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. Byrne moved, Mr. Wesenberg seconded that the Board convene to Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss negotiations under the Taylor Law as well as a particular student and personnel. Action is anticipated to be taken following Executive Session. Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]

Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Conklin seconded that the Board reconvene to Regular Session at 6:28 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.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Montgomery Elementary School

Mrs. Schwartz introduced Ms. Malley, Assistant Principal for Montgomery Elementary who then introduced Sarah Carter, third grade teacher. Ms. Carter then explained what the third grade students have been learning. The students conducted a number talk and then played a math game with Board members. She also prepared a PowerPoint presentation. A round of applause was offered. Everyone thanked them for their presentation.

OTHER

Mr. Byrne read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Parents of Student No. 2017-1 have communicated certain claims to the District with regard to Student No. 2017-1 special education services; and

WHEREAS, the Parents and the District are desirous of settling these claims;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Central School District hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an agreement resolving all outstanding claims and making any outstanding payments in connection with the above-referenced matter in accordance with the Stipulation of Settlement to be filed with the District Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to execute all documents in furtherance of this resolution.
A motion was made by Mr. Byrne and Mr. Bond seconded to approve the above-referenced resolution. Voting: YES: Unanimous [7:0]

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 1/22/18

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE

FOR APPROVAL

A. Consideration of Overnight Trip Requests:
   1. East Coldenham Elementary School – Fifth Grade
   2. Valley Central High School – Senior Class
   3. Alternative Learning Center – Senior Class
B. Approval of Contract Agreement:
   1. Orange County Department of Health
C. Approval of School Physician – Annual Appointment
   Dr. Lin-Lin Remenar – Crystal Run Healthcare Physicians LLP
D. Declaration of Obsolete Equipment
   Valley Central School District – Vehicles

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Approval of Tenure Recommendation:

It is recommended that the following personnel be granted tenure:

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<td>Michael Pescetti</td>
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B. Acceptance of Resignations:

Instructional

1. Stephen Casa, Business Teacher (Regular Substitute), Valley Central High School, effective January 31, 2018
2. Linda Oehler-Marx, English Teacher, Valley Central Middle School, effective April 1, 2018

Noninstructional

1. James Lester, Custodial Worker, Valley Central School District, effective February 1, 2018
2. William Sherry, School Monitor Supervisor, Valley Central High School, effective February 2, 2018 [Resignation is for Supervisor Stipend Only]
3. Maria Groom, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective February 2, 2018

4. Donna Suydam, Typist, Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018

5. Krystall Desheers, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Montgomery Elementary School, effective January 29, 2018

C. Approval of Appointments:

Instructional

1. Simone Ercoline, certified in the Speech and Language Disabilities tenure area, appointed to a four-year probationary period in the Speech and Language Disabilities tenure area, commencing February 22, 2018* [New Position]


*To the extent applicable under Education Law Section 3012-d and the accompanying Commissioner’s Regulation, in order to be considered for tenure, teachers appointed to a four-year probationary period must have received an APPR rating of effective or highly effective in three of the four probationary years and must not receive an ineffective in the fourth year.

Noninstructional

1. Diane Bowling, School Monitor Supervisor, p/t, Valley Central High School, effective February 13, 2018 [Resignation Replacement]

2. Svandis Hreinsdottir, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective February 13, 2018 [Resignation Replacement]

3. Christine Parker, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Alternative Learning Center, effective February 13, 2018 [I.E.P. Mandate]

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

Extracurricular


Cocurricular

1. Spring Coaching and Non-Paid Coaching Assignments, 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, the student representatives spoke about upcoming events such as Senior Week, Senior Night and the Black & White dance for seniors. They also spoke about how the Tricky Tray event brought in over $8000.00 for All Night Grad. The students were thanked for their reports.
B. Superintendent’s Report

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Xanthis provided information on a conference that he attended on January 26th at Capital Region BOCES regarding a safe work environment. Mr. Xanthis gave details of that conference. Mr. Xanthis then gave information regarding the graduation rates for Valley Central as well as surrounding Districts. He stated that Valley Central went from a graduation rate of 87% to 93% in the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Xanthis was thanked for his report.

C. Assistant Superintendents’ Report

A. Michael Bellarosa

After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. Bellarosa gave information relating to Unified Sports. He spoke about the success of the program and how Valley Central will be going into their second season. He stated there are now 16 schools that want to participate. Mr. Bellarosa then spoke about how one of our students will be going to the State Championships for Wrestling. He then spoke about the opioid crisis. He spoke about information that he has found regarding this problem and how the District can do more to address the issue. Mr. Bellarosa was thanked for his report.

B. Lisa Raymond

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Raymond shared that the new Account Clerk has started and that she has been working with Accounts Payable as well as Payroll. Mrs. Raymond stated that she is currently working on the budget. She was thanked for her report.

D. Audit Committee Meeting – January 25, 2018

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Raymond gave detailed information relating to the Internal Audit and the presentation given by Cooper Arias. Mrs. Raymond gave information on fixing some of the items that the auditors found. There were some questions and discussion from the Board that Mrs. Raymond addressed.

E. Policy Committee Meeting – February 12, 2018

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. The Committee met just before tonight’s Board meeting. Mrs. Schwartz went through the policies they discussed and the addition of a District Vehicle Policy and gave details of all.

F. 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 Girls Varsity Basketball game, the JV Boys Basketball game, All Night Grad Tricky Tray, Cheer Competition and the PTA Council meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of District Technology Plan/Smart Schools

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item and introduced Mr. Mohr, Director of Technology. Mr. Mohr gave detailed information regarding the E.A.T. Project as well as what his plans are to
complete the project as it relates to technology. Mr. Mohr also went through the current status of the Smart Schools Bond. There were questions and discussion from Board members that Mr. Mohr answered for the Board. Mr. Mohr then introduced Ms. Dworetsky who gave additional information relating to Chromebooks as well as technology and how it works in the classrooms. There were some questions that Ms. Dworetsky answered for the Board members.

OTHER

It was the consensus of the Board to take a short break at this time.

B. Review of 5-Year Facilities Plan

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Xanthis gave information regarding the 5-Year Facilities Plan that was completed by CS Arch. Mr. Xanthis gave specific information relating to this. There were some questions and discussion with the Board that Mr. Xanthis answered for them.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Establishment of 2018 Annual Meeting Procedures

1. Annual District Election and Budget Vote and Public Hearing Resolution

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Raymond read the resolution into the record.

Mr. Byrne made the motion, Mrs. Messing seconded the motion to establish the 2018 Budget Vote and Public Hearing.

The motion passed by a roll call:

- Joseph Bond Voting: YES
- Joseph Byrne Voting: YES
- Mel Wesenberg Voting: YES
- Brad Conklin Voting: YES
- Sonia Lewis Voting: YES
- Sarah Messing Voting: YES
- Sheila Schwartz Voting: YES

Voting: YES: Unanimous [7:0]

2. Appointment of Permanent Chairperson, Assistant Clerks and Inspectors of Election Resolution

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Raymond read the resolution into the record.

Mr. Bryne made the motion, Ms. Lewis seconded the motion to appoint the Permanent Chairperson, Assistant Clerks and Inspectors of Election.

The motion passed by a roll call:

- Joseph Bond Voting: YES
- Joseph Byrne Voting: YES
- Mel Wesenberg Voting: YES
- Brad Conklin Voting: YES
- Sonia Lewis Voting: YES
- Sarah Messing Voting: YES
- Sheila Schwartz Voting: YES

Voting: YES: Unanimous [7:0]

B. Review of Petitions for Board Candidates’ Seats 2018-2019

1. Informational Sheet for Board Candidates

After introduction of this Agenda item, Mrs. Schwartz stated that there are 2 seats that will be open. Mrs. Raymond stated that Mr. Wesenberg and Ms. Lewis have been given copies of the petitions if they choose to run again. Petitions are available at Central Office for anyone wishing to run for the Board of Education.
C. Budget Presentation – Administrative and Capital Components

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Raymond went through the Budget Calendar and presented her PowerPoint presentation and the details of the Administrative and Capital Components. There were some questions from Board members that Mrs. Raymond addressed for them.

D. Establishment of Semi-Annual Board Retreat

After introduction of this Agenda item, Mrs. Schwartz explained that the Board Retreat is to go through the Superintendent Evaluation Process and Board goals. There was discussion as to when this would be scheduled for.

A motion was made by Mr. Conklin, seconded by Mrs. Messing to have the Board Retreat on March 19th at 5:00 p.m. Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0]

E. Establishment of Special Board Meeting – February 22, 2018

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She then called for a motion.

Mr. Conklin moved, Mr. Byrne seconded that a Special Board Meeting will take place on February 22, 2018. Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0]

F. Review of Time Table – Superintendent Evaluation Process

After introduction of this item, Mrs. Schwartz asked that the Board members turn in the evaluations at the March 5, 2018 meeting or before if they are ready. She will then meet before Spring Break to go over the Superintendent’s Evaluation.

G. Consideration of Contract Renewal:
   1. Cleaning of Septic Tanks, Grease Traps and Lines
   2. Kitchen Equipment Service Bid

Mrs. Schwartz introduced these items and asked if anyone had an objection on voting on them together. There were none.

Ms. Lewis moved, Mrs. Messing seconded to approve the contract renewals as stated above. Voting: YES: Unanimous [7:0]

H. Consideration of Anticipated High School Course Approvals – Valley Central High School
   1. World War II: From the origins to the Long Term Impacts (Half year course)
   2. Introduction to Business (Half year course)

Mrs. Schwartz introduced these items. She asked if they could be voted on together. There were no objections.

Mr. Byrne moved, Mrs. Messing seconded the motion to approve the Anticipated High School Courses as shown. Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0]

I. Acceptance of Internal Audit Report and District Response

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Conklin stated that the Audit Committee recommended the acceptance of the Internal Audit Report, however the District Response should go before the Committee in May before approval of the response.

Mr. Conkin moved, Mr. Byrne seconded to accept the Internal Audit Report and not the District Response until approved by Audit Committee. Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0]

J. Traffic Light Referendum Discussion
Mrs. Schwartz asked that this agenda item be discussed at the end of New Business. There were no objections.

K. Appointment of Board of Education Liaison:

1. Facilities Committee

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this item. Mr. Bond and Mrs. Messing would like to be on the Committee. The dates have not been established as of yet.

2. Technology Committee

Mrs. Schwartz then asked if anyone would like to be a part of the Technology Committee. She stated that Mr. Mohr has given out the dates and time for the upcoming meetings. Mr. Bond would like to be on the committee with the alternate being Mr. Conklin.

L. BOCES Board Vacancies and Process

After introduction of this Agenda item, Mrs. Schwartz discussed the details of this item. She then asked for a motion.

Mr. Conklin moved, Mrs. Messing seconded to nominate both candidates running for the BOCES Board Vacancies. Voting: YES: 5 NO: 2 – Mr. Byrne and Mr. Wesenberg

J. Traffic Light Referendum Discussion

Mrs. Schwartz went back to this Agenda item. Mr. Xanthis gave detailed information regarding the current status of the traffic light at the Valley Central High School. He referred to handouts given to the Board with estimated timelines. There was some discussion amongst the Board. More information will follow in upcoming meetings.

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 9:19 p.m. for the purpose of discussing particular personnel and negotiations. No action is anticipated.

Voting: YES: 6 NO: 1 – Mr. Wesenberg [6:1]

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Conklin seconded to exit Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [7:0]

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]

Ms. Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
Clerk of the Board