The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the Administration Building at 6:00 p.m. by President Sheila Schwartz.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Byrne

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

Mrs. Schwartz then asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mrs. Messing seconded to convene to Executive Session.

Voting: Yes: Unanimous [6:0]

Mr. Wesenberg moved and Ms. Lewis seconded to leave Executive Session at 6:53 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, Mrs. Messing seconded that the following Consent Agenda be accepted/approved as listed, amended and/or attached to include the addendum.

FINANCIAL

A. Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for October
B. Acceptance of Expenditure Budget Status Report for October
C. Acceptance of Revenue Budget Status Report for October
D. Acceptance of Record of Claims for October
E. Acceptance of Investment Report for October
F. Approval of General Fund Budget Transfer for October
RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE

FOR APPROVAL

A. Acceptance of Gift:
   1. Walden Elementary School – Equipment
      United States Tennis Association
   2. Walden Elementary School – Coats
      Knights of Columbus
   3. Montgomery Elementary School – Monetary Donation
      Mr. Patrick Legare

B. Approval of Overnight Trips
   1. Valley Central High School – Girls Varsity Softball Team (Revised)
   2. Valley Central High School – National Art Honor Society
   3. Valley Central High School – Music Department
   4. Valley Central High School – Sophomore Class
   5. Valley Central High School – Boys Varsity Lacrosse

C. Declaration of Obsolete Equipment:
   1. Montgomery Elementary School – Books

D. Approval of Side Agreements (7)
   1. Valley Central Teachers’ Association

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Acceptance of Resignations:

   Instructional

   1. Patricia Behr, Art Teacher, Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018
   2. Michael Antonelli, Music Teacher, Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018
   3. Laurie Councill, Music Teacher, Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018
   *5. Billie Matsen, Special Education Teacher, Valley Central School District, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2018

   Noninstructional

   1. Nancy Tuttle, Food Service Helper, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective December 5, 2017
   2. Dorothy Placek, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective December 4, 2017
   3. Rebecca Wikel, Paraprofessional (1:2), p/t, Berea Elementary School, effective December 15, 2017
   *5. Tara Barlow, Paraprofessional, p/t, Valley Central School District, effective December 22, 2017

B. Approval of Leaves of Absence:

   Instructional

   1. Erin Brodhead, Speech Pathologist, Valley Central Middle School, for childcare purposes, effective on or about June 8, 2018 through June 30, 2018
      [Childcare Leave]
2. Launa Kruithof, Literacy Consultant, East Coldenham Elementary School, for childcare purposes, effective on or about June 11, 2018 through September 30, 2018 [Childcare Leave]

C. Approval of Appointments:

Instructional


Noninstructional


Extracurricular

1. Jonathan Walsh, Sixth Grade Intramural advisor, p/t, Valley Central Middle School, effective 2017-2018 School Year [Annual Appointment]

2. Melanie Montenora, Odyssey of the Mind non-paid advisor, p/t, Montgomery Elementary School effective 2017-2018 School Year [Annual Appointment]

*Addendum Items

Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

REPORTS

A. Student Representatives Report

After introduction of this Agenda item, the Student Representative spoke about the Middle School Concert, Open Mic Night and the Christmas Sweater Contest.

B. Superintendent’s Report

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Xanthis provided information on a workshop he attended regarding Family Engagement at Rockland. Mr. Xanthis also stated he attended a NYS Heroin and Opioid Addiction Seminar and gave details. He then stated that he attended the Catskill Superintendent’s Group that consists of Superintendent’s from Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties.

C. Assistant Superintendents’ Report

1. Lisa Raymond

After introduction of this item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Raymond discussed how the Personnel Audit for support staff is continuing. It should be finished up soon. She also stated that she is currently working on the budget and the health insurance as information comes in. She went into details of these.
There was some discussion regarding these. There was also some discussion regarding the red light at the High School and Dollar General. Mr. Xanthos also gave information regarding this. There was a discussion amongst the Board and Central Office Administration with detailed information of what they need to do and what they are trying to do going forward.

2. Michael Bellarosa

After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. Bellarosa discussed the Curriculum Council Meeting that he attended. He and Mr. Bond gave details of the meeting and how successful it was. There was some discussion amongst the board. Mr. Bellarosa then went through the details of Parent University and although the turn out hasn’t been what they hoped, they are receiving good feedback from parents.

D. Health, Safety & Wellness Meeting – November 14, 2017

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Bellarosa went over details of the areas that were discussed such as a construction update on the high school, the traffic light at the high school, NARCAN and there was a detailed discussion regarding the East Coldenham gym floor and added there will be more information to follow.

E. Policy Committee Meeting – November 27, 2017

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item. She then went on to say that they have gone over all series and will be reviewing some of the last policies this evening. She stated that they will start at the beginning again in the new school year. There was discussion regarding the technology policy as well.

F. OCSBA Delegates’ Meeting – December 6, 2017

After introduction of this Agenda item, Mrs. Schwartz stated that Mr. Byrne had attended this meeting and is absent from tonight’s meeting. She shared information that she was aware that was discussed at the 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 the Middle School Concert and discussion on what a great job the Jazz Band did, the 6th grade field trip, the Fellow Tournament, the showing of “Screenagers” and the basketball games. Mr. Conklin shared information regarding a Valley Central graduate and their success in college.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Curriculum:
   1. Middle School Writing Curriculum

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item and Mr. Bellarosa gave details of this curriculum. It will be available for review and will be voted on at the next meeting.

B. First Reading of:
   1. Policy 2160 - Code of Ethics Regulation (Revised)
   2. Policy 6240 - Investments (Revised)
   3. Regulation 6240-R - Investments (Revised)
   4. Policy 6245 - Fund Balance (New)
Mrs. Schwartz introduced this item. She then went on and read the changes in each policy. There were some questions and discussion with the board. These will be voted on at the next meeting.

C. Approval of Budget Season Timeline

After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, she asked if there were any questions or any information to add. There was none. She then called for a motion.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mr. Conklin seconded the motion to approve the Budget Season Timeline.

Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

D. CS Arch Architectural/Engineering Services Discussion

Mrs. Schwartz introduced this Agenda item and the Board Members as well as Central Office Administration had a discussion regarding whether or not the District has obtained other quotes from other companies that do the same type of service. Mr. Xanthis explained that CS Arch is an expert in this field and work closely with the Department of Transportation. There will be more information and a proposal to come at the next meeting.

E. Adoption of Resolution:
1. New York Liquid Asset Fund

After introduction of this Agenda item by Mrs. Schwartz, she referenced a memo from Mrs. Raymond to Mr. Xanthis dated December 7, 2017. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Wesenberg moved, Mrs. Messing seconded to adopt the Resolution for the New York Liquid Asset Fund.

Voting: YES: Unanimous: [6:0]

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lewis moved, Mr. Bond seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

Ms. Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Simerson
Clerk of the Board

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