

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

December 9, 2013

Library Conference room

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

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Lawton, O'Brien, Amodeo, Boberg, Kay and Bob Conrad, Justin Birds – Springville Journal, Rich Place - Salamanca Press, Jim Boberg, Lynn Rogers, Amy and Chris Ignatowski, Paul and MaryKay Williams, Pam Casey, Dan Loveless, Mike Nowak, Evan Williams, Trish and Mark Loveless, Ryan Keem, Michelle Enser, Amy Butler

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular 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 (E) Resignation of Wally Heim bus driver

Deletions –none

Changes – none

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Mike Frascella announced that two community members have submitted letters of interest to fill the vacant BOE seat until the May election. At the end of tonight's agenda he will ask them to introduce themselves and state their interest in becoming a BOE member.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kay Conrad supplied the BOE members with more information on the Common Core and the extensive data mining that will accompany implementation. She states, "The data to be gathered is deemed to be necessary to coordinate the federal takeover of education in the United States. The Board of Regents in NYS wants to send up to 400 categories of student information to inBloom, a non-profit group so educators can better analyze student needs on a national level – including disciplinary to health records. A national data base SLDS-States Longitudinal data base system was created using federal stimulus money. This altered the previously privacy protected

Family Education Rights Privacy Act to access personally identifiable student data. The data mining links data from schools, medical clinics, and criminal justice systems, this information will not be kept from any federal agency. This is not federally mandated yet, but it is a federally partnered data model and many states are following it". She would like the West Valley School District to pass a resolution against excess high stakes testing. During the last three meetings she has commented on her research of the Common Core and has heard nothing from the board or administration and does not understand why. Mike Frascella stated that board meetings take place in public but they are not a public meeting. The board gives the opportunity for the public to make comments during the specified time on the agenda. If she would like to discuss this after the meeting it can be arranged.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

Wildcat Way Above and Beyond Award

Was presented by Eric Lawton, Superintendent, Dennis McCauley and Teaseleman Jackson-McCarty Board of Education members to the following recipients;

Daniel Loveless was a 2013 graduate of West Valley Central School who is currently attending Alfred State College studying mechanics. Dan has always been a helpful student and a hard worker. He provided music for many of our dances throughout his high school career. Dan attended the Auto mechanics program at BOCES where part of his internship was here in our bus garage. That led us to hire Dan for the summer to work both in the bus garage and around our building doing many projects. Dan elected to plan, recruit helpers and gather donations to construct a picnic shelter adjacent to our playground as his Eagle Scout Project. He successfully completed the project and our Board would like to publically thank him for all of his efforts.

Michael Nowak is a senior at West Valley who would like to obtain a college degree and pursue a career in Mechanical Engineering. He is expected to graduate with an advanced regent's diploma, with a weighted GPA of 4.0. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Ski club, S.A.D.D. and Tech club. He participates in Varsity Baseball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Bowling, Varsity Soccer and works at Burger King in Ellicottville. Mike elected to plan, recruit helpers and gather donations to construct a baseball dugout as his Eagle Scout project. He successfully completed the project and our Board would like to publically thank him for all of his efforts.

Evan Williams is a senior at West Valley who would like to obtain a college degree and pursue a career in Computer Science. He is expected to graduate with an advanced regent's diploma, with a weighted GPA of 3.80. He is a member of the International Connections club, Academic Challenge, Ski club and a class officer. He participates in Varsity Soccer and Varsity Bowling. Evan elected to plan, recruit helpers and gather donations to construct a baseball dugout as his Eagle Scout project. He successfully completed the project and our Board would like to publically thank him for all of his efforts.

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reported that Jerry Young of Young and Wright Architect firm would like to present the list of potential project items to the Board at a special meeting on December 16th at 7pm in the auditorium. The list includes all requested items and we will be narrowing the scope to include only items that are aidable and are within our budgetary constraints. All members of the community are invited to come to this meeting so that they can be part of the process. The WVTA donated \$200 toward the purchase of books for our library in the Board's name for School Board Appreciation Week.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported on the Bullying presentation of Lee Cutler from NYSUT on December 9th during 9th and 10th periods for students in grades 6-11. Lee has done similar presentations for neighboring school districts. This opportunity was afforded to us by the work of Mike Baronich. Lee also had the opportunity to present to our 4th and 5th graders. After meeting with our APPR team on November 14th he has drafted and revised the local document for teacher's APPR that would be amended to the WVTA contract. The WVTA met on Monday and have accepted the revisions. Chorus concert will be held on Thursday, December 12th. Our Winter Band Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 18th. Our Holiday Show will be held on Friday, December 20th from 1:30-2:30pm.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reported that on Friday we received a copy of the official NYS Comptroller's Audit report, which was released to the public as well. It is on our website and she encourages the public to read the audit to its entirety. The district puts together a conservative budget with some flexibility in expenses and reserves. This is important because if there is a fluctuation in any area of the current budget there is some room to adjust our spending. The district would rather be proactive than reactive while dealing with unexpected expenses, such as increases in special education costs, utility and fuel. Standard and Poor's has maintained the District's credit rating as strong. This is due to conservative budgeting and adequate reserve levels. A good credit rating leads to good borrowing power and lower interest rates.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve the unofficial Board of Education minutes from November 18, 2013 special meeting, October Treasurer's report, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities, October Warrants and October Bank Reconciliations. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Fleischman to approve **Items B- M**

B. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Budget Planning and Development" #5110 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual

C. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "School District Budget Hearing" #5120 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual.

D. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Use of Email in the School District" #6480 revised under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual.

E. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Suspension of Students" #7313 required under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

F. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Student Physicals" #7512 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

G. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Parent Involvement for Children with Disabilities" #7660 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

H. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Dignity for All Students Act" #7550 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

I. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Civility, Citizenship and Character Education/Interpersonal Violence Prevention Education" #8242 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

J. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Code of Conduct of School Property" #3410 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

K. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Identification Badges" #6191 under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual.

L. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Evaluation of Personnel" #6130 revised under the Personnel section of the Policy Manual.

M. Approved the **first reading** of the Board Policy "Student Data Breaches" #7244 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve Melissa Keller as a substitute registered nurse. She is recommended by Eric Lawton, Superintendent with the effective day pending fingerprint clearance. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve Rebecca Knierim as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2013/14 school year. Fingerprint clearance is complete and on file. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve Derek Houser as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2013/14 school year. Fingerprint clearance is complete and on file. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve Amy Butler as the Girls' Elementary (grades 4th, 5th and 6th) Basketball coach for the 2013/2014 winter season, pay as per the WVCS/WVTA contract. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to accept the resignation of Wally Heim from the position of bus driver, effective December 8, 2013. 6 ayes, 0 nay, motion accepted

F. Moved by Fleischman, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve Kristopher Fuller as the Boys' Elementary (grades 4th, 5th and 6th) Basketball coach for the 2013/2014 winter season, pay as per the WVCS/WVTA contract. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to approve the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)" #7320 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI: NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to accept a generous donation of \$500 from Wal-Mart, the money will be used in the technology department to purchase USB keys. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to accept a generous donation of \$200 from the West Valley Teacher's Association, the money will be used to purchase library books in recognition of the West Valley Board of Education. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to allow residents of West Valley to walk the hallways for exercise from 7am to 8am, Monday through Friday, except when students are on break. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to accept the highest bid of \$30.01 from John Pfeffer Sr. for wooden cubbies. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Fleischman, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the 2013/14 Organizational Chart. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to establish a Memorial Award for Anna Schroeder, a \$100 donation from Mr. Mike Schroeder was given to start the memorial. It was requested through the establishment of the award that the Principal and Guidance department be the selection committee. The award will be given to a senior student at graduation ceremony. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to approve the West Valley PTO to use the auditorium, in addition to the cafeteria and library, on Saturday December 14, 2013 for the annual "Santa's School for Elves", from 10 - 2pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to approve the West Valley PTO to use the auditorium on Saturday January 11th from 10-11:30am, on Saturday February 8th from 6-7:30pm, on Saturday March 1st from 6-7:30pm and on Saturday March 22nd from 10-11:30am for family roller skating. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

I. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Frank to amend the board of education meeting calendar to add a special meeting on December 16th at 7pm in the auditorium. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

J. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the 2014/2015 Budget Calendar as prepared and recommended by the Superintendent and Business Official. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Mike Frascella stated that the West Valley Board of Education received two letters of interest to fill the resigned board seat until the election in May.

Amy Ignatowski introduced herself. She stated that she has been a parent representative for the CSE and CPSE department, involved with the local Cub Scout pack and a committee member of the WV Chamber of Commerce. Her husband and she operate a local business in the area. They have three children; two attend WV and the third child is not school age. She has an invested interest in the school district and community and would like to become part of the decision making process.

Lynn Rogers introduced herself and stated that the West Valley Central School has a commitment to educate all children and teach them to be productive members of society. She believes in giving back to the community and serving as a positive role model for the next generation through her own community involvement. She is a board member and coach through Ashford Youth Incorporated, PTO member and a Daisy leader for the WV Girl Scout troop. Her husband and she have two daughters that attend WV school. As a board member she would have the best interests of the student and district as a whole in mind when making decisions.

XII: Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 8:10pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk