The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the Administration Building at 6:55 p.m. by President Sheila Schwartz

PRESENT: Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Messing, Mr. Bond, Ms. Lewis and Mr. Wesenberg

ABSENT: Mr. Byrne and Mr. Conklin

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

Also Absent: Mr. Xanthis and Media (THR/WVT)

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

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

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item and asked if there were any items to be removed from the Proposed Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Schwartz then called for a motion.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Ms. Lewis seconded that the following Consent Agenda be accepted/approved, as listed and/or attached.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 7/24/17

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE FOR APPROVAL

A. Approval of Contract Renewal:
   1. J&D Ultracare Corp.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Approval of Termination:

   Noninstructional

   1. Maggie Cavanaugh, Paraprofessional (LPN), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective August 8, 2017
B. Acceptance of Resignations:

Noninstructional

1. Melissa Carola, Food Service Helper, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective July 31, 2017
2. Tina Dobson, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective July 25, 2017
3. Christina Giordano, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective August 1, 2017

C. Approval of Appointments:

Instructional

1. Ashley Kraus, certified in Students with Disabilities (Gr. 7-12), appointed to a three-year probationary period in the Special Education tenure area, commencing September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2020* [Retirement Replacement]
2. Steven Casa, certified in Business & Distributive Education, appointed to a Leave Replacement (regular substitute) position in the Valley Central High School, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year [Leave Replacement]
3. Gracie Burillo, certified as a Library Media Specialist, appointed to a four-year probationary period in the Library Media Specialist tenure area, commencing September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2021* [Retirement Replacement]
4. Donna Damone, certified in Spanish 7-12, appointed to a .4 Spanish teaching position at the Alternative Learning Center, commencing September 1, 2017 [Resignation Replacement]
5. Robert Ciganek, Community-As-School Liaison, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year [Annual Appointment]
6. Grad Point Lab Teachers, p/t, Valley Central High School, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year – See Separate Listing [Annual Appointment]
8. Team Leaders, p/t, Berea Elementary School and Montgomery Elementary School, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year – See Separate Listings [Annual Appointment]
9. 2017 Summer School Staff, p/t, Valley Central High School – See Separate Listing [Annual Appointment]

*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. Cheryl O’Brien, Principal Account Clerk, Valley Central School District, effective August 28, 2017
   [Transfer Replacement]

2. Jeannine Masiello, Typist, Valley Central School District, effective August 28, 2017
   [Transfer Replacement]

3. Melissa Carola, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
   [Transfer Replacement]

4. Laura Blackwell, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
   [Transfer Replacement]

5. Tina Dobson, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Valley Central High School, effective September 1, 2017
   [Transfer Replacement/I.E.P. Mandate]

6. Patricia DeRosa, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
   [Transfer Replacement]

7. Marissa Belli, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
   [New Position]

8. Sarah Fanning, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
   [Resignation Replacement]

9. Pamela Maroney, Food Service Helper, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
   [Transfer Replacement]

10. Taghreed Elkashef, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
    [Resignation Replacement]

11. Jeanette Kovacs, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
    [Transfer Replacement]

12. Laurie Laudati, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
    [New Position]

13. Melissa Way, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017
    [New Position]

14. Maria Majewski, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Montgomery Elementary School, effective September 1, 2017
    [Transfer Replacement/I.E.P. Mandate]

15. Maribel Garcia-Alvarez, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Walden Elementary School, effective September 1, 2017
    [Resignation Replacement/I.E.P. Mandate]

Extracurricular

1. Advisors, p/t, Berea Elementary School, Montgomery Elementary School, Valley Central High School, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year – See Separate Listings [Annual Appointment]

2. Joseph Carver, Chaperone, p/t, Valley Central High School, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year [Annual Appointment]

D. Approval of Salary Adjustment

Noninstructional

1. Jo Ann Cassisi, Sr. Typist, Valley Central School District, effective August 15, 2017

Voting YES: [5:0]

REPORTS

A. Superintendent’s Report

There was none.

B. Assistant Superintendent’s Report – Lisa Raymond

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Raymond gave a brief update on the construction. She also stated that the External Auditors were here and there is nothing major that they saw. She stated she will be going over the 4% fund balance as stated in the past, but that is in case the Governor takes away State Aid. This will be money to fall back on. There were some questions and discussion regarding this.

C. Assistant Superintendent’s Report – Mike Bellarosa

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Bellarosa briefly added to the construction update that Mrs. Raymond discussed. He stated that our Buildings & Grounds department will also be working to get all of the buildings ready for the first day of school. Mr. Bellarosa then went on to discuss Parent University and the Community Day on September 23rd. He gave an update regarding community participants. Mr. Bellarosa then discussed the upcoming Cabinet meeting and the Curriculum Coordinators. He stated that one of the things they would like is to figure out how to get all the K-12 Coordinators together and get some unity. They will be establishing a District Coordinating Council that they would like a Board member to be a part of. There was some discussion and Mr. Bellarosa stated there will be more details to follow.

E. Projected Enrollment – 2017-2018 School Year

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Raymond stated that the numbers are not changing a lot, but they are changing. She stated that Mrs. Maridou has been busy with registrations. There were some questions and further discussion regarding this.

F. School Building Tours – August 1-3, 2017

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda Item. Mrs. Raymond stated that she, Mr. Bellarosa and Mr. Xanthi toured each of the buildings with some of the Board members. She stated that there is a lot going on at each of the schools right now. There were some additional discussion and some questions from Board members.
G. MHSSC Summer Law Conference – August 4, 2017

After introduction to this Agenda item, Mrs. Schwartz asked that each of the participants discuss what they learned at that conference. Each member discussed some information they learned at the conference.

H. Community Participation

There was none, however Mrs. Schwartz did advise all members of the ALC barbeque that they will have on August 30th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of High School ELA Curriculum
B. Approval of Middle School Reading Curriculum
C. Adoption of District 5-Year Strategic Plan

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She asked if anyone had any objections of voting on all three items together. There were none, so she then called for a motion.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Ms. Lewis seconded the motion to approve the High School ELA Curriculum and the Middle School Reading Curriculum and to adopt the District’s 5-Year Strategic Plan.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [5:0]

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Anticipated Overnight Trip Requests:
   1. Valley Central High School Science Research (Two)
   2. Valley Central High School Science Olympiad
   3. Valley Central High School Senior Class
   4. Valley Central High School Music Department
   5. Valley Central High School Math League
   6. Valley Central High School JROTC
   7. Valley Central High School Athletic Contests and Championships

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She asked if anyone objected to voting on all of them. There were none, so she then called for a motion.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Ms Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Anticipated Overnight Trip Requests as shown.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [5:0]

B. Achievement Fair Discussion

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. There was some discussion as to how this will work for this coming year. There will be more discussion at the next meeting.

C. Approval for Request for Change of Schedule
   1. Valley Central High School

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She referenced a memo from Ms. Ginda-Baxter to Mr. Xanthis. She asked if there were any questions. There were none. She then called for a motion.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Ms. Lewis seconded the approval for Request for Change of Schedule for the Valley Central High School.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [5:0]
D. Acceptance of Bid Recommendations
   1. Health, P.E. & Athletics

   Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She referenced a memo to Mrs. Raymond from Mr. Miller. She called for a motion.

   Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mrs. Messing seconded the motion to accept the bid recommendations for Health, P.E. & Athletics.

   Voting: YES: Unanimous [5:0]

E. Approval of District Policy Committee Members

   Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. There was some discussion regarding this item. Mrs. Schwartz then called for a motion.

   Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mrs. Messing seconded to approve the District Policy Committee Members.

   Voting: YES: Unanimous [5:0]

F. NYSSBA Election – Board of Director – Area 9

   Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. There was some discussion regarding this Agenda item. It will be brought up at the next meeting.

G. Tax Levy

   1. Confirmation of Tax Rolls, Authorization for Tax Levy, and Establishment of Tax Rates
   2. Authorization of Tax Warrant

   Ms. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Raymond read the Resolutions. She then referenced Attachment A: Resolution to Confirm Tax Rolls, Authorize Tax Levy and Set Tax Rates, and Attachment B: Resolution Authorizing Tax Warrant (copies attached). Two motions and roll call votes are needed.

   Mr. Wesenberg moved, Ms. Lewis seconded that the Board Confirm the Tax Rolls, Authorize the Tax Levy, and Establish the Tax Rates as set forth in the Resolution to Confirm Tax Rolls, authorize Tax Levy, and Set Tax Rates (Attachment A).

   A roll call vote showed:

   Mr. Bond VOTING YES
   Mr. Byrne VOTING ABSENT
   Mr. Conklin VOTING ABSENT
   Ms. Lewis VOTING YES
   Mrs. Messing VOTING YES
   Ms. Schwartz VOTING YES
   Mr. Wesenberg VOTING YES

   The motion was declared duly adopted [5:0].

   Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the Board Authorize the Tax Warrant as set forth in the Resolution Authorizing Tax Warrant (Attachment B).

   A roll call vote showed:

   Mr. Bond VOTING YES
   Mr. Byrne VOTING ABSENT
   Mr. Conklin VOTING ABSENT
   Ms. Lewis VOTING YES
Mrs. Messing VOTING YES
Ms. Schwartz VOTING YES
Mr. Wesenberg VOTING YES

The motion was declared duly adopted [5:0].

The Tax Warrant was circulated for the Board members to sign, as required.

H. Review of High School AP Biology Curriculum

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She explained the curriculum can be reviewed in Mr. Bellarosa’s office. Approval will be sought at the next meeting.

OTHER:

Mr. Wesenberg made a motion to add and item to the Agenda. He would like to add three (3) part-time positions to full-time. These would be in the areas of Art, Music and Physical Education. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion. Mrs. Schwartz asked if there were any questions or comments. There was some discussion regarding this topic.

Mrs. Schwartz then called for a motion.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Ms. Lewis seconded that three part-time positions be changed to full-time positions.

Voting: YES – 2  NO : 3 – Mr. Bond, Mrs. Messing, Mrs. Schwartz

The motion did not pass at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Mr. Wesenberg moved and Ms. Lewis seconded that the Board convene to Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss the employment of particular personnel and negotiations. No action is anticipated following Executive Session.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [5:0]

Mr. Wesenberg moved and Mr. Bond seconded that the Board reconvene to Regular Session at 8:00 p.m.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [5:0]

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Schwartz called for a motion.

Mr. Bond moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Voting YES: Unanimous [5:0]

Mrs. Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
District Clerk

/rs