The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the Administration Building at 5:30 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, Mr. Bellarosa and several people in the audience including Staff, Parents and Media (WVT)

Also Absent: Mrs. Raymond, Media (THR)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made and seconded to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations and personnel items. No voting is anticipated after the session.

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.

STUDENT PRESENTATION
Berea Elementary School

Mrs. Schwartz introduced Mr. Solimando, Principal of Berea Elementary School. Mr. Solimando explained that tonight’s presentation would be given by the fourth grade team. He stated that they departmentalized this grade level and have the student rotating throughout the day. He then introduced the fourth grade teachers. Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Dosey, Mrs. Page and Mrs. Scott. They spoke about each subject they teach and then the student presented stories they wrote about themselves. They were all thanked by the Board of Education, Central Office Administration as well as Mr. Solimando.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMENDATIONS

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

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She then asked if there were any items to be removed from the Proposed Consent Agenda. Mr. Conklin stated that he still has questions regarding the Side Agreements and would like them pulled. Mrs. Schwartz then stated that Item C of the Proposed Consent Agenda be pulled to be further discussed in a late Executive Session.

Mrs. Schwartz called for a motion for the remaining items.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the following Consent Agenda be accepted/approved as listed, amended and/or attached with the exception of Item C – Side Agreements.
CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 10/24/17

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE

FOR APPROVAL

A. Approval of Anticipated Overnight Trips:
   1. Valley Central Athletics – Revised

B. Approval of Overnight Trip:
   1. Valley Central High School – Freshman Class

C. Approval of Side Agreements (3):
   1. Valley Central Teachers’ Association

D. Approval of Personnel Audit – Revised
   1. Louis Tullo

E. Acceptance of Donation:
   1. Orange County Safety Commission – Bicycle Helmets

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Approval of Tenure Recommendation:

It is recommended that the following personnel be granted tenure:

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<td>Science</td>
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B. Acceptance of Resignations:

Noninstructional

1. Emily Lambert, Paraprofessional (1:1), p/t, Valley Central High School, effective November 3, 2017

Extracurricular

1. Kayleigh Guercio, STEAM Advisor, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective November 13, 2017

2. Amanda Gliedman, STEAM Advisor, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective November 13, 2017

C. Approval of Appointments:

Instructional

1. Joanna Rude, certified in Literacy (Birth – Grade 6), appointed to a .5 AIS Reading position commencing November 14, 2017
   [New Position]

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

   [Annual Appointment]
Noninstructional

1. Christopher DiBenedetto, School Monitor, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective November 14, 2017
   [New Position]

   [Transfer Replacement]

3. Dorothy Placek, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective December 4, 2017
   [Transfer Replacement]

   [I. E. P. Mandate]

5. Substitute Paraprofessionals/Food Service Helpers/Custodial Workers/Registered Nurse, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective 2017-2018 School Year – See Separate Listing
   [Annual Appointment]

Extracurricular

1. STEAM Advisors, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year – See Separate Listing
   [Annual Appointment]

2. Deborah Simons, Valley Central Middle School Chamber Music Club, p/t, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year
   [Annual Appointment]

3. Kevin Smith, Odyssey of the Mind Advisor, p/t, Montgomery Elementary School, effective 2017 – 2018 School Year
   [Annual Appointment]

   Voting YES: Unanimous [7:0]

REPORTS

A. Student Representatives Report

After introduction of this Agenda item, the Student Representative spoke about the College Fair, Winter Concerts and Sober Night Out. They were thanked for their report. Mrs. Schwartz then asked the Alternate Representative, , to introduce herself. She will be filling in if the one of the other representatives are unable to attend a meeting.

B. Superintendent’s Report

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Xanthis provided information on the College Fair at the High School. He also stated that Mr. Wesenberg will be speaking about the Celebrations of Capabilities Day and the details of that. Mr. Xanthis also stated that they had a very successful conference day and explained that Mr. Bellarosa will be speaking further on that.

Mr. Wesenberg then discussed the details of the Celebrations of Capabilities Day and its meaning. Other board members shared their thoughts about this day as well.

C. Assistant Superintendents’ Report

1. Lisa Raymond – No Report – Mrs. Raymond was absent from the meeting.
2. Michael Bellarosa

After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. Bellarosa discussed that he found out about a former Valley Central graduate that is playing college football while attending a meeting with the Rotary Club. Mr. Bellarosa then went on to give details of a story about teamwork and what this student achieved. He then went on to discuss the conference day. He stated that some had workshops off campus while others remained on campus. Mr. Bellarosa stated that overall he has received good feedback. He then discussed a meeting that he attended with the Guidance Department. He stated that they are coming up with new ideas for Destination Day and the details of what they have implemented. He also stated they are going through the Guidance Plan and making improvements with areas such as truancy. The last item Mr. Bellarosa mentioned was Parent University. He stated that Dr. Bird will be at Berea Elementary on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and gave details of the evening. In addition, he stated there will be a showing of “Screenagers” at the High School on November 20th. Mr. Bellarosa then stated that they will be handing out dictionaries donated by the Rotary Club to all third grade students. The final item Mr. Bellarosa discussed was the Professional Development Plan. He went through details of the changes and how it will incorporate with the 5 year Strategic Plan.

D. OCSBA Delegates’ Meeting – November 1, 2017

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mrs. Messing attended this meeting. She gave information regarding the evening. She also gave information regarding the information needed for the December meeting.

E. 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 Spanish Honor Society Induction, Sober Night Out, PTSA Recognition and the production of “School House Rock” at the Middle School. There was also discussion regarding the Back Pack Snack Attack and how the money is used as well as how all are volunteers that help.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Schwartz asked if there was any public participation. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Curriculum:
   1. High School Math
   2. Life Skills Home Economics

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item and mentioned it has been in Mrs. Lennon’s office for review. She asked if anyone had any objections to combining the two items. There were none. She asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mrs. Schwartz then called for a motion.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Ms. Lewis seconded to approve the High School Math and the Life Skills Home Economics Curriculum.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [7:0]

B. Approval of District Professional Development Plan

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this item. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Ms. Lewis seconded to approve the District Professional Development Plan.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [7:0]
C. Policy Review:
Policy #1800 Acceptance of Donation

After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. Bellarosa discussed this policy and the importance of having the Board accept any donation to the District. Mrs. Schwartz and other board members commented on the importance as well.

D. Adoption of Resolutions (3):
Approval of the Reduction of Tax Assessment and Payments of Refund Due to Court Order and Judgment

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item and read each of the resolutions with dollar amounts. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Conklin moved, Mrs. Messing seconded the motion to accept the Adoption of the three Resolutions as attached.

Mr. Conklin then stated that there should be some discussion regarding the fee charged by the county for tax collection. There was some discussion amongst board members. This will be looked into in the future.

E. Valley Central Education Foundation Liaison

After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, there was much discussion regarding this. A motion was made to have Ms. Lewis be the alternate and Mr. Bond be the liaison.

Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Conklin seconded to have Mr. Bond the liaison and Ms. Lewis be the alternate for the Valley Central Education Foundation.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [7:0]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Schwartz asked for a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss negotiations and personnel.

Mr. Conklin moved, Ms. Lewis seconded to go into Executive Session at 8:27 p.m.

Voted: YES: 6 NO: 1 – Mr. Wesenberg [6:1]

Mrs. Messing asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session.

Mr. Byrne moved, Mr. Conklin seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.

Voting: [5:0] – Mr. Wesenberg and Mrs. Schwartz had left

ADJOURNMENT

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

Voting YES: Unanimous [5:0]

Mrs. Messing adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
Clerk of the Board

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