The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the Administration Building at 6:40 p.m. by President Sheila Schwartz.

PRESENT: Mr. Byrne, Ms. Lewis (entered at 6:18 p.m.), Mrs. Messing, Ms. Schwartz and Mr. Wesenberg

ABSENT: Mr. Bond and Mr. Conklin

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

Also Absent: Media (THR)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the Board convene to Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular personnel. No action is anticipated to be taken following Executive Session. Voting YES: Unanimous [4:0]

Ms. Lewis entered Executive Session at 6:18 p.m.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the Board reconvene to Regular Session at 6:40 p.m. Voting YES: Unanimous [5:0]

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Ms. 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 Ms. Schwartz reviewed the attached listing of correspondence and commendations.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item and asked if there were any items to be removed from the Proposed Consent Agenda. There were none. Mrs. Raymond noted that the appointment date for Cameron Croce, Item C. Approval of Appointments, Noninstructional, should be changed from September 1, 2017 to October 2, 2017. Ms. Schwartz then called for a motion.

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 8/14/17

FINANCIAL

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE

FOR APPROVAL

A. Approval of Contract Renewal
   1. Education, Inc.

B. Acceptance of Gifts:
   1. Walden Elementary School – Classroom Resources
      DonorsChoose.org

C. Acceptance of Gift and Amendment to the General Fund Budget:
   1. Valley Central High School – Monetary Donation
      Glenn Eckert

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Acceptance of Resignations:
   Noninstructional
   Dorothy Frohberg, Paraprofessional (LPN), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective August 11, 2017
   Ellen Sanchez, Paraprofessional Coordinator, p/t, Valley Central High School, effective August 23, 2017
   Jo-Ann Pugh, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective August 21, 2017
   Michael Sinsabaugh, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective August 14, 2017
   Sharon Garey, Food Service Helper, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective August 28, 2017
   Tina Dobson, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective August 23, 2017
   Deborah Muro, Food Service Helper, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective August 15, 2017
   Khayr Pitts, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective August 31, 2017
   Marybeth Rivera, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective August 17, 2017

B. Approval of Leave of Absence:
   Noninstructional
   Deborah Eberhardt, Typist, Valley Central School District, for medical purposes, effective on or about December 4, 2017 to be used intermittently up to 12 weeks

C. Approval of Appointments:
   Instructional
   Denyse LaVallie, certified in Business and Marketing, appointed to a four-year probationary period in the Business tenure area, commencing September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2021*
   Keri Amend, certified in Speech and Language Disabilities, appointed to a four-year probationary period in the Speech Pathology tenure area, commencing September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2021*
   Team Leaders, p/t, Berea Elementary School, effective 2017-2018 School Year, See Attached Listing
Breeanna Ramos-Janson, 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*

Daniel Walker, certified in Music, appointed to a four-year probationary period in the Music tenure area, commencing September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2021*

Brittany Bilodeau, certified in Visual Arts, appointed to a four-year probationary period in the Art tenure area, commencing September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2021*

Substitute Teachers/Home Tutors, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year – See Attached Listing

*To the extent applicable under Education Law Section 3012-d and the accompanying Commissioner’s Regulations, 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

Cameron Croce, Occupational Therapist (.4), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective October 2, 2017

Nicholas Alfano, Courier, Valley Central School District, effective August 29, 2017

Alexis VanderEssen, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017

Donna Massey, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017

Timothy Harrison, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017

Tina Dobson, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017

Evelyn Gaina, Paraprofessional (1:2), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017

Kendel Faubert, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 1, 2017

Substitute Paraprofessionals/Custodial Workers/Food Service Helpers, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year – See Attached Listing

Extracurricular

Advisors, p/t, Middle School and Alternative Learning Center, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year – See Attached Listings

Cocurricular

Fall 2017 Non-Paid Coach, Valley Central School District – See Attached Listing

Voting YES: Unanimous [5:0]

REPORTS

OTHER

Natalie Gatto, one of the Student Representatives to the Board of Education for 2017-2018, was present at the meeting. She was introduced and welcomed. The Student Representatives will present their reports beginning with the September 25th meeting.

A. Superintendent’s Report

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Xanthis provided information on preparations for the opening of school, including the status of the construction projects at Berea and the High School. He also shared information about plans for Convocation Day and the keynote speaker, Dr. Stephen Birchak. He reminded the Board and those in the audience that the bell schedules for the High School and Middle School have been revised and the information has been posted on the website. Mr. Xanthis and Mrs. Raymond noted that the bus company is ready for the opening of school and the bus routes are available on the website.
Mr. Xanthis then announced the recipients of this year’s Mid-Hudson School Study Council’s Awards for Excellence: Sheila Schwartz, School Board Service; Sarah Messing, Community Service; Barbara Butler, Administration; Maureen Wasserman, Pupil Personnel Services; and Fred Sparks, Support Staff. The awards will be presented at the MHSSC’s Annual Awards Dinner on October 19th at Anthony’s Pier 9. A round of applause was offered.

B. Assistant Superintendents’ Report
1. Lisa Raymond
2. Michael Bellarosa

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Ms. Schwartz, Mrs. Raymond shared information regarding the status of State aid for 2017-2018.

Mrs. Raymond also reported on the workshops and participation in this year’s Induction program. Mr. Bellarosa noted that this program is a very elaborate, well-constructed program, with administrators and teachers working closely together to provide new teachers with important information. Board members offered input, as well.

Mr. Bellarosa shared plans for the First Annual Community Day on September 23rd that is being sponsored by Parent University. Ms. Schwartz also offered input.

Mr. Bellarosa also shared information about upcoming athletic events and welcomed everyone to attend.

C. Projected Enrollment – 2017-2018

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Bellarosa reviewed the projected enrollment figures (August 21, 2017) (copy attached). There are some concerns about numbers at the elementary level, particularly Kindergarten at East Coldenham Elementary School and 1st Grade at Walden Elementary School, which will continue to be monitored. Additional sections will be added, if necessary.

D. Induction – August 22-24, 2017

This item was reviewed earlier in the meeting.

E. Community Participation

Board members and Central Office Administrators commented on the events they have recently attended or participated in, including fall sports practices, Mr. Xanthis’ interview on WALL radio last Saturday, and Induction.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests for Public Participation this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of High School AP Biology Curriculum

Ms. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item and called for a motion. This curriculum was presented at the August 14, 2017 meeting and was made available for review in the Office of Curriculum.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the Board approve the curriculum listed above and as attached. Voting YES: Unanimous [5:0]

B. Achievement Fair Discussion

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Xanthis noted that the school’s achievement presentations were done throughout the 2016-2017 school year. Since the
presentations were being made throughout the school year for the previous school year, the information was not timely. The proposal for this year is that all the presentations be made at one or two meetings in October. The curriculum committees could also present their goals for the current year.

C. NYSSBA Election – Board of Director – Area 9

Ms. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item and reviewed the two candidates running for this position. The Board was polled and it was the consensus of the Board to cast one vote for Karen Osterhout.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Byrne seconded that the Board cast a vote for Karen Osterhout for the New York State Board Association’s Board of Directors, Area 9. Voting YES: Unanimous [5:0]

D. Second and Final Reading of:
   1. Policy 8505 – Charging School Meals

Ms. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item and called for a motion.

Mr. Byrne moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the Board consider this the second and final reading of the above listed policy revision. Voting YES: 4; NO: Lewis [4:1]

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Byrne seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Voting YES: Unanimous [5:0]

Ms. Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
Clerk of the Board

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