meeting, from 9:45 - 11:30am. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to accept the resignation, with regret, of Frances Engels, Board of Education member, effective November 4, 2013. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to approve the response and corrective action plan from the District to the NYS Office of the State Comptroller's Draft Report of Examination for the period July 1, 2009 through June 4, 2013. **(attached)** 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to surplus cubbies as excess. 5 ayes, .0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to advertise the cubbies for bid. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to authorize Michael Ball to act as an official bank signatory and an official electronic signatory for checks. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**XII:** Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 8:06pm. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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District Clerk