West Canada Valley CSD
Board of Education
2026-2027 Revised Budget Hearing 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting 6:30 PM
Monday, June 8, 2026

Members Present	**Others Present**	**Others Present**
Alisa Brewer	Jeremy Siddon, Superintendent	Judith R. Simonette
Shannon Crocker	Christine Nofri, Elementary Principal	Robert Batson
Shauna Harrington	Kelley Crossett, Business Manager	Kathy McEvoy
Roger Kemler	Daphne Raymo, District Clerk	
Janine Lynch	Todd Hobin, Athletic Coordinator	
Sara Northup-Lynch	Felix Ray, Transportation Supervisor	
Edwin Schatzel	Dennis Lynch, Director of Facilities	
	Emily Looman, Director of Special Programs	

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 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2026-27 REVISED BUDGET PROPOSAL

Superintendent Jeremy Siddon presented an overview of the revised 2026-2027 budget proposal following the rejection of the original budget. In this updated proposal, the initial tax levy was lowered from 15% to 9%. This reduction requires the district to identify approximately $55,000 in savings for every 1% decrease in the levy. The presentation also outlined the severe impacts of a potential contingency budget, which would require an additional $500,000 in cuts, including reductions in extracurriculars, athletics, and staff. Mr. Siddon emphasized the necessity of a 60% supermajority for the revote being held on June 16, 2026 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and urged the community to please come out and vote.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Elementary School Principal, Christine Nofri, updated the Board on events happening in the elementary school. Highlights included a visit from children's author Daniel Jude Miller, a safety poster contest sponsored by the Newport Fire Department, and upcoming STEM, unity, and field day activities.

Ms. Nofri presented academic data on student growth and the inception of new reading programs such as *CKLA* and *Fundations*. The progress has been very positive and proficiency rates indicate that 80% of the second-grade students are at or above the benchmark expectations.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

RESOLVED, that the following consent agenda items be approved and/or accepted: Regular Meeting minutes from May 11, 2026; Special Budget Vote/BOE Election/Bus Proposition Meeting minutes from May 19, 2026; Special Budget Meeting minutes from May 26, 2026; administrative reports (the administrative reports are given in person rather than written reports), warrants, CSE/CPSE, treasurer, budget and claims audit reports.

All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

DISCUSSION ITEM: M&T BANK AND SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION

As a result of changing procedures for school tax collection by M&T Bank, the district has decided to transition school tax collection back to the school. By moving to in-house tax collection, the district will improve control and efficiency, along with a potential cost savings of $1,000.

DISCUSSION ITEM: ATHLETIC ROUND UP

Mr. Siddon congratulated all West Canada Valley athletes, many of whom have received numerous awards and recognitions. Several of our teams competed for sectional titles and also at the State level. Board President, Shauna Harrington mentioned that it has been nice to see the West Canada community at the various games, both at home and away, cheering on the athletic teams. Let's Go Nighthawks!

DISCUSSION ITEM: EX-OFFICIO STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

Beginning in September, two new ex-officio student board member representatives will attend the monthly meetings. Teegan Harvey and Agafya Karyagina will alternate their attendance throughout the 2026-2027 school year. Welcome!

RECESS TO PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Schatzel and seconded by Ms. Lynch to recess into executive session to discuss:

- The Review and Appointment of Employees
- Contract Negotiations Involving the WCV Teacher Association
- Review of Individual *Terms & Conditions of Employment* Contracts

All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0 Entered Executive Session: 7:08 PM Exited Executive Session: 8:19 PM

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Board President, Shauna Harrington, reconvened the public session at 8:23 PM.

ACTION ITEMS: PERSONNEL – RESIGNATIONS

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion was made by Mrs. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Schatzel to approve the following resolution,
RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of;

Name: **Keari Little**
Position: Elementary Teacher
Effective: June 30, 2026
All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion was made by Mrs. Northup-Lynch and seconded by Mr. Schatzel to approve the following resolution,
RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of;

Name: **Tracy Taylor**
Position: Bus Driver (full-time)
Effective: May 21, 2026
All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

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

Name: **Chloe Warmingham**
Position: Registered Professional Nurse (MS/HS)
Effective: June 19, 2026
All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion was made by Mrs. Brewer and seconded by Mrs. Crocker to approve the following resolution,
RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of;

Name: **Jennifer Karram**
Position: Teaching Assistant (Elementary)
Effective: July 6, 2026
All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

ACTION ITEM: PERSONNEL – FACULTY MENTOR APPOINTMENT

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

Name: **Abigail Griffin**
Position: Faculty Mentor (Earth and Space Sciences)
Salary: Per the WCVTA Bargaining Agreement
Effective: June 9, 2026 through the 2026-2027 school year
All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

ACTION ITEM: PERSONNEL – RESCIND SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion was made by Mrs. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Schatzel to adopt the following resolution,
RESOLVED, to rescind recent substitute appointment (at the employee's request);

Name: **Pamela Tomei**
Appointment: Substitute Teaching Assistant
Reason: Due to retirement regulations and rules
Effective: June 9, 2026, until further notice
All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

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Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion was made by Mrs. Northup-Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Crocker to adopt the following resolution,
RESOLVED, to rescind recent substitute appointments (at the employee's request);

Name: **Tina Sternberg**
Appointments: Substitute Account Clerk, Teacher (non-certified), Teaching Assistant, Aide/Monitor, Custodian
Reason: Due to retirement regulations and rules
Effective: June 9, 2026, until further notice
All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

ACTION ITEM: PERSONNEL – TENURE APPROVALS
(Tenure recognition will take place at the September Board Meeting)

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion was made by Ms. Lynch seconded by Mrs. Crocker to grant tenure to **Eileen Lindsay,** in the tenure area of ***Teaching Assistant***, effective retroactive to September 1, 2025
All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, motion was made by Mrs. Crocker seconded by Ms. Lynch to grant tenure to **Tracey Farber**, in the tenure area of ***Teaching Assistant***, effective September 1, 2026
All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

ACTION ITEM: APPOINT EX-OFFICIO STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS

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

Name: **Teegan Harvey**
Position: Ex-Officio Student Board Member
Effective: September 1, 2026
All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

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

Name: **Agafya Karyagina**
Position: Ex-Officio Student Board Member
Effective: September 1, 2026
All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

ACTION ITEM: ADOPT BROADBAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the West Canada Valley Central School District shall contract with Madison-Oneida BOCES to provide broadband telecommunications services to the district.

All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy McEvoy, from Newport, addressed the Board regarding the vital role that Teaching Assistants play in the classroom, and the positive impact that they have on students while working in smaller groups.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 11 - Honors Ceremony (invitation only) 5:00 PM, HS Auditorium
June 13 - Dolgeville Violet Festival Parade, 10:00 AM
June 16 - Last Day of Classes for Middle/High School
June 16 - Budget Revote, 12:00 - 8:00 PM, High School Lobby
June 17 - Athletic Ceremony, 5:00 PM, High School Gym
June 19 - Juneteenth, School and Offices Closed
June 23 - PreK Graduation, 9:30 AM, High School Auditorium
June 24 - 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony, 9:30 AM, High School Auditorium
June 24 - Elementary Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM
June 25 - Last Day of Classes for Elementary Students
June 25 - Elementary Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM
June 27 - Commencement Ceremony, 10:00 AM, High School Auditorium

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Siddon presented Alisa Brewer with a token of appreciation to thank her for her years of service and dedication to the West Canada Valley School District during her term as Board Member.

ADJOURN

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

All voted in favor; motion carried 7:0

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

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President, Board of Education

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Clerk, Board of Education