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 Administrators, Staff, Community and Media (WVT)

Also Absent: Media (THR)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Wesenberg seconded that the Board convene to Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular personnel and negotiations under the Taylor Law. No action is anticipated to be taken following Executive Session. Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]

(Mrs. Schwartz exited at 6:46 p.m.)

Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Wesenberg seconded that the Board reconvene to Regular Session at 6:46 p.m. Voting: YES: Mrs. Messing; Mr. Bond; Mr. Byrne; Mr. Conklin; and Mr. Wesenberg. [5:0]

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mrs. Messing 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.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMENDATIONS

Mr. Xanthis and Mrs. Messing reviewed the listing of correspondence and commendations.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Messing introduced this Agenda item. She then asked if there were any items to be removed from the Proposed Consent Agenda. Items A (1) & (2) were pulled from the Superintendents Recommendations.

Mr. Conklin moved, Mr. Wesenberg seconded that the following Consent Agenda be accepted/approved as listed, amended and/or attached with the exception of those items removed.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 2/12/18

FINANCIAL

A. Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for January
B. Acceptance of Expenditure Budget Status Report for January
C. Acceptance of Revenue Budget Status Report for January
D. Acceptance of Record of Claims for January
E. Acceptance of Investment Report for January
F. Approval of General Fund Budget Transfer for January
RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE

FOR APPROVAL

A. Consideration of Overnight Trip Requests:
   1. Walden Elementary – Fifth Grade - Revised

B. Acceptance of Donation:
   1. Valley Central High School – Drum Set
      Mr. Brian G. Kenefic

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Acceptance of Resignations:

Administrative

1. Edward Hayes, Jr., Secondary School Principal, Valley Central Middle School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018 (*This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda prior to voting*)

2. Catherine Tavormina, Elementary School Assistant Principal, Walden Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective August 19, 2018 (*This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda prior to voting*)

Noninstructional

1. Jeanette Kovacs, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective March 5, 2018

2. Laurie Laudati, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective March 5, 2018

B. Approval of Leave of Absence:

Instructional

1. Tracy Koutros, Special Education Teacher, Montgomery Elementary School, for childcare purposes, effective 2018-2019 School Year [Childcare Leave]

C. Approval of Appointments:

Instructional


Noninstructional

1. Ellen Herries, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective March 6, 2018 [Resignation Replacement]

2. Jeanette Kovacs, Paraprofessional, (1:1), p/t, Valley Central Middle School, effective March 6, 2018 [Transfer Replacement]

3. Laurie Laudati, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Montgomery Elementary School, effective March 6, 2018 [Resignation Replacement]

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

   Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

REPORTS

A. Student Representatives Report

   After introduction of this Agenda item, the Student Representatives went through the activities going on in the High School. There was some discussion with them regarding the unfortunate incident in Florida and how the students are reacting. They were thanked for their report.

B. Superintendent’s Report

   Following introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Messing, Mr. Xanthis provided information on a meeting that he had with Assemblyman Brian Miller regarding the traffic light at the High School. He went through some details of that meeting. Mr. Xanthis then spoke about a School Safety Meeting he attended on February 26, 2018 at the Newburgh Armory. Senator Larkin held this meeting along with other legislators and law enforcement. There was some discussion with the Board.

C. Assistant Superintendents’ Report

   1. Michael Bellarosa

      Following introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Messing, Mr. Bellarosa gave information regarding the Mentor and Tenure Presentations. He also spoke about and gave details of the student walk-out for March 14, 2018.

   2. Lisa Raymond

      After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Messing, Mrs. Raymond stated that that our Communications Specialist, Courtney Bonfante, received an Award of Honor regarding an article she wrote on Montgomery Elementary School. Mrs. Raymond then stated that she has information regarding school safety from our insurance company, New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal. She will give copies to the Board.

D. Community Participation

   Mrs. Messing introduced this Agenda item. Board members went around the room and discussed what they participated in. Some of the events were the Technology Committee meeting, JV Cheerleading competition and the play at Montgomery Elementary School.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Superintendent Evaluation Process

   Mrs. Messing requested that the Board members turn in their evaluations.

   (Mrs. Schwartz returned at 7:05 p.m.)

B. Budget Presentation – Program Component

   After introduction by Mrs. Messing, Mrs. Raymond went through the details of the Program Component. There were several questions and much discussion with the Board that Mrs. Raymond had answered for them.
NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading of:
   1. Policy 4773 – Diploma and Credential Options for Students with Disabilities (Revised)
   2. Regulation 6700-R – Purchasing Regulation (Revised)
   3. Policy 8330 – Authorized Use of District-Owned Materials and Equipment (New)

   Mrs. Messing introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Raymond read through the changes in the policies. No action is taken at this time.

B. School Safety

   After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Messing, Mr. Bellarosa went through details of a parent meeting that he attended in his children’s school district and the details of that. He then went through the details of what good things he has observed while working at Valley Central and how communication is important as well as other meetings he has attended regarding safety.

C. Adoption of Resolution:
   1. Health & Welfare Services Rates

      Mrs. Messing introduced this Agenda item. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

      Mr. Conklin moved, Mr. Wesenberg seconded to adopt the resolution for Health & Welfare Service Rates.

      Voting: YES: Unanimous: [6:0]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

   Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Conklin seconded that the Board convene to Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. to discuss negotiations under the Taylor Law. No action is anticipated to be taken following Executive Session. Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

   Mrs. Schwartz returned at approximately 8:00 a.m.

   Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Byrne seconded that the Board reconvene to Regular Session at 8:37 p.m. Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]

ADJOURNMENT

   Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Bond seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

   Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
Clerk of the Board

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