

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 24, 2014

Library Conference room

Members Present: Frank, Kazmierczak, Fleischman, Frascella, Rogers, Jackson-McCarty, McCauley (via video conference)

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Lawton, O'Brien, Amodeo, Boberg, Jerry Wright, Chad Erlandson, Derek Wells, Colin Proctor, Amy Butler, Tracy Chai, Cathy Nason, Andrea Gentner, Brandon Rockwood, Jesse Nelson, Reuben Diaz, Stephanie Schweickert, Trisha Thomas, Paul Bembia, Patti Kowalski, Stephanie Stock, Cody Hebdon, Lindsey Smith, Courtney Walters, Josh Heim, Josh Fleischman, Evan Williams, Kim Lewis, Beth Roy, Mike Nowak

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. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to **ADOPT AGENDA** as listed

Additions: none

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Eric Lawton, Superintendent reported on a letter that was received by Senator Catharine Young. The overall intention of her letter is to offer facts to the districts and set the record straight about the Senate's one-house budget resolution which was recently passed. The board received a copy of the letter and the consensus is to have Eric respond to the letter. They would like him to thank her for everything that she has tried to do for the district and hopes that she will continue. Mike Frascella reports on the Common core informational meeting that was held at the WV fire hall on March 20th. Dan Amodeo, Principal will be sending a letter home explaining the process of opting out of the state test if that is what the parent requests

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

VI. PRESENTATIONS

none

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton reports that Jerry Young is present at the meeting to answer any questions the board has regarding the potential capitol project. With direction from the board of education he spoke with neighboring district Superintendents (Pioneer, Franklinville, Ellicottville and Springville) on the topic of combining sports with West Valley. Each school was interested in having a meeting with our district. The Athletic Directors will be invited to attend. He asked the board about deleting the football equipment from our inventory. The board would like an inventory taken and a board motion on the next meeting agenda. At the next meeting it will be decided how the equipment will be discarded.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reports that we have changed the date of the 4th and 8th grade PARCC field testing to the week of April 7th so not to conflict with the administration of the 3-8 ELA Common Core Assessment. On March 14th we held our 2nd to last Collaborative Team meetings. To this point all groups, have developed three goals with three actions for each goal. We will be working on putting it all together and discussing it at our last meeting in May. It will be present to the Board of Education after the final draft has been completed.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reports on the need to purchase a new plow truck. The 2001 Dodge has seen its day. The price is extremely reasonable because it is on state contract. We are required to issue an RFP for external auditing services every five years. The RFP will be mailed to our current auditor and other firms hat our BOCES component districts use. She discussed the final section of the budget.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the unofficial Board of Education minutes from March 11, 2014 regular meeting, January Treasurer's reports, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities, January Warrants and January Bank Reconciliations. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Fleischman to approve Nicole Falkner to take maternity leave starting around April 25th. Nicole will work up to and including April 11th, 2014. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve Jason Bussman as a substitute teacher. He is certified in English Language Arts 7-12. Fingerprint clearance is on file. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XI: NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Rogers to approve Mrs. Charlotte McLaughlin and Mrs. Virginia Reed as registrars for voter registration day on May 7th, 2014 and as registrars and supervisors of the voting process during the Annual Budget Vote/BOE election of two members on May 20th, 2014. David Thiel approved as the voting machine inspector for the set up of the voting machine and the day of the vote. The rate of pay will remain the same as last year (\$75.00 per person/day). 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Fleischman, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve Mrs. Tracy Ploetz as a substitute registrar for voter registration day on May 7th, 2014 and as a registrar of the voting process during the Annual Budget Vote/BOE election of members on May 20th 2014. Mr. John Pfeffer approved as the substitute voting machine inspector for the set up of the voting machine and the day of the vote. The rate of pay will remain the same as last year (\$75.00 per person/day). 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to approve the 2013-2014 contract agreement between the Board of Education of West Valley Central School District and the Board of Education of Springville-Griffith Institute Central School District, for Health and Welfare Services. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Frank, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to allow the Superintendent to open negotiations with neighboring school districts to share sports starting in the 2014-2015 school year. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Fleischman to approve a facilities use request for the West Valley Alumni Association to hold a banquet on July 5, 2014 at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Rogers, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve a facilities use request for the West Valley PTO to hold a High School Year-End Bash for 9th and 10th graders from 7-10pm in the cafeteria, auditorium and gymnasium on Friday May 9th. To hold an after-prom party for 11th and 12th graders from 11pm-3am in the cafeteria, auditorium and gymnasium on Friday May 9th through Saturday May 10th. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

G. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Fleischman to approve the following resolution:

WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution Issuing Negative Declaration for Proposed
Capital Improvements Project - 2014

WHEREAS, the West Valley Central School District and its Board of Education propose to undertake a Capital Improvements Project consisting of various interior and exterior building improvements and site work at District facilities and grounds including the Main Building and Bus Garage; and

WHEREAS, proposed improvements at the Main Building include reconstruction, renovations, and upgrades to building elements and systems including a new roof at the Elementary (1985) portion of the building, floors including auditorium stage flooring, stage rigging, ceilings, doors, lockers, electrical upgrades including kitchen service, and asbestos abatement, a new communications and clock system, computer technology upgrades, projectors and projection screens, security cameras, retractable bleachers, and scoreboards, and alternate items that could be undertaken include a new Voice Over the Internet phone system and new plumbing fixtures; and

WHEREAS, improvements proposed to be undertaken at the Bus Garage include new higher-efficient lighting fixtures, new operable windows with screens, and asbestos abatement as required for these improvements; and

WHEREAS, site work items at the campus include track resurfacing and repair, reconfiguration of the stairs/Handicapped ramp at the 1936 building main front entry, infill an existing basement stair/retaining wall, reconfigure retaining wall/sidewalk adjacent to the gym, sidewalk repairs, and installation of fencing at the baseball and softball fields; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action has been classified as an "Unlisted" action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and the District/Board is the "Lead Agency" for purposes of undertaking the environmental review of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the District/Board has duly considered the action, the Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria for determining whether the action will have a significant adverse impact on the environment as set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c) of the SEQRA regulations, and such other information deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the District/Board has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, has taken a hard look at these areas, and has made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the West Valley Central School District Board of Education that:

1. The proposed Capital Improvements Project will not result in any large and important impacts and, therefore, it is an action which will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2. The attached Negative Declaration, incorporated herein by reference, is issued and adopted for the reasons stated in the attached Negative Declaration.
3. The Superintendent of the District is authorized to sign and file or have filed on behalf of the District/Board all documents necessary to comply with SEQRA.
4. This resolution is effective immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2014 by the West Valley Central School Board of Education. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

H. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 24, 2014 CALLING FOR THE SUBMISSION, TO THE VOTERS OF THE WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT"), OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - 2014 AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$1,842,000, AND DIRECTING THAT SUCH PROPOSITION BE INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT'S NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. That provisions in substantially the following form (subject to final review and approval of the appropriate District officials, the District's regular counsel and the District's bond counsel) shall be added to the District's notice of annual meeting and vote for 2014, to wit:

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following Proposition No. 3 will be submitted for voter approval at such time:

Proposition No. 3-- Capital Improvements Project - 2014

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the West Valley Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to undertake a Capital Improvements Project - 2014 consisting of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and renovation, in part, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities (and the sites thereof) (the “Project”) to implement various health, safety, accessibility and code compliance measures required by the State Education Department in connection with any significant capital project and various other measures generally described in (but not to be limited by) the project plan that has been prepared by the District with the assistance of Young + Wright Architectural and which is available for public inspection in the offices of the District Clerk, such work to include, without limitation and to the extent as and where required: various interior and exterior building and grounds improvements to the Main Building and Bus Garage. Proposed improvements at the Main Building include reconstruction, renovations, and upgrades to building elements and systems including a new roof at the Elementary (1985) portion of the building, floors including auditorium stage flooring, stage rigging, ceilings, doors, lockers, electrical upgrades including kitchen service, and asbestos abatement. Other improvements include a new communications and clock system, computer technology upgrades, projectors and projection screens, security cameras, retractable bleachers, and scoreboards. Alternate items that could be undertaken include a new Voice Over the Internet phone system and new plumbing fixtures. Improvements proposed to be undertaken at the Bus Garage include new higher-efficient lighting fixtures, new operable windows with screens, and asbestos abatement as required for these improvements. Site work items at the campus include track resurfacing and repair, reconfiguration of the stairs/Handicapped ramp at the 1936 building main front entry, infill an existing basement stair/retaining wall, reconfigure retaining wall/sidewalk adjacent to the gym, sidewalk repairs, and installation of fencing at the baseball and softball fields, all at an estimated maximum cost of \$1,842,000, provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Project Plan may be reallocated among such components, or such components may be deleted, revised or supplemented if (1) the Board shall determine that such reallocation, deletion, revision or supplementation is in the best interests of the District and (2) the aggregate amount to be expended for the Project shall not exceed \$1,842,000 and (3) no material change shall be made in the overall scope and nature of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board is hereby authorized to expend or apply toward such Project available funds in the amount of \$400,000 from the District’s General Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a tax is hereby voted to finance the balance of such estimated maximum cost of the Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,442,000, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,442,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that New York State Building Aid fund (including EXCEL Aid funds) expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of the cost of the Project, and such funds shall, to the extent received, be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that such Proposition No. 3 shall appear on the ballot labels to be inserted in the voting machines used for voting on such Proposition in substantially the following abbreviated form:

Proposition No. 3 – Capital Improvements Project - 2014

YES

NO

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that (a) the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the West Valley Central School District (the “District”) is hereby authorized to undertake a Capital Improvements Project - 2014 (the “Project”) consisting of the reconstruction, rehabilitation and renovation, in part, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities (and the sites thereof) to implement various health, safety, accessibility and code compliance measures and various other measures included and described in (but not to be limited by) the Project Plan referred to in the public notice of the vote on this Proposition, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$1,842,000; (b) the District is hereby authorized to expend or apply available funds in the amount of \$400,000 from the District’s General Fund to finance a portion of such cost; (c) a tax is hereby voted in an amount not to exceed \$1,442,000 to finance the balance of such cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; (d) in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,442,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and (e) New York State Building Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that an Environmental Assessment Form has been completed for the Project, which is an Unlisted action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), a thorough review of the Project’s potential environmental impacts has been undertaken, it has been found that the Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment, and a reasoned elaboration of the SEQRA review and findings has been provided in a Negative Declaration.

2. The District Clerk or the Clerk's designee is hereby directed to add the above-referenced provisions (in substantially the stated form) to the notice of the annual meeting and vote of the District for 2014, working in consultation with the appropriate District officials, the District's regular counsel and the District's bond counsel.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frank to **ADJOURN** at 8:46pm
7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk