The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the Administration Building at 6:04 p.m. by President Sheila Schwartz.

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Messing

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. Byrne moved, Ms. Lewis seconded that the Board convene to Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss negotiations and the employment history of particular personnel.  No action is anticipated to be taken following Executive Session.  Voting YES:  Unanimous [6:0]

Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Wesenberg seconded that the Board reconvene to Regular Session at 6:37 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 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, Mr. Byrne 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 9/25/17

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS
A. Acceptance of Resignations:

Instructional

1. Lori Van Tassel, Evening High School, Physical Education Teacher, p/t, effective September 25, 2017

2. Steven Altman, Evening High School, Social Studies Teacher, p/t, effective October 10, 2017

Noninstructional

1. Pamela Maroney, Food Service Helper, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective October 6, 2017

2. Marissa Belli, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective October 10, 2017

3. Janice Stryker, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective October 9, 2017

B. Approval of Leaves of Absence:

Instructional

1. Kimberly D’Alessandro, Guidance Counselor, Valley Central Middle School, for Childcare purposes, effective on or about January 5, 2018 through June 30, 2018 [Childcare Leave]

2. Stephanie Walsh, Special Education Teacher, Berea Elementary School, for Childcare purposes, effective on or about March 26, 2018 through May 15, 2018 [Childcare Leave]

C. Approval of Appointments:

Instructional


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

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

Noninstructional


2. Gabriella Gelsomine, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective October 11, 2017 [Resignation Replacement]


4. Amanda Watkins, Clerk, Valley Central School District, effective October 11, 2017 [New Position/Change from Para Unit to Secretarial Unit]


Extracurricular

1. Justin Glodich, Assistant Musical Director, p/t, Valley Central High School, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year [Annual Appointment/Resignation Replacement]

Cocurricular


*Addendum Items

Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

REPORTS

A. Student Representatives Report

After introduction of this Agenda item, Ms. Gatto spoke about Senior Tea, Spirit Week and the success of the Hurricane Relief for Puerto Rico.

B. Superintendent’s Report

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Xanthis provided information on his walkthrough at the High School with FEMA regarding a secondary location in case of an emergency at Indian Point. They will be doing a drill sometime in the Spring. Mr. Xanthis discussed the NYCOSS Fall Leadership Summit as well as Red Ribbon week.

C. Assistant Superintendents’ Report

1. Lisa Raymond

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Raymond shared information regarding the Personnel Audit, External Audit, and stated the Internal Auditors will be coming in within the next 2 weeks. She states that we are working on the transportation and it is getting better. She also gave some details regarding the Capital Project. Mrs. Raymond then spoke about interviews for traffic help at the High School and Middle School to help with the traffic flow. There were some questions that Mrs. Raymond answered for the Board.

2. Michael Bellarosa

After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. Bellarosa spoke about Parent University. He stated that the next meeting is scheduled for October 25th at 4:00 pm. They will be going over suggestions that were submitted and discuss what direction they want to go as well as debrief on Community Day. There was some discussion with the Board regarding this. Mr. Bellarosa then went on to discuss the Curriculum Coordinators and the details of what they are currently doing.

D. NYCOSS Fall Leadership Summit – September 24-26, 2017

Mr. Xanthis gave information relating to the Summit. He went over the details of the plans for testing and hoping the opt-outs will lessen.

E. District Audit Committee Meeting – October 2, 2017

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Wesenberg discussed details of the District’s Audit and what our External Auditors discussed during this meeting.

F. OCSBA Delegates’ Meeting – October 4, 2017

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Bond gave information relating to this meeting. He stated they discussed the Convention as well as McKinney-Vento.
G. Valley Central Education Foundation – October 5, 2017

After introduction of this Agenda item, Mrs. Schwartz stated that they had their Harvest Fest. Mr. Bellarosa went through the details of that evening. Ms. Lewis gave information relating to the last meeting.

H. 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 Senior Tea, band concert, football games, tennis match and the Middle School Orientation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Schwartz asked if there was any public participation. Mr. Matt Stoddard spoke about PLA’s and how it could be beneficial to Valley Central students. There was some discussion. Mrs. Schwartz thanked him for his participation.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Second and Final 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. Mrs. Schwartz asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Ms. Lewis seconded to adopt the above-referenced policies.

Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

NEW BUSINESS

A. Acceptance of Audit Report for the Fiscal Year
   Ended June 30, 2017 – Nugent & Haeussler, P.C.

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She mentioned this was discussed earlier in the meeting. She asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mrs. Schwartz then called for a motion.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Conklin seconded to approve and accept the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

B. Consideration of Textbook Adoption:
   1. Business Education

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this item. There was some discussion regarding this Agenda item.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Conklin seconded to adopt the Business Education Textbook for the AP class.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]
C. Approval of Elementary Guided Reading

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

Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Wesenberg seconded to approve the Elementary Guided Reading.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

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

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
Clerk of the Board

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