The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at the Berea Elementary School at 6:01 p.m. by President Sheila Schwartz.

PRESENT: Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Messing, Mr. Bond, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Conklin, Ms. Lewis (entered at 6:30 p.m.) and Mr. Wesenberg (entered at 6:02 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

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

Also Absent: Media (THR)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Byrne moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the Board convene to Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss negotiations under the Taylor Law as well as a particular personnel. Action is not anticipated to be taken following Executive Session. Voting YES: Unanimous [5:0]

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Byrne seconded that the Board reconvene to Regular Session at 6:35 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

Valley Central Middle School

Mrs. Schwartz introduced Mr. Hayes, Middle School Principal. Mr. Hayes stated that when entering the lobby, the audience was presented with Chamber Music directed by Miss Simons. Also in attendance for the presentation will be Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Rypkema and Mr. Gunther and some of their students. Mrs. Burns’ students showed how Chromebooks are used in lab activities, Mrs. Rypkema’s students showed how carbon dioxide levels change in a lettuce leaf with and without light and Mr. Gunther’s students showed how they used data using Google Sheets. Board members and the audience were invited to visit each station. All were thanked and a round of applause was offered.

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. There were none. Mrs. Schwartz then called for a motion.

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE

FOR APPROVAL

A. Declaration of Obsolete Equipment
   1. Montgomery Elementary School – Playground Equipment
B. Approval of Contract Renewal
   1. J&D Ultracare

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Acceptance of Resignations:

Instructional

1. Susan Cooper, Special Education Teacher, Valley Central School District, effective June 30, 2018

Noninstructional

1. MaryAnn Cotto-Colon, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective May 18, 2018

B. Approval of Appointments:

Instructional

1. After School Tutoring Program Substitutes, p/t, Valley Central High School, effective 2017-2018 School Year – See Separate Listing [Annual Appointment]

2. 2018 Summer Opportunities Staff, p/t, Valley Central High School – See Separate Listing [Annual Appointment]


Noninstructional


Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]

REPORTS

A. Student Representatives Report

After introduction of this Agenda item, Miss Gatto complimented the students that were a part of the Science Symposium.

B. Superintendent’s Report

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Xanthis spoke about how he attended a mandatory ESSA training that was done through S.E.D. He provided some details regarding that training.

C. Assistant Superintendents’ Report

A. Michael Bellarosa

After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. Bellarosa spoke about due to the weather, the district will be open for a half day on May 25th. There will also be some changes to the calendar that he will bring to the board for their review and approval. He also spoke about how he received some feedback regarding the budget that was very helpful.

B. Lisa Raymond

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Raymond explained that there is a timeline that was handed out to the board members regarding the budget re-vote. Mrs. Raymond went through the details of that timeline.

D. Audit Committee Meeting – May 10, 2018

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Raymond stated that the Internal Claims Auditors gave their reports. One item brought up was duplicate vendors. Mrs. Raymond stated that there is someone working on this. She also stated that all ERS and TRS audits came back fine. Mrs. Raymond stated that she is working on getting the fixed assets up to date and utilizing a company called AssetWorks. Mrs. Raymond also stated that the Audit Committee has recommended using Nugent Haussler as the External Auditor for the 2018-2019 school year and that item is on the Agenda for the board to approve. The last item she discussed was the response to the Internal Audit. She stated it was presented to the Audit Committee and they are recommending that the Board approve the response. There were some questions that Mrs. Raymond answered.

E. Code of Conduct Committee Meeting – May 14, 2018

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Xanthis spoke about how the committee is currently reviewing the Code of Conduct in regard to vaping and possible revisions.

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 baseball and softball games, the Science Symposium, Music in the Parks, Fashion Show and Food Night, Unified Sports, Cabaret Night and Lacrosse.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. The first participant was Erin Stoddard of the Nutritional Staff to speak about their lack of a contract. Mr. John Lown and Mr. Berger both spoke regarding their concerns with the budget.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of High School and Middle School Curriculum

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item and went through the items. Mrs. Schwartz explained that this has been available for review in the Curriculum office. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Byrne moved, Mrs. Messing seconded to approve the High School and Middle School Curriculum.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0]

B. Acceptance of Management’s Response to the Internal Audit

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She stated the Audit Committee is seeking approval of this item.

Mr. Conklin moved, Mr. Wesenberg seconded to accept the Management’s Response to the Internal Audit.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0]

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of K-2 Handwriting Curriculum

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She stated this will be available for review in the Curriculum Office. Approval will be sought at the next meeting.

B. Adoption of Resolution:
1. Transfer from the 2017-2018 Employee Benefit Reserve Fund

After introduction of the Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, she asked if the board wanted to vote on all resolutions together or separately. They will all be voted on separately.

Mrs. Schwartz then called for a motion.

Mr. Conklin moved, Mr. Byrne seconded to approve the 2017-2018 Employee Benefit Reserve Fund.

Voting: YES: 6 NO: 1 – Mrs. Schwartz [6:1:0]

2. Establishment and Funding of the 2017-2018 Tax Certiorari Reserve

Mrs. Schwartz then introduced this item. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Conklin moved, Mr. Byrne seconded to approve the Establishment and Funding of the 2017-2018 Tax Certiorari Reserve.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0:0]
3. Establishment and Funding of the 2017-2018 Insurance Reserve Fund

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

Ms. Lewis moved, Mr. Conklin seconded to establish and fund the 2017-2018 Insurance Reserve Fund.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0:0]

C. Approval of Valley Central Middle School Charter:
   1. A Cappella Club

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

Mr. Byrne moved, Ms. Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Middle School Charter for the A Cappella Club.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0:0]

D. 2018 Annual District Election and Budget Vote Result Resolution

After introduction of this Agenda item, Mrs. Raymond took a roll call of board members that were present.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Byrne seconded to adopt the resolution. Mrs. Raymond read the resolution into the record and asked for a roll call of voting for the defeated budget.

Mrs. Schwartz – YES        Mrs. Messing – YES
Mr. Bond – YES             Mr. Byrne – YES
Mr. Conklin – YES          Ms. Lewis – YES
Mr. Wesenberg - NO

The resolutions was adopted [6:1]

E. Establishment of Annual Reorganizational Meeting Date

After introduction of this Agenda item, Mrs. Schwartz stated that the recommendation is to have the meeting on July 2, 2018. There was some discussion regarding this date that Mr. Xanthi explained for the Board.

Mr. Byrne moved, Mrs. Messing seconded to establish the Annual Reorganization Meeting on July 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0]

F. Establishment of Public Hearing – Code of Conduct

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item, Mrs. Schwartz stated this would be before the Reorganizational Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on July 2, 2018.

Mr. Byrne move, Mrs. Messing seconded to establish the Code of Conduct Public Hearing on July 2, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0]

G. Consideration of the 2018-2019 Bid Recommendations:
   1. External Auditor

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She stated this is on the recommendation of the Audit Committee.
Mr. Wesenberg moved, Ms. Lewis seconded to approve Nugent Haussler as the External Auditor for 2018-2019.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0]

H. Consideration of Intermunicipal Agreement between Valley Central School District and the Village of Maybrook

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She asked if there were any questions. There were some questions as to whether or not this agreement would still be valid if the budget goes to a contingency budget. Mr. Bellarosa explained it would not as other agreements would be void as well.

Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Conklin seconded to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Maybrook.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0]

I. 2018-2019 Budget Discussion

After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Raymond stated she wanted to show and explain the fund balance as there are a lot of questions. She went through three options: Keep the same budget; do a modified budget; or adopt a contingency budget. Board members went around the room to ask questions or give their concerns regarding the budget. Mr. Xanthis, Mrs. Raymond and Mr. Bellarosa answered these questions for them. The board would like to schedule another meeting to discuss option two which is a modified budget from the original budget that was defeated by voters.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Byrne seconded the motion to go with the modified budget as presented.

Voting: YES – 2 NO – 5 Mrs. Schwartz; Mr. Bond; Mrs. Messing; Mr. Conklin; Ms. Lewis

OTHER

Mrs. Schwartz asked for a motion to accept the Budget Re-Vote timeline now that they have agreed to Option 2 for the modified budget.

Mr. Conklin moved, Mrs. Messing seconded to adopt the budget revote timeline.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0]

Mr. Conklin made a motion, Mrs. Messing seconded to have a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [7:0]

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voting Yes: Unanimous: [7:0]

Ms. Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
Clerk of the Board

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