

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

April 16, 2012

Library Conference room

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

Members Absent: Jackson-McCarty

Others Present: Bowen, Amodeo, Chudy, Boberg, Preston, Marylou Forster, Amy Butler, Springville Journal – Cassie Klahn, Art Munson, Leslie Durandetto, Brad and Krista Frank, Bob Olczak,

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Stephan Kowalski

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

Moved by Engels, Seconded by Frascella to go into Executive session at 6:31pm for the purpose of personnel discussion on the Superintendent search.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Engels, Seconded by McCauley to come out of Executive session at 7:11pm.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

III. Moved by Frascella, Seconded by McCauley to **ADOPT** the changed agenda.

Additions – New Business item E. accept 9 IPADS; New Business item F. thank you to individuals for involvement in the \$500 award from Utica National Insurance Group; Personnel item C. thank you to Mrs. Meghan Janora for volunteering her time

Deletions – none

Changes – none

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. Correspondence/BOE information

Stephen Kowalski reported on the April 26th Allegany Cattaraugus Association of School Boards Annual Spring Dinner. May 2nd is Voter Registration Day from noon until 8pm.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Leslie Durandetto commented on her views of a quality school. Art Munson stated that at the last board meeting a motion was passed to give May 25th off to students and staff due to an unused snow day. He feels school should be in session. He also inquired on the water situation for school and town. Mike Chudy will be reporting on this during his report. Marylou Forster asked for an update to the Superintendent search. Brad Frank stated that they were informed of a possible full day PreK program here at West Valley. He wanted the board to not consider this option because he feels it would be too long of a day and family time at home is important. Amy Butler inquired on the progress of the Request for Proposal (RFP). Hillary Bowen will report on this during her report.

VI. PRESENTATIONS

none

VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Hillary W. Bowen reported that the Request for Proposal (RFP) was a result of past board retreats. It is a feasibility Study on Regionalism, Tuitioning and Shared Services. The RFP will be sent to the following consultants; Alan Pole, Rural School Association, Western New York Educational Service Council and Castallo and Silky in April. RFP's are due back to the District by May 11th. The Board will then choose a consultant. Thank you to Mike Chudy, April Preston, Bob Harrington, Jim Howe and Bill Sloand for assisting in gathering the required safety information and being awarded \$500 from Utica National Insurance Group's "2012 School Safety Excellence Award". BOCES Board meetings are scheduled for May 2nd at 4:30pm at the Belmont Center BOCES and June 6th at 4:30pm at the Ellicottville Center BOCES, if any board members are interested in attending contact Carolyn Boberg to register. Evacuation and early dismissal drill is scheduled for May 3rd. Three (3) dying trees were removed from school grounds over spring break.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported that no final decision has been made on full day or half day PreK for next school year. NYS ELA and Math assessments start April 17th through April 27th. AP Biology students participated in a half day class of AP Biology on April 5th. This allowed the students to make up lost time of instruction due to different spring breaks for Cattaraugus-Little Valley and West Valley. Thank you to Mrs. Meghan Janora, who volunteered her time during her scheduled Spring Break. In Erie 1 BOCES Winter/Spring newsletter, West Valley Central School was highlighted as a participant in the enhancement of the educational curriculum through the Buffalo Zoo. Mr. Labrake has completed course requests for the upcoming school year. On April 4th the Middle School and High School band members performed at the Annual Coffee House event in the Auditorium. On April 4th Miss New York , Kaitlin Monte, visited West Valley Central to speak with our 3rd-5th graders and 8th grade girls regarding the issues of bullying. Softball and baseball practice have been held outside due to the good weather.

C. Business Official, Michael Chudy reported on the progress of the water situation in West Valley. Mike is looking into the town possibly using the district's water supply. He reviewed the revenues and proposed 2012/2013 budget.

1. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Frascella that the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District adopts the proposed 2012-13 budget in the amount of \$8,609,698. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted.

D. Athletic Director, April Preston reported on the concerns from the athletic department on sports. It is requested that the Board of Education consider adopting a Memorandum accepting a lower level combination of all West Valley Athletic Programs with Ellicottville Central School for the 2012-2013 school year. Lower levels are defined as all modified programs and Junior Varsity programs as needed. The board would like to have a Public Forum on April 24th at 6pm in the library conference room.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by McCauley to approve the unofficial minutes from the March 26, 2012 Board of Education meeting, March Warrants, March Treasurer's reports, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities and March Bank Reconciliations. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PERSONNEL

A. Moved by Engels, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve Mrs. Karen Bernhoft as a **back up** registrar and John A. Pfeffer as a **back up** voting machine inspector of the voting process during the 2012/2013 Annual Budget Vote/BOE election of a member on May 15th 2012. They will be available on an as needed basis and the rate of pay will be \$75.00 for the day.

4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstain roll call; Kazmierczak – aye, Engels – aye, Frascella – aye, Pfeffer – abstain, McCauley – abstain, Kowalski – aye, motion accepted

B. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Kazmierczak to approve the employment agreement between West Valley Central School and Justine Stephan as Committee on Special Education Chairperson for a period of one (1) year, from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Frascella, Seconded by Kazmierczak to thank Meghan Janora who volunteered her time during Spring Break to provide our students instruction time that would have been lost due to the different spring breaks for Cattaraugus-Little Valley and West Valley. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Engels, Seconded by Frascella to approve the **second and final** reading of the Board Policy "Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the School District" #3420 **revised** under the Community Relations section of the Policy Manual. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by to accept the following book donation from the Student Council; The Houdini Box, by Brian Selznick. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Frascella to accept the following book donation from Phyllis Couture through the Cattaraugus County Farm Bureau; Seed Soil Sun, by Cris Peterson. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Frascella to approve the use of the school's Auditorium by the Girl Scouts Troop #10381 on Friday June 1, 2012 at 6:30pm for their Court of Awards Ceremony. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Engels to accept \$500 that was awarded to the district from Utica National Insurance Group for use in the safety program. Our school was awarded the Utica National Insurance Group's certificate for the "2012 School Safety Excellence Award". 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by McCauley to accept nine (9) IPADS which were obtained through a Cattaraugus-Allegany Teacher Center Technology grant. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted.

F. Moved by McCauley, Seconded by Pfeffer to thank the following individuals: Mike Chudy, April Preston, Bob Harrington, Jim Howe and Bill Sloand for assisting in gathering the required safety information to be awarded \$500 to the district for use in the safety program. This award is from the Utica National Insurance Group. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Frascella, Seconded by McCauley to go into Executive session at 8:37pm for personnel reason. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Frascella to come out of Executive session at 9:45pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Frascella to **ADJOURN** at 9:46pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk