

## OFFICIAL MINUTES

**Regular Meeting**

**May 15, 2012**

**Library Conference room**

Members Present: Kowalski, Frascella, Pfeffer, Kazmierczak, Jackson-McCarty, Engels  
Members Absent: McCauley  
Others Present: Bowen, Chudy, Amodeo, Boberg, Paul Bembia, Marylou Forster,  
Leanna Pfeffer, Eric and Denise Lawton, Springville Journal-Cassie Klahn, Kim Lewis

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Stephan Kowalski

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

**III.** Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Frascella to **ADOPT** the agenda as is.

Additions – none

Deletions – none

Changes – none

5 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

### **IV. Correspondence/BOE information**

Mike Frascella announced that West Valley's AYI (Ashford Youth Incorporated) is up and running. The 7 and 8 year old boys' are participating in Franklinville's baseball league. West Valley also has a T-ball team.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

none

### **VI. PRESENTATIONS**

Leanna Pfeffer presented on the Kindergarten Zoo Curriculum. The Buffalo Zoo is sharing their everyday living laboratory with western New York students in an effort to enhance learning. The zoo has been a choice destination for primary school field trips for decades, but thorough a new partnership with Erie 1 BOCES the focus now encompasses improving results in middle and high school classroom using technology. She thanked Mrs. Bowen and Mr. Amodeo for giving her this opportunity.

Mark Pfeffer arrived at 7:12pm

## VII. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Hillary W. Bowen introduced Eric Lawton and his wife Denise. She reported on attending the Big 30 dinner Monday night at the Old Library where Alyssa Cizdziel received an award. Mike Chudy attended a WSPQ radio interview on May 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss the budget and answer questions. Hillary thanked him for all his hard work on the budget and congratulated him on the successful radio interview. West Valley will be sending two classes through distance learning; JCC Accounting to Scio, Silver Creek and Gilboa-Conesville school districts and JCC Web Publishing to Springville. The last meeting for APPR will be Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>. Staff Appreciation week was last week and the PTO provided breakfast for the whole staff and the WVTa provided breakfast on Friday for Superintendents day. Thanks to the PTO and WVTa. The senior trip to Virginia Beach was a success. The first half of the Superintendent's Day on Friday was spent on the APPR committee sharing the work that has been done so far.

B. Principal, Daniel Amodeo reported on the second half of the Superintendent's day that was held May 11<sup>th</sup>. The topic discussed was RTI (response to intervention). If a student needs academic or behavioral help a plan of action is put in place to help the student be successful. The plan is scheduled to be finished on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade awards ceremony is May 16<sup>th</sup> morning. The kickoff for PARP (parents assistance reading program) started on May 14<sup>th</sup>. On May 24<sup>th</sup> the PARP carnival and PreK BBQ is scheduled. Thank you to Loreen Butcher and Michelle Pfeffer for all their work to put this event together. The Pageant of Bands is scheduled for Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> in Springville. The marching band and high school concert band has been working very hard to prepare for this event. Congratulations to Alyssa Cizdziel on her accomplishments. Kindergarten Graduation is June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

C. Business Official, Michael Chudy reported on the results of the fire inspection that was completed on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Only a couple of changes needed to be made. The inspectors were happy that the recommendations that were given last year have all been addressed. He attended the town meeting this week and the town wants to form a water district in the future but have the private company, Crystal Water, proceed with designs and look to set up agreements to purchase at a future date. The school will need to consider options. He will speak with the town to see if the idea of using the school well is still feasible. A capital project would be needed for a back up well if we opt out of towns water.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Moved by Engels, Seconded by Frascella to approve the unofficial minutes from the May 7, 2012 Budget Hearing and regular Board of Education meeting, April Warrants, April Treasurer's reports, budget status, revenue status, extra classroom activities and April Bank Reconciliations. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**IV. PERSONNEL**

A. Moved by Frascella, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the appointment and Superintendent's Contract between the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District and Eric Lawton. Mr. Eric Lawton who holds a New York State School District Administrator Permanent Certificate (control #783396971), with an effective date of 9/1/1997, commencing July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. *During the discussion of the motion Steve Kowalski read a statement from Dennis McCauley who could not attend the meeting; "Unfortunately, I cannot be in attendance this evening. If I were here, I would be casting my vote in favor of Eric Lawton becoming our District's Superintendent."*  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Engels to approve two (2) elementary teaching positions to be abolished effective June 30, 2012.  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Frascella, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the reduction of the Home Careers teacher from full time (1.0) to half time (.5) effective June 30, 2012. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Jackson-McCarty to approve the reduction of one (1) cleaner's hours from 8 hours per day to 6 hours per day, scheduled 5 days per week.  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Kazmierczak, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve with regret the resignation of Michael Chudy, School Business Official, effective June 15, 2012.  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted.

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**

none

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Moved by Pfeffer, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to surplus (2) white tarps approximately 33ft x 75ft. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Pfeffer, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to approve the use of the school's cafeteria/library/school grounds by the West Valley Clever Clovers 4-H from May 16<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, 3-4pm for planting flowers at the Grove or a small project. A copy of the insurance has been obtained. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Engels, Seconded by Jackson-McCarty to accept the 2012 fire inspection report that was completed on April 27, 2012.  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Pfeffer, Seconded by Engels to Recess for Budget results from the Voting booth 7:55pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Pfeffer to continue with the meeting at 9:28pm. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Frascella to certify the outcome of the 2012/2013 Annual Budget proposition (**attached**). 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to certify the outcome of the election of one Board of Education member Mary Fleischman to a five year term commencing 7/1/2012 (**attached**).  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

**XII.** Moved by Jackson-McCarty, Seconded by Kazmierczak to **ADJOURN** at 9:30pm  
6 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

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District Clerk