

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

April 7, 2014

Library Conference room

Members Present: Kazmierczak, Fleischman, Frascella, Rogers

Members Absent: Jackson-McCarty, McCauley, Frank

Others Present: Lawton, O'Brien, Amodeo, Boberg, Amy Butler, Cathie Nason, Kim Lewis, Deb Randall, Rob Green, Kay Conrad

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:46pm with Frascella presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Fleischman to **ADOPT AGENDA** as listed

Additions: NB item (C) facilities use request Girl Scouts

Deletions: none

Changes: none

4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Eric Lawton shared with the board a thank you note that was received by Bonnie Frank.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kay Conrad thanked the board and administration for everything that they do for the school and how much it is appreciated. She gave a copy of a letter that she sent to Governor Cuomo.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

none

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton asks the board if they have any questions regarding the capital project – they did not. He reported on a letter that he sent to Senator Cathy Young thanking her for her support and encouraging her to continue the fight to eliminate GEA. She did write an emotional letter to the editor in the Ellicottville Paper in response to Mark Ward's letter. On Tuesday we had 42 students refuse to take the NYS assessment. This represents about 30% of our students. Lynda Quick contacted him to find out our plan to prevent this from reoccurring. This will make it more challenging to complete the APPR. April and he met with Sharon Huff and

Jim Graczyk of Pioneer and Joe DeMartino of Springville to discuss the possibility of a sports share. They have been in contact with Ellicottville and Franklinville to set up an appointment. Mike and he attended the School Board Delegate's meeting last Thursday at Moonwinks in Cuba. There was a great deal of enthusiasm about traveling to the conference in New York City. Requests have been made for graduation to be held in the Auditorium instead of the gym this school year – the board agrees with the change.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reports that 42 students of 125 refused to take the state assessments. He was more surprised by why and who refused to take the assessments than the actual number. Through informal conversations with our students, many of them did not know why they were refusing and many said they simply did not want to take the test and that their parents were okay with it. I can empathize with those parents who are having their students refuse based on certain principles, however I am concerned about the bandwagon effect this has had in our school and others. A seminar for our 6th – 8th grade students and parents on Bullying and School Violence Prevention is being planned for Tuesday, May 20th from 6-8pm.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien reports on the proposed final budget. The budget includes a 0% increase in the tax levy which effectively holds our tax levy amount to the same as last year. She then explained the budget handouts.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Rogers, Seconded by Fleischman to approve the unofficial Board of Education minutes from March 24, 2014 regular meeting.
4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Rogers to approve Katherine Benatovich as a substitute uncertified teacher and substitute clerical. Fingerprint clearance is on file. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Rogers, Seconded by Frascella to approve the following chaperones for the Junior/Senior Prom on Friday May 9th, 2014 from 5:30 – 10:30pm at Salvatore's restaurant; Mr. Dan Amodeo, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Lawton, Cathie Nason, Mr. and Mrs. George Kazmierczak, Bonnie Hess, Mike Baronich and Mr. and Mrs. Matt LaBrake. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Fleischman, Seconded by Rogers to approve Cathie Nason and Matt LaBrake as the chaperones for the senior trip to Sandusky, Ohio from Saturday June 21 through June 24, 2014. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XI: NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Fleischman, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve a facilities use request for the West Valley Hall of Fame Committee to hold the Hall of Fame Ceremony on Saturday May 10th 2014 from 5pm – 8:30pm in the auditorium. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Rogers, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the CSE recommendations. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Fleischman to approve a facilities use request for the Girl Scouts of WNY #10381 to hold the Girl Scouts award ceremony on May 16th, 2014 in the auditorium at 6:30pm. Set up for the event will be from 4-6:30pm that same day. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Fleischman to **ADJOURN** at 8:55pm. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk