The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the Administration Building at 6:06 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 Staff, Parents and Media (WVT)

Also Absent: Media (THR)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Byrne seconded that the Board convene to Executive Session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular personnel. No action is anticipated to be taken following Executive Session. Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Byrne seconded that the Board reconvene to Regular Session at 7:03 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.

Mrs. Schwartz then called for a moment of silence for the student who tragically passed away over Labor Day weekend as well as for the victims of September 11th.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMENDATIONS

Mr. Xanthis and Mrs. Schwartz reviewed the attached listing of correspondence and commendations.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item and noted there is an addendum. She then asked if there were any items to be removed from the Proposed Consent Agenda. There were none. Mrs. Schwartz called for a motion.

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 8/28/17

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE
SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Approval of Appointments:


2. Evening High School Staff, p/t, Valley Central High School, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year – See Separate Listing [Annual Appointment]

3. Team Leaders, p/t, Berea Elementary School, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year – See Separate Listing [Annual Appointment]


*5. Tonya Kelly, certified in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), appointed to a four-year probationary position in the Elementary Education tenure area, commencing September 1, 2017 and ending September 1, 2021* [Retirement Replacement]

Noninstructional

1. Lizette Dominguez, Paraprofessional (LPN), p/t, Valley Central School District, effective September 12, 2017 [Resignation Replacement]

2. Amanda Collins, Paraprofessional Coordinator, p/t, Valley Central High School, effective September 12, 2017 [Resignation Replacement]


Extracurricular

1. Gregory Jackson, Set Technician Advisor, p/t, Valley Central High School, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year [Annual Appointment]

*Addendum Items

Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]
REPORTS

A. Superintendent’s Report

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Xanthis provided information on the opening of school. He spoke about the guest speaker at Convocation Day. He also spoke about the problems of transportation.

B. Assistant Superintendents’ Report

1. Lisa Raymond

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Raymond shared information regarding the Audit as well as working with East End Bus Lines to solve the current transportation issues.

2. Michael Bellarosa

After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. Bellarosa spoke about the Valley Central Community Day for Parent University on September 23, 2017 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

C. School Opening

Convocation – September 1, 2017

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Xanthis spoke about Convocation to include the guest speaker. He also spoke about the transition to the new Student Management System. Mr. Bellarosa also spoke about the guest speaker at Convocation Day. They also discussed the Elementary School students and their performance.

School Building Visits

After introduction to this item by Mrs. Schwartz, she asked if there were any Board Members who would like to add to this. Mr. Bond stated that he is impressed by the Buildings & Grounds department and how they were able to get things done with the project going on.

Transportation

Mr. Xanthis stated that everyone has been working hard on getting this back to where it should be. He stated that the District takes responsibility and have been working weekends, etc. to do our best to fix it. Mr. Bellarosa reiterated what Mr. Xanthis stated. Board Members also gave their input.

BOCES

After introduction to this Agenda item, Mr. Xanthis stated that the C-TECH buses were late for the first few days, but has been fixed.

D. Opening Enrollment – September 5, 2017

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Bellarosa stated that they are thinking about adding a kindergarten section at East Coldenham and a first grade section at Walden Elementary. There was some discussion amongst the Board and Mr. Bellarosa.

E. OCSBA Delegates’ Meeting – September 6, 2017

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Byrne gave an update on what was discussed to include the Convention. He stated the next meeting will be on October 4th.
F. Community Participation Report

After introduction of this Agenda item, Mrs. Schwartz asked the Board members to share what they have done. They attended the ALC Barbeque, Varsity Football games, Convocation, General Montgomery Day and 6th Grade Orientation.

G. OTHER:

Student Representative Report

Mrs. Schwartz introduced Natalie Gatto, Student Representative. Ms. Gatto reported on the opening of school and stated that some of the issues the students were concerned about such as the lunches, transportation and the fact that there is no ceiling in the high school. She stated that other than those issues the first week of school went well. Mr. Xanthis spoke about the reasons why the ceilings are not there as well as well as other Capital Project information. Ms. Gatto was thanked for her report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Schwartz asked if there was any public participation. Several parents spoke about their concerns with transportation. Mrs. Schwartz thanked them all.

NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading Of:

1. Exhibit 3230-E Valley Central School District Organizational Chart
2. Regulation 4531-R Field Trips and Excursions Regulation
3. Exhibit 4531-E Field Trips and Excursions Exhibit
4. Exhibit 4720-E Testing Programs
5. Policy 5460 Child Abuse in a Domestic Setting
6. Regulation 5460-R Child Abuse in a Domestic Setting Regulation

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Raymond read through the changes in each of the above referenced policies. Mrs. Schwartz asked if there were any questions. There were none. A final reading and approval at an upcoming meeting.

B. NYSSBA Election – Board of Directors – Area 9

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. There was some discussion regarding previously voting on this item. It will be tabled until the next meeting for clarification. No action will be taken.

C. Consideration of Inter-Municipal Transportation Agreement – Renewal

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

Mr. Conklin moved, Mr. Byrne seconded the motion to accept the Inter-Municipal Transportation Agreement Renewal.

Voting: YES: [6:0] Mr. Wesenberg was out of the room at the time of voting.

D. Consideration of Donation

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

Mr. Byrne moved, Ms. Lewis seconded the motion to accept sending the chapter books to Most Precious Blood School from Montgomery Elementary School.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [7:0]
OTHER

Mrs. Schwartz stated that in the blue folders for the Board of Education, there was a letter from the Department of Transportation and the 2017 NYSSBA Delegates’ Guide. Mrs. Schwartz asked Mrs. Raymond to discuss the letter from the Department of Transportation. Mrs. Raymond stated that the District wrote a letter asking if there are any other solutions other than the red light in front of the high school as the light will not happen this year. There was some discussion with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]

Ms. Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
Clerk of the Board

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