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, Mrs. Messing, Mr. Bond, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Conklin, Ms. Lewis 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. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Conklin seconded that the Board convene to Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular personnel. No 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 6:37 p.m. Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]

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 requested a moment of silence for Dean Revoir and Joan Horton.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

East Coldenham Elementary School

Mrs. Schwartz introduced Ms. Serratore, Principal of East Coldenham Elementary School. Ms. Serratore explained that the students would be presenting information on what they have learned through working with Science 21. She went into detail as to what Science 21 involves and how it came about. She then turned it over to Mrs. Brown and Ms. Brown First Grade Teachers and Mrs. Pagliocca, Science Teacher. Mrs. Serratore also thanked the other staff members of East Coldenham for showing their support. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Pagliocca went through the details of what they have learned in the first unit. The students then went through some of the experiments they have done and learned about. A round of applause was offered. Everyone thanked them for their presentation.

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. Conklin 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 1/8/18

FINANCIAL

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE

FOR APPROVAL

A. Approval of Overnight Trip:
1. Walden Elementary School – Fifth Grade
B. Acceptance of Gift:
   1. Valley Central School District – Monetary Donation
      St. Andrew’s Episcopal Churchwomen
      Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gridley
   2. Valley Central High School – Furniture
      RJ Smith Realty

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Approval of Tenure Recommendation:

   It is recommended that the following personnel be granted tenure:

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<td>Walden</td>
<td>Angela Anderson</td>
<td>Remedial Reading</td>
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B. Acceptance of Resignations:

   Noninstructional

   1. Shiobain Cioffi, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective January 19, 2018
   2. Kendel Faubert, Paraprofessional (1:2), p/t, Walden Elementary School, effective January 31, 2018

C. Approval of Leaves of Absence:

   Instructional

   1. Kristin Mitchell, Elementary Education Teacher (Grade 4), East Coldenham Elementary School, for childcare purposes, effective 2018-2019 School Year [Childcare Leave]
   2. Jill Totten, Special Education Teacher, Valley Central Middle School, for childcare purposes, effective on or about May 1, 2018 through May 14, 2018 [Childcare Leave]
D. Approval of Appointments:

Instructional


Noninstructional

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

Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]

REPORTS

A. Student Representatives Report

After introduction of this Agenda item, Ms. Gatto explained there were band and chorus concerts and it is currently Regents week. She was thanked for her report.

B. Superintendent’s Report

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Xanthis provided information on a meeting that he attended with Steve Brescia, Chairman of the County Legislator. They were invited to go in front of the County Government to discuss the traffic light. Mr. Xanthis went through the details of that meeting.

C. Assistant Superintendents’ Report

1. Lisa Raymond
   - Budget Presentation

   Following introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Raymond shared information regarding the preliminary budget. Mrs. Raymond went through the details of what is necessary to develop the budget. There were some questions from the Board and from Mr. Xanthis that Mrs. Raymond answered.

2. Michael Bellarosa
   - Curriculum Council Presentation

   After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. Bellarosa gave information relating to curriculum and student achievement. Mrs. Serratore, Mr. McDonald and Mrs. Patchen went through what they have been working on and implementing throughout the schools. Mr. Xanthis gave some input regarding the curriculum. There was some discussion and questions from the Board that was answered by the council.
D. Health, Safety & Wellness Committee Meeting – January 9, 2018

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Raymond explained that Mr. Xanthis discussed the construction project and where we are with the traffic light. She stated that Mr. Mohr attended an active shooter presentation at James I. O’Neil High School. Mrs. Raymond also stated that the committee discussed Narcan and sent the District Policy out to the nurses. They also discussed “Stop the Bleed” program which is promoted by FEMA and Homeland Security and the details of that.

E. Community Participation

Mrs. Schwartz then introduced this Agenda item. Board members went around the room and discussed what they participated in. Some of the events were the Leadership Awards, JV Boys Basketball games, Cheerleading competition and Math night.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

OTHER

Mrs. Schwartz stated there would be a late Executive Session. She asked for a motion.

Mr. Byrne moved, Mrs. Messing seconded to convene to Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing particular personnel and negotiations. No action is anticipated.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [7:0]

Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Wesenberg seconded to exit Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [7:0]

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]

Ms. Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
Clerk of the Board

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