The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the Administration Building at 6:15 p.m. by President Sheila Schwartz

PRESENT: Mrs. Schwartz, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Byrne, Mr. Freeman, Mrs. Messing, Mr. Wesenberg

ABSENT: Mr. Conklin

Also Present: Mr. Xanthis, Mr. Bellarosa, Mrs. Raymond and approximately three people in the audience including Staff and Public

Also Absent: Media (THR/WVT)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Schwartz called for a motion to move into Executive Session.

Mr. Wesenberg moved and Mr. Byrne seconded that the Board convene to Executive Session at 6:18 p.m. to discuss the employment of particular personnel and negotiations. No action is anticipated following Executive Session. Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

Mr. Wesenberg moved and Mrs. Messing seconded that the Board reconvene to Regular Session at 6:50 p.m. Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

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.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMENDATIONS

Mr. Xanthis and Mrs. Schwartz reviewed the listing of correspondence, commendations, and honorable mentions.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item to include the Addendum and asked if there were any items to be removed from the Proposed Consent Agenda or the Addendum. Mr. Byrne asked to have Agenda Item D (1) pulled from the Consent Agenda.

With the one Agenda item pulled, Mrs. Schwartz then called for a motion.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the following Consent Agenda be accepted/approved, as listed and/or attached including the Addendum with the exception of Agenda Item D (1).

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. Public Hearing Minutes dated 7/6/17
B. Reorganizational/Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 7/6/17
FINANCIAL

A. Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for June
B. Acceptance of Expenditure Budget Status Report for June
C. Acceptance of Record of Claims for June
D. Acceptance of Extraclassroom Reports for June
E. Acceptance of Cafeteria Reports for June
F. Acceptance of Investment Report for June

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE

FOR APPROVAL

A. Approval of Contract Renewal:
   1. A&T Healthcare

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Acceptance of Revisions from the July 6, 2017 Board Meeting:

   Noninstructional

   1. Phyllis Hedges, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District
      [Rescind Resignation]

   2. Julie Cavanaugh, Paraprofessional (1:2), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective
      June 30, 2017
      [Rescind Resignation]

   3. Julie Cavanaugh, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective
      September 1, 2017
      [Rescind Appointment]

B. Acceptance of Resignations:

   Instructional

   1. Shannon McChesney, Speech Pathologist, Valley Central School District, effective
      July 2, 2017

   Noninstructional

   1. Kyle Wikel, Custodial Worker, Valley Central School District, effective July 24, 2017

   2. Linda Palmieri, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective
      July 6, 2017

   3. Lyndsey Mawe, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective July 17,
      2017

   4. Julie Cavanaugh, Paraprofessional (1:2), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective
      June 30, 2017

   5. Mary Beth Rivera, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective
      July 10, 2017

   6. Vanessa Torres, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective
      July 13, 2017
C. Acceptance of Leave of Absence:

Instructional

1. Gina Danon, Special Education Teacher, Walden Elementary School, for child-care purposes, effective on or about January 2, 2018 and ending February 7, 2018
   [Childcare Leave]

D. Approval of Appointments:

Administrative

1. Philip Rodriguez, certified as an Intern, appointed to a Secondary School Assistant Principal (Regular Substitute) position in the Valley Central High School, effective August 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018
   [Leave Replacement]

Instructional

1. Alisa Podgorskaya, certified as a School Psychologist, appointed to a four-year probationary period in the School Psychologist tenure area, commencing August 25, 2017 and ending August 25, 2021*
   [Retirement Replacement]

2. Amanda Gliedman, certified in Biology 7-12, appointed to a four-year probationary period in the Science tenure area, commencing September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2021*
   [Retirement Replacement/Chg. From .5 to 1.0]

3. Kristen Becker, certified in Business and Distributive Education, appointed to a three-year probationary period in the Business tenure area, commencing September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2020*
   [Resignation Replacement]

4. Vincent Pettine, certified in Students with Disabilities (Gr. 1-6), appointed to a three-year probationary period in the Special Education tenure area, commencing September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2020*
   [Transfer Replacement]

5. Nicolena Newhall, certified in Special Education, appointed to a three-year Probationary period in the Special Education tenure area, commencing September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2020*
   [New Position]

   [Annual Appointment]

7. Department Chairpersons/Supervisor, p/t, Valley Central High School, effective 2017-2018 school year – See Separate Listing
   [Annual Appointment]

   [Annual Appointment]

***9. Stephanie Walsh, certified in Students with Disabilities (Gr. 1-6), appointed to a four-year probationary period in the Special Education tenure area, commencing September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2021*
   [Resignation Replacement] ***
*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. Kathryn Rodriguez, Physical Therapist, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
   [Change from a .6 to a 1.0]

   [New position]

3. Lyndsey Mawe, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Valley Central High School, effective September 1, 2017
   [I.E.P. Mandate]

4. Dawn Murphy, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
   [I.E.P. Mandate]

5. Debbie Iles, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
   [I.E.P. Mandate]

   [I.E.P. Mandate/Transfer Replacement]

7. Julie Cavanaugh, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
   [Transfer Replacement]

8. Maggie Cavanaugh, Paraprofessional (LPN), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
   [New Position]

   [Due to Reorganization]

10. Laurie Remache, Paraprofessional (1:2), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
    [I.E.P. Mandate]

11. Mary Beth Rivera, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
    [New Position]

12. Michele Daly, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
    [Transfer Replacement]

    [New Position]

14. Dawn Stewart, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
    [New Position]

Extracurricular

1. Advisors, p/t, Walden Elementary School and the Athletic Department, effective 2017-2018 School Year – See Separate Listings [Annual Appointment]

Cocurricular

1. Fall 2017 Coaching and Non-Paid Coaching Assignments, p/t, Valley Central School District – See Separate Listing [Annual Appointment]

***E. Approval of Contract Clarification/Language Revision

Administrative

1. Assistant Superintendents, Valley Central School District, effective July 1, 2017-See Separate Listing

*** Addendum Items

Voting YES: [6:0]

OTHER

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Administrative

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Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item as it was pulled from the Consent Agenda. She then called for a motion.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mrs. Messing seconded to approve Mr. Rodriguez, certified as an Intern, appointed as Secondary School Assistant Principal (Regular Substitute) position in the Valley Central High School.

Voting: Yes: 4 No: 2 – Mrs. Schwartz and Mr. Byrne [4:2:0]

REPORTS

A. Superintendent’s Report

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. Xanthis spoke about an email he received from Ms. Baxter. Mr. Xanthis stated that when Ms. Baxter started at the high school in 2010, the graduation rate was at 84%. As of 2017 the graduation rate is now 92.6% which does not include the students for the month of August or the out of district students. Mr. Xanthis congratulated Ms. Baxter.

B. Assistant Superintendent’s Report – Lisa Raymond

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Raymond stated that we are still going through year-end and the External Auditors are here. Mrs. Schwartz asked about an update for the
Construction Project. Mrs. Raymond stated she was unable to attend the last meeting. Mr. Bellarosa spoke and stated that the locker rooms are gutted and the boys’ locker room is starting to be put back together. The lockers should be here by the third week in August. They will not be ready for fall sports; however they have made accommodations in the Middle School for week one and maybe week two. All contractors have been working well together which has been very important.

A question came up about transportation and how that has been going. Mrs. Raymond explained that summer school transportation is going well. She stated there were a few bumps, but Samantha Fredell has been working very hard with the bus company and routing our buses for the regular school year. She has been working daily to make the routes more efficient. Mrs. Raymond also stated that Mr. Conklin asked about uniforms. She stated that she spoke with John Mensch of East End Bus Lines, and he stated it could not happen at this time as it was not in the bid specs, but will look at it in the future. There was also some discussion on the postcards sent home with times and bus stop locations. Mrs. Raymond went on to further discuss the Dollar General light. She stated she spoke with Brian Maher who had a conversation with Lisa Weiss of the Department of Transportation. We have been approved, but we are not on the priority list. Mrs. Raymond gave detailed information regarding the costs associated with this project. Mrs. Raymond and Mr. Xanthis spoke about their plan to move forward and how that can happen in the future.

C. Assistant Superintendent’s Report – Mike Bellarosa

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Bellarosa gave some information regarding feedback on the changing of the start times for the High School and Middle School. He gave some detailed information as to why the change is happening and how he will be getting the information out to parents. Mr. Bellarosa went on to discuss the athletic fields and how Mr. Roberts and Mr. Schmidt are working on this project. He also stated that they will be getting dugouts for the softball and baseball fields similar to the ones at Benedict Park. He also stated there is more space for practice now that the fields have been fixed by our Buildings & Grounds department and the landscaping is being finalized. There were some questions that Mr. Bellarosa answered for the Board and invited them to visit and see what it looks like. Another item Mr. Bellarosa wanted to discuss was Parent University and Community Day on September 23rd. He stated they have a meeting scheduled for July 25th. Mr. Bellarosa stated that this is crunch time and they will be going out to get their participants, but he is hoping for great weather so this can be a great kick-off for the beginning of the school year. The skydivers have committed to being there as well. There will be raffles and a website that will be linked to the district website. The final topic he wanted to discuss was a conversation he had with the Athletic Director at Chester. Mr. Bellarosa stated that there is a bowling alley in Chester that talked about wanting to start a Varsity Bowling program. He stated he’s hoping to start a second Unified Sports Team program, possibly a late fall program. It is on the Athletic Director meeting to get other Orange County Schools to join in. His hope is to write for a grant to get it funded through the Special Olympics as with the current basketball team. There were questions and further discussion from the Board and Mr. Bellarosa stated there would be more to follow.

E. Projected Enrollment – September 2017

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Xanthis stated that there is a difference of approximately 120 students. He discussed how the numbers starting with fifth grade are going down. There was further discussion and questions from the Board that Mr. Xanthis and Mrs. Raymond answered for them.

F. NYSSBA Summer Law Conference – July 18, 2017

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda Item. She stated she attended as well as Mr. Conklin. Mrs. Schwartz said that she had shared the links with the rest of the Board regarding Education Law. She continued by stating that they also had a subject on website accessibility. Mrs. Schwartz explained that our website is currently being worked on to comply with any suggested regulations. She then stated that the final subject was 320 (a) & (b) and sent links to the Board regarding that subject.

G. Community Participation Report

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Messing stated that she attended a meeting for the Valley Central Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Bond stated he attended the Fiscal training in Corning.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading of:
   1. Policy 8505 – Charging School Meals

   Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Xanthis went over the summary of changes. There was discussion and some questions that Mrs. Raymond and Mr. Xanthis answered. Mrs. Schwartz stated this will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

B. Review of High School ELA Curriculum

C. Review of Middle School Reading Curriculum

   Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She asked if anyone objected to Items B & C being voted on together. There were none. She explained they are able to review the Curriculum in Mr. Bellarosa’s office and this will be voted on at the August 14, 2017 meeting.

D. Approval of Middle School Writing Curriculum

   Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mrs. Schwartz then called for a motion.

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

   Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

OTHER

Mrs. Raymond stated there will be a luncheon for Sheila Lease-Murphy’s last day and all of the Board members are invited to join and to please let Ellen McGoldrick know.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Schwartz called for a motion.

Ms. Lewis moved, Mr. Bond seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

Mrs. Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
District Clerk

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