WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026 ~ 6:00 PM

Members Present
Shannon Crocker
Shauna Harrington
Roger Kemler
Janine Lynch
Edwin Schatzel

Members Absent
Alisa Brewer
Sara Northup-Lynch

Others Present
Jeremy Siddon, Superintendent
Kelley Crossett, District Treasurer
Daphne Raymo, District Clerk
Glenn Broadbent, MS/HS Principal
Christine Nofri, Elementary Principal
Felix Ray, Transportation Director
Olivia Broadbent, Ex-officio Student Board Member
David J. Amendolare

THIS MEETING WAS LIVE-STREAMED THROUGH THE WEST CANADA VALLEY CSD WEBSITE.

CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Shauna Harrington, called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion made by Ms. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Crocker to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the following consent agenda items be approved and/or accepted: meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting March 9, 2026, warrant report, CSE/CPSE report, treasurer's report, budget report, claims audit report, and administrative reports (the administrative reports are given in person and written reports).

All voted in favor; motion carried 5:0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Ms. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Crocker to recess into executive session to discuss the review and appointment of employees and tenure candidates.

All voted in favor; motion carried 5:0

Entered Executive Session: 6:20pm Exited Executive Session: 7:40pm Reconvened Public Session: 7:41pm

ACTION ITEM: PERSONNEL – SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion was made by Mrs. Crocker and seconded by Ms. Lynch to approve the following resolution,
RESOLVED, to appoint;

Name: **Samantha Francisco**
Position: Long-Term Substitute Earth & Space Sciences Teacher
Salary: Per the district-approved rate reference sheet and the WCVTA Bargaining Agreement
Effective: April 14, 2026, with an approximate start date of May 14, 2026
All voted in favor; motion carried 5:0

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion was made by Ms. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Crocker to approve the following resolution,
RESOLVED, to appoint;

Name: **Tina Sternberg**
Position: Substitute Account Clerk
Salary: Per the CSEA Bargaining Agreement
Effective: July 2, 2026
All voted in favor; motion carried 5:0

ACTION ITEMS: PERSONNEL – FAMILY LEAVE REQUEST

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion was made by Mr. Schatzel and seconded by Mrs. Crocker to approve the following resolution,
RESOLVED, to approve Family Care Leave;

Name: **Theresa Alberry**
Position: Elementary Teacher (6th grade)
Effective: Beginning on/about April 13, 2026, for approximately 12 weeks; effective April 14, 2026
All voted in favor; motion carried 5:0

ACTION ITEMS: PERSONNEL – FAMILY LEAVE REQUEST

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion was made by Mrs. Crocker and seconded by Ms. Lynch to approve the following resolution,
RESOLVED, to approve Family Care Leave;

Name: **Kassi March**
Position: Teaching Assistant (7-12)
Effective: Beginning on/about April 13, 2026, for approximately 12 weeks; effective April 14, 2026
All voted in favor; motion carried 5:0

ACTION ITEM: APPROVE OUT-OF-DISTRICT PRIVATE / PAROCHIAL TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

Motion made by Ms. Lynch and seconded by Mr. Schatzel to approve the out-of-district private/parochial transportation request for the 2026-2027 school year.

All voted in favor; motion carried 5:0

ACTION ITEM: POLICY UPDATES – POLICIES PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

Motion made by Mrs. Crocker and seconded by Mr. Schatzel to adopt the seventeen (17) policies listed below for approval (#1001 through #8702), as presented.

All voted in favor; motion carried 5:0

Audited Policies Presented for the **Approval** on April 13, 2026:

1. 1001 - Community Use of School Facilities
2. 1002 - Visitors to the School
3. 1003 - School Volunteers
4. 1004 - Use of Buses by Community Groups
5. 1006 - Service Animals
6. 1007 - Student Participation
7. 1008 - Parent-Teacher Organizations
8. 1009 - Booster Clubs/Parent/Teacher Organizations
9. 1010 - Operation of Motor-Driver Vehicles on District Property
10. 1100 - Records Management and Access
11. 1200 - Parent and Family Engagement in Title I Programs
12. 1300 - Handling and Disseminating Identifying Information Received Regarding Sex Offenders
13. 1301 - Advertising on District Property
14. 1303 - District Publications and News Media Relations
15. 1400 - Constitutionally Protected Prayer in the Schools
16. 8204 - Courses Including Dissection of Animals
17. 8702 - Animals in School (Therapy)

DISCUSSION ITEM: BUDGET WORKSHOP V

Mr. Siddon included workshop materials in this month's budget packet to include the Executive Budget Proposal, current enrollment data, the district-approved Rate Reference Chart, and the Transportation, Athletic Uniform, and Equipment Replacement Plans. Ms. Crossett reviewed the budget expenditures and revenues, explained tax on true and how the value of the district has gone up 50% in the past 10 years. The increase in the tax levy (the total amount of taxes that the school is able to collect) is presented as 15% for 2026-2027. In order to pass this budget, the district needs a super-majority vote, or 60% of the voters, to vote yes. Mr. Siddon explained that if the budget isn't passed, the district will present another budget at a second budget vote in June. If this budget isn't passed, the district will automatically go to a contingency budget, where extracurricular activities, sports, and other student programs would be affected. Mr. Siddon stated that the school is the hub of the community and we are hoping for success in passing this budget. Both Mr. Siddon and Ms. Crossett answered questions that arose regarding the 2026-2027 budget.

DISCUSSION ITEM: PRE-KINDERGARTEN EXPANSION GRANT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The request for proposal for the pre-kindergarten expansion grant that the district received must be posted on the school's website each year for local daycares within the district to apply for. Mr. Siddon advised that the district will continue to receive this grant as long as the funding is available.

DISCUSSION ITEM: CLASS OF 2026 DRIVE YOUR TRACTOR TO SCHOOL DAY

The Class of 2026 members would like to drive their tractors to school on Friday, June 12 in celebration of their upcoming graduation. This event is for seniors only, and for tractors only (no side by sides, four-wheelers, etc.) and one person per tractor (no passengers). Participants will need to submit a completed permission slip with the proper signatures no later than June 11, 2026. The permission slips will be available beginning on June 1, 2026.

DISCUSSION ITEM: EMERGENCY DAY GIVE BACK

Mr. Siddon advised that the district currently has one remaining weather/emergency day. If the district doesn't use any other weather/emergency days from now until May 21, the remaining day will be "given back" to students and families. This means that there will be no school for students on Friday, May 22, 2026. If there is a need to use another weather or emergency day, we will notify everyone of the change as soon as possible.

DISCUSSION ITEM: SCHEDULE MEETING FOR BOCES ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE

The Board agreed to reconvene at 7:30 AM on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, which is the designated voting date for the Herkimer BOCES 2026-2027 Annual Budget and Board of Education Elections.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The District Clerk received one public comment addressed to the Board Members, via email:

"Hello, my name is Emily Goggin and I am a 7-12 math teacher in the WCV district.

I am writing in with a comment in response to the conversation earlier in the meeting regarding personal finance education. We do offer Personal Finance as a full year course in the high school for any 10-12th graders. This counts as a math credit for some students but also an elective option. Topics addressed include behavioral economics, banking accounts, investing, credit cards, managing debt, loans, mortgages, taxes, budgeting, and gambling and sports betting.

Students are expressing continued interested in taking the course for either math or elective credit. Approximately 70 students have enrolled and completed this course over the last 3 years."

President Harrington thanked Mrs. Goggin for her comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 15: HFHO BOCES Budget Vote & BOE Elections
- April 20: School Board Candidate Petitions due by 5:00 PM
- May 5: Spring Concert I (Senior Band) 7:00 PM
- May 7: Spring Concert II (First & Third Grades) 6:00 PM
- May 8 & 9: Solo Festival @ Central Valley CSD
- May 11: Budget Hearing & Regular BOE Meeting 6:00 PM
- May 12: Spring Concert III (Jr. & Sr. Choruses, Jr. Band) 7:00 PM
- May 12: Second Annual Nighthawks Art Show, MS/HS Library 6:00 PM
- May 19: Annual Budget Vote & School Board Election 12:00 - 8:00 PM
- May 19: Spring Concert IV (4th Grade/Elementary Band & Chorus) 6:30 PM
- May 25: Memorial Day Parade - Middleville 10:00 AM

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Schatzel and seconded by Ms. Lynch to adjourn the meeting.

All voted in favor; motion carried 5:0

Meeting adjourned: 8:12 PM

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President, Board of Education Clerk, Board of Education