

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 25, 2013

Library Conference room

Members Present: Frascella, Engels, Kowalski, McCauley, Kazmierczak

Members Absent: Jackson-McCarty, Fleischman

Others Present: Lawton, Amodeo, O'Brien, Boberg, Leslie Durandetto, Kim Lewis, Amy Butler, Paul Bembia, Chad Erlandson, Brad Frank, Springville Journal reporter, Mychelle McNeil-Wedvik

Administration Absent: none

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Kowalski.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. Moved by Frascella, Seconded by Kazmierczak to **ADOPT** the amended agenda:

Additions –NB (F) PTO donation

Deletions –presentation

Changes –Personnel (B) and (C) name switch

5ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

March 28th delegates from each board will meet at the Challenger center. April 10th at 6pm is the Annual BOCES meeting at the Olean center. April 23rd is the BOCES budget and member vote. April 25th is the spring school board meeting in Cuba and the new District Superintendent and CTE BOCES will be announced.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brad Frank asked how the survey for early release was distributed to families. He had asked some of his co workers what they thought of the survey and they did not know anything about it. How would it work for BOCES students? Steve Kowalski asked if the board would approve Dan Amodeo answering the questions and it was approved. Amodeo stated that the survey was given to all PreK -12 students and were available at the talent shows this past week end. Currently he has received 60-70 completed surveys and the results are 2 to 1 in favor of early release. The biggest problem seems to be day care. Amodeo stated that a global connect could be done to all households to make sure all families know about the survey. At this point the district is in the gathering information stage of this possibility. Chad Erlandson addressed the BOE regarding declining enrollment across all of WNY, increasing taxes and opportunities for students. When will West Valley make a change?

VI. PRESENTATIONS

Canceled and rescheduled for next meeting ~~Kim Lewis and Aamina Haykal presentation on Spanish countries and cultures~~

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Eric Lawton asked the board to look over the regulation on social media that is in their packet and a discussion will take place at a later date. A list of remaining scheduled board meeting dates was sent to Lynda Quick. An informational meeting had taken place last year by the request of the board to discuss district options. It was too broad. Eric asked the board for some feedback on a direction that the board would like to have Lynda Quick investigate. Mike Frascella stated that New York State offers no incentive for districts to have regional high schools or merger. These options are not feasible until the state offers aid and other districts have the same need. The board would like Lynda Quick to research the feasibility and savings to tuition out grades 9-12. Superintendents, Business officials and Board of Education Members of local districts are currently meeting and discussing their district needs and the possibility of sharing services. The bell schedule needs to become the same amongst districts to make shared services work. Eric discussed the fencing around the softball and baseball fields. The board would like to wait on the fencing until the boy scouts complete their Eagle Scout project of dug outs. WVSEA negotiations committee – Kowalski, Jackson-McCarty and Frascella will have their first meeting with union representatives on April 11th and 17th at 4pm. Friday and Saturday shows and activities were a huge success. Eric thanked the fire company for use of chairs for Friday night, PTO for Saturday activities, Holland School for lending us a spot light for the talent show, Springville GI for allowing our chorus students to attend the Potsdam Pitches show.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported more on the early release survey. He passed around the responses that have been received to the board. 65 have been returned (represents 90 students), 40 (represents 55 students) are supportive of early release and 25 (represents 30 students) not supportive. The most common reason for not supporting this idea is day care. Maybe local church helpers, junior national honor society or national honor society students can help with day care. All the possible problems have not been worked out. Another comment was why teachers cannot do the training over the summer. Teachers are 10 month employees with summers off. If a teacher attends a training session over the summer the district has to compensate them. If the training is done during the school year all teachers would be present and can work together on future planning. Another option is to not have training each month but maybe 5 a school year. Pat Rinko the Pre-K teacher states there are 19 potential students that could attend our program. Based on the success of our current full day program and the benefit to the students he would continue to recommend a full day Pre-K program. However, considering that we may need to hire an additional classroom aide and/or teaching position if our numbers are above 18 and 20 respectively, this

may not be economically feasible given our budget constraints. He attended the quarterly Curriculum Coordinators forum and was inundated with new information and common core resources. A major decision facing districts is the adoption, adaptation, or alignment of state approved curriculum materials with current materials and practices. The most difficult aspect of adopting state approved material is the quantity of texts required for the implementation of the ELA curriculum modules.

C. Business Official, Ann O'Brien gives a budget update that we are still waiting for state budget. Health insurance rates have finally been adopted. The consortium used fund balance to keep health insurance rates at a lower percentage than they would have been. Due to decreasing enrollment the district will be cutting a ½ time Math teacher for next year. State is wavering districts with less than 1500 students from having an internal audit – the board of education can set parameters. An external audit will still be done.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Frascella to approve the unofficial Board of Education minutes from the March 11, 2013 Regular meeting.
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Engels, Seconded by Frascella to approve **Items B- H**

B. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Executive Sessions" #1540 revised under the By-Laws section of the Policy Manual.

C. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Purchasing" #5410 required under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual

D. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Financial Accountability" #5570 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual.

E. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Smoking/Tobacco Use" #5640 required under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual.

F. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast)" #5660 revised under the Non-Instructional/Business Operations section of the Policy Manual.

G. Approved the **second and final reading** of the Board Policy "Searches and Interrogations of Students" #7330 revised under the Students section of the Policy Manual.

H. Approved 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.

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Engels, Seconded by McCauley to approve Jackie Mumbach, Amy Butler and James Baker Sr. as the chaperones for the 2013 senior trip to Virginia Beach from May 3rd through May 5th, 2013. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Engels to approve Amy Butler as a nonpaid Assistant Coach for Girls' softball for the 2013 season.
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Frascella to approve John Arbogast as a nonpaid Assistant Coach for Boys' baseball for the 2013 season.
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Frascella to approve the **Memorandum of Agreement** between the **WVCS and WVTA** to hereby agree to an hourly rate and responsibilities for the Trap Club chaperone during the 2013 spring season.
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI: NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Frascella, Seconded by McCauley to approve Mrs. Tracy Ploetz as a substitute registrar for voter registration day on May 8th, 2013 and as a registrar of the voting process during the Annual Budget Vote/BOE election of a member on May 21st, 2013. Approve John Pfeffer as a 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). 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Engels to approve a facilities use request for the West Valley PTO to hold Family Roller Skating on Saturday April 13th from 6pm – 7:30pm in the Auditorium. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Engels, Seconded by McCauley to approve a Scantron (test scorer) 888P+ serial #K-3247 as surplus for disposal. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Frascella to approve a contract between the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District and the Board of Education of the Kenmore - Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District, County of Erie, New York for the health and welfare services provided for a child that is a resident of West Valley but attends a charter school, the contract began on July 1, 2012 and ends on June 30, 2013. 4 ayes, 1 nay (Kazmierczak), motion accepted

E. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Engels to approve Charmaine Schulze, a student of Jamestown Community College to complete a 20 hour internship in the kindergarten classroom of Leanna Pfeffer starting March 8th.
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

F. Moved by Frascella, Seconded by McCauley to accept a \$50 donation from the West Valley PTO to purchase chess sets and supplies needed in the library.
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII: Moved by Engels, Seconded by Frascella to **ADJOURN** at 8:25pm
5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk