

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 13, 2014

Library Conference room

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

Members Absent: Kazmierczak

Others Present: Lawton, O'Brien, Amodeo, Boberg, Kay and Bob Conrad, Deb Randall, Justin Birds – Springville Journal, Leslie Durandetto, Cheryl Henry, Jerry Wright, Diane H. Pfeffer, Bill Sloand, April Preston, Bob Harrington, Bryan Hansen

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:06pm with Frascella presiding.

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

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

Additions –none

Deletions –New Business item (C)

Changes – none

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

### IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Mike Frascella asked the BOE members their opinion on having the **Correspondence/BOE information** section of each agenda designated for board discussion on a specific topic that pertains to West Valley Central School. During that discussion the board will share their personal opinions on the particular topic. Mike asks the board to keep an open mind during these discussions because there will be times the board will need to agree to disagree. Members of the board should email suggested topics to Mike. The consensus of the board is that the more communication they have between them the better they will function as a whole board. Eric Lawton read a letter from John E. Pfeffer; recently the NYS Governor signed into law, legislation that allows school boards to grant exemptions on assessed valuations for veterans for school tax purposes. Veterans would be granted – 15 % for war time service and an additional – 10% for serving in a combat zone. Eric submitted this to the board as their first topic of discussion during the correspondence section of the next agenda.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Diane H. Pfeffer asked the board about the progression of the boards long range plan. She is not asking about the finances of the district but what they think will happen to the school over time if the enrollment continues to decline. Mrs. Pfeffer also asked if the state accepted the districts response and the corrective action plan. Mike asked Ann O'Brien to please respond to her. The state does not necessarily accept our response and corrective action plan but they acknowledged that it was received. Kay Conrad asked about the future of the school. Mike stated that this topic will be reported on during Mr. Lawton's report.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS**

none

**VII. REPORTS**

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton introduced Jerry Young and Cheryl Henry of Young and Wright Architect firm. They answered questions from the BOE members on the priority rating list. Bill Sloand also answered some questions. BOE members turned in their individual list; the architect firm will tally the sheets and report at the next meeting.

An athletic advisory committee is in the process of being formed, Eric feels the board should have three members to serve on this committee; Lynn Rogers, Mary Fleischman and Brad Frank have volunteered. He would also like to have (2) students that play sports, community member(s), representative of the teacher union, administration and two parents on this committee. April Preston reported on the outlook of Sports at West Valley with our enrollment numbers. We continue to struggle to compete within league play. Teams that have been able to compete will struggle to maintain that in the near future. We will consistently struggle to compete in post season play within all sports. We will eventually lose the majority of our feeder programs (modified and JV) for our varsity programs, which will discourage students from playing when they are able to play at the varsity level. Students who are interested in playing sports will transfer to another school in order to experience high school athletics in all grades 7-12 if we cannot consistently offer all levels. If we do not look at a serious change for next year, surrounding schools will begin to look other places, and West Valley will be left on its own. There have been some discussions at the AD meetings on combining football with Franklinville, West Valley and Ellicottville. West Valley needs to get on board before we lose the opportunity for our students.

He feels that the make-up of the "Future Committee" is needed. He thinks the committee should include board members, community members, parents and taxpayers with no students in school. Teaseleman Jackson-McCarty, Mike Frascella and Brad Frank have volunteered for the committee. We could begin by looking at all options for our district, looking at the 2012 Alan Pole Presentation and the options presented by

Lynda Quick. We could review our current financial situation and opportunities for our students in comparison with neighboring districts. We could then create a timeline for meetings and goals for the committee.

A BOCES air quality person came into the district today to test for mold in four classrooms. He will be sending the samples to a lab and should have the results back to us by the end of next week. We also asked our employees to fill out a questionnaire and it will be forwarded to BOCES. Information will be shared to the board of education members once it is final.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reports that our local APPR has been finalized. Highlights of the few changes are as follows; unannounced observation form was changed to include 14 focus indicators that will be the centerpiece of the unannounced walkthroughs. The remaining indicators on the unannounced observation form will be averaged to obtain an overall composite score, an additional option for teachers to demonstrate Domain: 4 professional responsibilities were included. Teachers will have the option of developing and implementing 3 yearly goals or a Structured Artifact Review. Targets for school wide SLO's have been determined and include increased expectations for student proficiency in all grade levels. At the end of the month all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the Comprehensive English regents Exam. West Valley will be participating in field testing for PARCC. PARCC is a consortium of states that have come together to develop next generation assessments for our students. These assessments will be web based and have enhanced technology tools for students to access and manipulate during the test. The PARCC assessments may be also used as a college and career readiness assessment as 700 colleges have already agreed to waive remedial classes for students scoring a 4 or 5 on a PARCC assessment.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reports on the substitute pay for staff other than teachers. Motion is on the agenda for approval

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to approve the unofficial Board of Education minutes from December 30, 2013 special meeting.  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

## **IV. PERSONNEL**

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Fleischman to approve Michael Ball as the District Treasurer, effective December 31, 2013. Annual salary is \$44,900 and benefits will be according to the working agreement and conditions of the employment for confidential staff. Fingerprint clearance is complete and on file.  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by McCauley to approve the minimum wage to be the hourly rate of pay for substitute monitors, substitute teacher aides, and substitute clerical staff; minimum wage plus \$.25 to be the hourly rate for substitute cleaners, \$20 to be the hourly rate for substitute nurses, \$19.06 to be the hourly rate for substitute bus driver drive time, and \$13.32 to be the hourly rate for substitute bus driver down time; \$60 to be the per diem rate for non certified teacher assistants and \$75 to be the per diem rate for certified teacher assistants. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**

none

**XI: NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to amend the existing College Connections Agreement with Jamestown Community College. JCC will be proposing online course offerings with our NYS partners in the College Connections program on a pilot basis in spring 2014; if our school participates, the attached amendments would be necessary. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve the CSE recommendations. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. ~~**DELETED** Consider a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the WVCS and WVTA that amends the WVCS/WVTA contract to include the 2013/14 Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR).~~

**XII:** Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frascella to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 8:50pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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District Clerk