

**West Valley Central School Board of Education
UnOfficial Minutes**

Regular Meeting

March 15, 2022

Members Present: Klahn, Davis, Niesyty, Chai, Heitman, Robbins, Harmony
Others present: Dr. Farrar, Ann O'Brien, Danielle Behringer, Carolyn Boberg, Mark Jargord - Springville Journal, Brian Johnson, Lucas Proseus, Thomas Snashell, Krystal Georg, Sarah Whiteway, Katie Huber

I. CALL TO ORDER

Regular meeting called to order at 7:01pm with Heather Klahn, president presiding.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the UNITED STATES FLAG

III. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Chai to **ADOPT** the agenda as listed below:

Additions: none.

Deletions: none

Changes: none

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board of Education invites you, the residents of our school community, to feel comfortable in sharing matters of interest or concern that you might have with us. The Board President will be happy to recognize those of you who wish to speak. Please indicate this on the sign in sheet and you will be called on in order, identify yourself with your name and address.

Those items brought to the attention of the Board during this time may be taken under consideration for future response or action. We ask that individual comments be limited to three minutes in order to accomplish the evening's agenda.

We respectfully ask that issues related to specific school district personnel or students be brought to the attention of the Superintendent or Principal privately.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- Senior trip was presented by students and Mrs. Hannah Mazzuto accompanied. The trip was described in detail on their activities in San Antonio Texas from May 31st through June 4th, 2022.
- Budget Presentation on Curriculum/Instruction; Social/Emotional Learning and Athletics was presented by Dr. Farrar. **Curriculum and Instruction Changes** – STAR Early Literacy, Continuum of Services-transition West Valley 12:1:1 Special class program and consultant teacher services to integrated co-teacher. **Enhancements** – Curriculum mapping in Math and ELA, Science curriculum resources, STEM kits, Technology Education, Explicit instruction, Specially Designed Instruction (SDI), MTSS Tier 1 team and AIS blocks/MTSS Tier 2.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Changes – Full-Time School Social Worker (K-12), AIMSWeb+ - The BESS. **Enhancements** – Trauma Informed Practices, Dr. Melissa Sadin, Student Management and Support, Brian Mendler, Restorative Practices and MTSS Tier II. **Athletics – Continuation** – All athletic programs currently in place will continue to be offered during the 2022-2023 school year.

- Wellness Committee and Policy review - Kate Huber and Sarah Whiteway Presented on Creating Healthy Schools & Communities 2021-2026. **Grant objective** – reduce the risk of obesity and chronic disease in high-need communities and school districts by increasing demand for and access to healthy food and opportunities for physical activity through the implementation of sustainable policy, systems, and environmental changes. **Grant Activities** – School – to develop wellness committees, increase opportunities for physical activity, improve nutrition environment and improve SEL Competencies. Community – to develop complete streets and safe routes to school, improve food guidelines at worksites, community settings and day care center and increase physical activity in day care centers. **Through...technical assistance, training, resources, funding and networking.** Comprehensive school physical activity program goals – provide a variety of school-based physical activity opportunities that enable all students to participate in at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day. School Nutrition Environment – school stores & snack bars, vending machines, concession stands, A La Carte Foods, in-school fundraising, classroom celebrations, access to drinking water and school meals. Establish a local school wellness policy. – form a district wellness committee-charged with developing, implementing, reviewing, and updating the policy, includes specific goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. Assess policy at least every three years. – compliance of schools with the district policy, compare local school wellness policies to model policy and assessment must be available to the public.

VI. REPORTS

A. Superintendent, Dr. Taweepon Farrar reviewed the following policies:

- Policy #5130- 1st reading
- Policy #5150- suggest deletion
- Policy #5230- 1st reading
- Policy #5570- 1st reading
- Policy #5683- 1st reading
- Policy #5730- 1st reading
- Policy #5731- 1st reading
- Policy #5740- 1st reading
- Policy #6140- 1st reading
- Policy #3220- 1st reading
- Policy #6220- 1st reading
- Policy #8210- 1st reading
- Policy #8240- 1st reading
- Policy #6160- 1st reading
- Policy #5661- 1st reading

Congratulation to Mrs. Rinko on her notice of retirement! – wish her the best. Athletics/co-curricular/extracurricular – fall and winter sports awards night was a success. Thank you to Mr. Hansen, coaches and families for all their work and support! Spring sports practices began March 14th, and our first softball game is March 30th. No football collaboration.

8th graders will be going to Washington, DC in May.

Ann O'Brien presented revenues to the Chamber of Commerce at their March meeting. COVID update/safety – March 2nd schools were no longer required to wear masks. All other COVID requirements are still in place for schools.

All fire and lockdown drills have been practiced. There are 12 of these required. Bus drills must be conducted three times a year. The first to be conducted during the first seven days of school, the second between November 1st and December 31st and the third between March 1st and April 30th. We will be finishing third drill round in the next couple of weeks.

In addition to our AD, coaches and a couple of bus drivers, all the administration team and Mrs. Dana Westfall are now CPR/AED certified. The district will continue to increase the number of certified CPR/AED staff.

Facilities improvements/updates were given along with a presentation showing the prospective look of the areas that are part of the projects.

B. Business Administrator, Ann O'Brien ASBO conference in Albany she attended. Learned that electric school buses – mandate was discussed. She discussed in detail the Tax Levy Limit, Capital reserve creation, SEQRA and Capital Outlay 22/23, use of transportation reserve for bus purchase and health insurance rates.

C. Assistant Principal/CSE/CPSE chairperson, Danielle Behringer no additional information to report.

VII. BOE CORRESPONDENCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

none

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve the unofficial minutes from February 15, 2022, and budget transfers for February.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

IX. PERSONNEL

1. INSTRUCTIONAL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and motion by Robbins and seconded by Heitman, items A-C were voted on as Consent Agenda.

A. Accepted the resignation of Pat Rinko, with regret, for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2022.

B. Approved the following substitute advisors during the 2021/22 school year, pay is according to the WVCS/WVTA contract:

Junior class advisor	Hannah Mazzuto
National Honor Society advisor	Allison Fox

C. Approved Pat Connor as a chaperone for the remainder of the 2021/2022 school year.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

2. NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and motion by Davis and seconded by Harmony, items A-C were voted on as Consent.

A. Approved Colleen Fuller to take FMLA intermittently for approximately 3 months beginning March 7, 2022.

B. Approved Samuel Klahn as a substitute cleaner, pending fingerprint clearance.

C. Approved the following substitutes for the remainder of the 2021/2022 school year

Tiffany Pfeiffer	substitute monitor	substitute aide	substitute uncertified teacher
Connie Zybert	substitute monitor	substitute aide	substitute uncertified teacher

6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Klahn), motion accepted

X. OLD BUSINESS:

none

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved by Robbins, seconded by Heitman to approve the Memorandum of Agreements between West Valley Central School and the following unions and terms and conditions of employment agreements for the 2022/2023 school year, as the following, the school will be open on Monday, January 2, 2023, which is typically a day off for New Year’s Day observance. The district will move the day off to Monday, April 10th, 2023.

West Valley Teachers’ Association - WVTA contract
West Valley Service Employees Association – WVSEA contract
Working Agreement and Conditions of Employment for Classified Confidential Staff
West Valley Services Administrators’ Association – Collective Bargaining Agreement
School Business Administrator
Superintendent

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

B. Moved by Chai, seconded by Heitman to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between West Valley Central School and the West Valley Teacher's Association, who are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024, hereby agree to rename "basketball scorekeeper" to "scorekeeper" for the entirety of the CBA.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

C. Moved by Heitman, seconded by Davis to create the position of 1.0 FTE Social Worker for the 2022/2023 school year.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

D. Moved by Harmony, seconded by Niesyty to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between West Valley Central School and the West Valley Teacher's Association, who are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024, hereby agree to add Appendix S – Social Worker. This position is a recognized member of the West Valley Teachers' Association and entitled to rights and benefits as outlined in the agreement for the entirety of the CBA.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

E. Moved by Chai, seconded by Davis to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between West Valley Central School and the West Valley Teacher's Association, who are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement dated July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024, hereby agree to add GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) club to the list of extracurricular activities as listed in Article 4 Section 4.21 of the agreement for the entirety of the CBA.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and motion by Harmony, seconded by Heitman to, items F – N were voted on as Consent Agenda.

F. Approved the 2022/2023 school calendar.

G. Approved changing June 21st, 22nd and 23rd 2022 from full days of school for PreK-6th grade to ½ days.

H. Approved the following technology textbooks as surplus, Macmillan McGraw-Hill Reading Books, (1) of each of the following ISBN number 0-02-188569-9 4, 0-02-188569-9 12, 0-02-188569-9 14, 0-02-188569-9 20, 0-02-188568-0-1, 0-02-188568-0-9, 0-02-188568-0 18, and 0-02-188568-0 21.

I. Approved a senior trip to San Antonio Texas from May 31st through June 4th 2022.

J. Approved the CSE recommendations.

K. Approved the following:

**GENERAL RESOLUTION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PARTICIPATING IN A COOPERATIVE BID COORDINATED BY
THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF
ONTARIO, SENECA, WAYNE AND YATES COUNTIES
FOR**

Cooperative Natural Gas Bid WFL 2023-19

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, West Valley Central School District of New York State desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties from year to year or, until this Resolution is rescinded, for the purchase of supply of natural gas. And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, West Valley Central School District of New York State is desirous of participating with The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o... And...

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, West Valley Central School District of New York State has appointed The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, West Valley Central School District of New York State and making recommendations thereon...

THEREFORE...

BE IT RESOLVED, That The Board of Education, West Valley Central School District of New York State and The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties hereby accepts the appointment of The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters related above... And...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Education West Valley Central School District of New York State authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services... And...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The Board of Education West Valley Central School District of New York State agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding... And...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The President of the Board of Education on behalf of the Board of Education, West Valley Central School District of New York State hereby is authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties for supply of natural gas and if requested to furnish The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts.

L. Approved the following:

A RESOLUTION, DATED MARCH 15, 2022, OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (THE "BOARD") OF THE WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CATTARAUGUS COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT") (I) CALLING FOR A VOTE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE FUND OF THE DISTRICT IN THE ULTIMATE AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 AND (II) PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education (the "Board") of the West Valley Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the "District"), as follows:

SECTION 1. The Board has determined that it is appropriate and in the best interests of the district to seek from the voters of the District their approval for the establishment of a new capital improvements reserve fund of the District (the "Fund").

SECTION 2. The Fund is to be established for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, renovation, alteration and improvement of buildings, facilities, sites and real property by the District, or the District's share of the cost of any capital improvements project undertaken by the Cattaraugus-Allegany Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES"), or any other BOCES of which the District may become a component district, including, in all cases, the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection therewith.

SECTION 3. The Board wishes to set the ultimate amount of the Fund at \$1,500,000 (plus earnings thereon), and the probable term of the Fund at ten (10) years.

SECTION 4. The Board wishes to submit to the voters of the District a proposition with respect to the establishment and operation of the Fund, with such proposition to be voted upon at the annual meeting and vote of the District that is to be conducted on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

SECTION 5. The Fund shall be deemed approved for further action by the Board upon the approval thereof by a majority of the qualified voters of the District voting on the duly presented proposition at such annual meeting and vote.

SECTION 6. The proposition to be so submitted shall be in substantially the following form:

M. Approved the following:

A RESOLUTION, DATED MARCH 15, 2022, OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CATTARAUGUS COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT") DECLARING THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT (INVOLVING MODEST UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE DISTRICT'S MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING) TO BE A TYPE II ACTION UNDER SEQRA, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INCLUSION OF FUNDING FOR SUCH PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the West Valley Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the "District"), after consultation by District officials with the District's retained architectural firm, Young + Wright Architectural ("YWA"), has resolved that the District should propose to undertake, during the District's pending (2022-2023) fiscal year, a capital outlay project involving modest upgrades and improvements at the District's main school building, such work being anticipated to include, but not necessarily to be limited to, the removal and replacement of certain interior doors, athletic entryway exterior door and floor replacement and elevator floor replacement, and all associated work (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of the Project (inclusive of all preliminary and incidental costs) has been determined by YWA to be \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the District is proposing that the Project be financed by the application of \$100,000 of funds to be earmarked for such purpose as a "Transfer to Capital Fund" in the District's pending (i.e., 2022-2023) budget, with the work on the

Project being anticipated to occur (and be completed) during the 2022-2023 fiscal year of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to reserve the right to expand, contract or modify the scope of the Project in light of the level of future construction bids received, with the understanding that the estimated maximum cost of the Project will not exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with State Education Department guidance and policy, the District/Board of Education is the appropriate agency to be the lead agency to undertake Project review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, Section 617.5 of the SEQRA regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617) provides that certain activities are Type II actions that are not subject to review under SEQRA and that such activities include "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility" and "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site..." and

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes such maintenance, repair, or in-kind, same-site replacement, rehabilitation, or reconstruction activities; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the 2017 Memorandum of Understanding (a/k/a the "Letter of Resolution" or the "MOU") between the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation ("OPRHP") (a/k/a the State Historic Preservation Office or "SHPO") and SED, and under the terms of MOU's exemption form, a project is exempt from SHPO review if (i) a building is less than 50 years old at the time of project initiation and it is not the work of a recognized Master Architect, Designer or Builder, or associated with persons or events significant in the history of the State of New York, or (ii) a building is 50 years old or older but has previously been evaluated by SHPO and found not to meet the criteria for inclusion in the State and National Register of Historic Places (the "Registers"), or (iii) the project work on a building falls under exempt work items specified in Appendix A of the Letter of Resolution, has been designed in accordance with the Letter of Resolution / MOU, certain scope of work items have been submitted to SHPO for review and approval if required by the Letter of Resolution, and therefore the project will have little or no potential impact on the character of historic resources; and that, regardless of any of the three exemptions being selected, any portions of a project that include site work or ground disturbance, not covered under the work items specified in Appendix A, will be submitted to SHPO for review of possible impacts to archeological resources; and

WHEREAS, SHPO has determined in the past that the District's main school building is "eligible" for listing on the Registers and, therefore, the building is not exempt under either items (i) or (ii) described above; and

WHEREAS, YWA has determined that the proposed work falls within the types of exempt work items identified in Appendix A of the Letter of Resolution / MOU

and therefore the proposed work is exempt from review by SHPO under item (iii) described above and that it will have no anticipated impacts on historic resources; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the proposed work is exempt from review by SHPO given that it has no anticipated impacts on cultural resources under the terms of the MOU, although YWA may nonetheless submit information on the proposed work to SHPO for confirmation, as it has for prior/similar work;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the final determination of the District's Board of Education that the proposed Project is a Type II action, which is not subject to review under SEQRA, and that the proposed Project will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed Project shall be included as a "Transfer to Capital Fund" line item (not exceeding \$100,000 in amount) in the District's proposed budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year (with appropriate additional notification to District voters regarding the anticipated details of the work to be given in connection with the District's regular budget approval process), so that such Project may be initiated and completed (assuming voter approval of the District's proposed budget) during the District's 2022-2023 fiscal year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

N. Approved the following:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Valley Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the "District") agreed to put forth to the voters a proposition to purchase, for use in the transportation program of the district, a 65-passenger school bus (and related equipment) at a maximum estimated cost of \$130,750, by utilizing that amount of funds currently on hand in the District's Transportation Reserve Fund, without therefore needing to borrow.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Robbins, seconded by Harmony to go into Executive session at 8:19pm for the purpose of the employment of particular persons and current litigation.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

Moved by Robbins, seconded by Niesyty to come out of Executive session at 9:13pm.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

XIII: Moved by Robbins, seconded by Harmony to **ADJOURN** at 9:14pm.

7 ayes, 0 nays, motion accepted

District Clerk

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