The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the Administration Building at 6:00 p.m. by President Sheila Schwartz.

PRESENT:  Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. Bond, Mr. Byrne (Exited at 6:45 p.m.), Mr. Conklin, Ms. Lewis Mrs. Messing and Mr. Wesenberg

ABSENT:  None

Also Present:  Mr. Xanthis, Mrs. Raymond, Mr. Bellarosa and several people in the audience including Staff, Parents and Media (WVT)

Also Absent:  Media (THR)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Byrne moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the Board convene to Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. to discuss negotiations and a student matter. Action is anticipated to be taken following Executive Session.

Voting YES:  Unanimous [7:0]

Mr. Byrne moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the Board reconvene to Regular Session at 6:39 p.m.

Voting YES:  Unanimous [7:0]

OTHER

Mrs. Messing read the following resolution regarding a Title IX complaint:

After hearing an appeal of a Title IX complaint brought by Student 2018-1, the Board of Education hereby upholds the decision of the Superintendent that there was no Title IX violation.

Voting:  Yes: 5 No: 1 – Mr. Wesenberg [5:1]

Ms. Lewis had stepped out during the vote.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mrs. Schwartz made the regular announcements regarding emergency egress, no smoking, public participation, and audiotaping of the meeting. She made available a copy of the opening statement/guidelines for public participation for those wishing to speak.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mrs. Schwartz then requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Alene Reynolds, a longtime Kindergarten teacher at Maybrook Elementary School.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMENDATIONS

Mr. Xanthis and Mrs. Schwartz reviewed the attached listing of correspondence and commendations.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA
Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She then asked if there were any items to be removed from the Proposed Consent Agenda. There were none. Mrs. Schwartz called for a motion.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the following Consent Agenda be accepted/approved as listed, amended and/or attached.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 11/13/17
B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 12/11/17

FINANCIAL

A. Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for November
B. Acceptance of Expenditure Budget Status Report for November
C. Acceptance of Revenue Budget Status Report for November
D. Acceptance of Record of Claims for November
E. Acceptance of Investment Report for November
F. Approval of General Fund Budget Transfer for November

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE

FOR APPROVAL

A. Adjustment to Substitute Rate of Pay

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

Acceptance of Resignations:

Instructional

1. Timothy Brown, Health Teacher, Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018
2. Donald Bernstein, COL.(Retired), JROTC Army Instructor, Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018
3. Carolyn Baker, Elementary School Teacher (Grade 6), Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018
4. Angela Verini, Elementary School Teacher (Grade 6), Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018
5. Sarah Oles, Guidance Counselor (Regular Substitute), Valley Central Middle School, effective December 19, 2017
6. Nancy Joaides, School Media Specialist, Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018
7. Angela Ciruzzi, Elementary School Teacher (Kindergarten), Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018
8. Randall Sutter, Elementary School Teacher (Grade 4), Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018
9. Diana Revoir, Elementary School Teacher (Grade 5), Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018
Noninstructional

1. Vita Sarvaideo, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective December 31, 2017

2. Lynette Caroli, Registered School Nurse, Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018

3. Donna Stout, Registered School Nurse, Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018

4. Shirley Jefferson, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Montgomery Elementary School, effective January 8, 2018

Approval of Leaves of Absence:

Instructional

1. Joanna Rude, Reading Teacher, Valley Central School District, for childcare purposes, effective on or about February 15, 2018 through March 9, 2018 [Childcare Leave]

Approval of Appointments:

Instructional

1. Jenna Ryan, certified in the School Counselor tenure area, appointed to a Childcare leave replacement position (Regular Substitute), commencing January 8, 2018 and ending June 30, 2018 [Childcare Leave Replacement]


Noninstructional

1. Pamela Maroney, Food Service Helper, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective January 9, 2018 [Resignation Replacement]

2. Chudney McNeir, Food Service Helper, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective January 9, 2018 [Resignation Replacement]


5. Substitute Paraprofessionals/Food Service Helper, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective 2017-2018 School Year – See Separate Listing [Annual Appointment]

Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

REPORTS

A. Student Representatives Report

After introduction of this Agenda item, Miss Boldrin reported there have been concerts, a very successful food drive and stated that the seniors are getting excited for college.

B. Superintendent's Report

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Xanthis stated there have been issues with transportation that will be addressed with the company in an upcoming meeting. He also
gave information regarding budget meetings held with administrators and the details of that. Mr. Xanthis then went on to give details on the E.A.T. Project and a possible referendum that will address traffic & parking at the High School/Middle School campus. There was some discussion amongst the Board regarding this.

C. Assistant Superintendents’ Report

1. Lisa Raymond

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Raymond shared information regarding the preliminary budget and the details of that. There were some questions from the board that Mrs. Raymond, Mr. Bellarsoa and Mr. Xanthis addressed.

2. Michael Bellarosa

After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. Bellarosa added information regarding what they are looking for in the budget for next year and the details of that as well as preliminary information regarding the personnel audit.

D. Smart Schools Update – Chris Mohr

Mrs. Schwartz introduced Mr. Mohr. Mr. Mohr went through the details of what the technology department is currently doing. He then went through the Smart Schools Bond and where the District currently stands with this.

E. E-Rate Update – Chris Mohr

Mr. Mohr then went through the E-Rate update. He spoke about the details of this as well as what they are looking at for next school year. Mr. Mohr also gave details of what projects and upgrades his technology department has completed.

There were some questions from board members that Mr. Mohr answered for them.

F. CS Arch Architectural/Engineering Services Proposal

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Raymond went through the proposal and gave a power point presentation. She went through the details of a traffic light at the High School and why they would like to choose CS Arch as the Engineering firm to conduct this study as well as what the possible referendum would include.

There were some discussion amongst the board members regarding this.

G. Community Participation

Mrs. Schwartz then introduced this Agenda item. Board members went around the room and discussed what they participated in. They attended several holiday concerts at the different schools.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final Reading Of:

1. Policy 2160 - Code of Ethics Regulation (Revised)
2. Policy 6240 - Investments (Revised)
3. Regulation 6240-R - Investments (Revised)
4. Policy 6245 - Fund Balance (New)
5. Regulation 8111-R - Reporting of Hazards (Revised)
6. Regulation 8332-R - Cell Phone Usage (Revised)
7. Regulation 8334-R - Credit Card/House Accounts (Revised)
Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Schwartz asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Conklin moved, Mr. Wesenberg seconded to adopt the above-referenced policies.

Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

B. Middle School Writing Curriculum

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She referenced it has been available for review in the Curriculum office. She then asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mrs. Schwartz then asked for a motion.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Conklin seconded to approve the Middle School Writing Curriculum.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Valley Central High School Charters:
   1. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
   2. We Inspire Strength and Empowerment (W.I.S.E.)

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She asked if they could be combined. There were no objections. She asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mrs. Schwartz then called for a motion.

Mr. Conklin moved, Mr. Wesenberg seconded to approve the Future Business Leaders of America and the We Inspire Strength and Empowerment charters for the Valley Central High School.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

B. Approval of CS Arch Architectural/Engineering Proposal

After introduction of this Agenda item, Mrs. Schwartz mentioned this item was discussed earlier in the meeting. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mrs. Messing seconded to approve the CS Arch Architectural/Engineering Proposal.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Bond seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

Ms. Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
Clerk of the Board