

**VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

944 State Route 17K  
Montgomery, New York

August 26, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the Administration Building at 6:30 p.m. by President Joseph Bond

**PRESENT:** Mr. Bond, Mrs. Messing, Ms. McKnight, Mrs. Fox-Pizzonia, Mrs. Revoir, and Mrs. Terralavoro

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Samuelson

**Also Present:** Ms. Avila, Mr. Conklin, Mrs. Mojica, Mr. Tolentino, Ms. McGoldrick and approximately three staff and community members

**Also Absent:** Media (WVT/THR)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Bond called for a motion to enter into Executive Session to consult with the District's general counsel.

Mrs. Messing moved, Mrs. Revoir seconded that the Board convene in Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. Voting YES: Unanimous [5:0]

Mrs. Fox-Pizzonia entered Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.

Mrs. Fox-Pizzonia moved, Mrs. Terralavoro seconded that the Board come out of Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

**PLEDGE TO FLAG**

Mr. Bond made the regular announcements regarding emergency egress, no smoking, and videotaping/streaming of the meeting.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mr. Bond asked that everyone remain standing following the Pledge for a moment of silence for Josiah Dottin, who was a Valley Central Class of 2020 graduate, and Sharon Delmonico, who has been our athletic trainer at Valley Central since 2015.

**CORRESPONDENCE/COMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Bond and Ms. Avila reviewed the attached listing of correspondence, commendations and honorable mentions.

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Bond introduced this Agenda item and called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda

Mrs. Terralavoro moved, Ms. McKnight seconded that the following Consent Agenda be accepted/approved, listed and/or attached.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A. Regular Meeting Minutes dated 8/12/24

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for July
- B. Acceptance of Investment Report for July
- C. Acceptance of Revenue Budget Status Report for July
- D. Acceptance of Expenditure Budget Status Report for July
- E. Acceptance of Record of Claims for July
- F. Acceptance of Extraclassroom Report for July
- G. Approval of General Fund July Budget Transfer
- H. Approval of Internal Claims Auditor Reports for July

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE**

**FOR APPROVAL**

- A. Approval of Anticipated Overnight Trip Requests:  
Valley Central High School – Athletic Department
- B. Waiver of Potential Conflict of Interest:  
Thomas, Drohan, Petigrow & Mayle, LLP

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. Acceptance of Resignations:**

Noninstructional

Name	Position/ Building Assignment	Effective Date
1. Jamie Almeida (Resignation)	Account Clerk/Central Office	August 23, 2024
2. Marko Gvozdenovic (Resignation)	1:1 Paraprofessional/WES	August 16, 2024
3. Craig Capwell (Retirement Purposes)	Maintenance Worker/B&G	August 26, 2024
4. Emily Steger (Resignation)	Paraprofessional/BES	August 14, 2024
5. Kayla McWilliams (Resignation)	Food Service Helper/EC	August 19, 2024
6. Eric Guarneri (Transfer Rep.)	Custodial Worker/HS	August 20, 2024
7. Deanna Wild (Resignation)	Food Service Helper/MS	August 21, 2024

**B. Approval of Appointments:**

Instructional

Name	Position/Building Assignment	Salary Schedule/Step	Probationary Term	Effective Date
1. Jessica Myers (Transfer Rep.)	Elementary Teacher/WES	MA/Step 10	September 1, 2024 - September 1, 2027*	September 1, 2024
2. Jamie Rywalt (Resignation Rep.)	Food & Consumer Science Teacher/ HS/ALC	BA30/Step 2	September 1, 2024 – September 1, 2028*	September 1, 2024

*\*To the extent applicable under Education Law Section 3012-d and the accompanying Commissioner’s Regulation, in order to be considered for tenure, teachers and principals 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.*

Instructional - Annual

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Building Assignment</b>	<b>Salary Schedule/Step</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
1. Carla Biggs-Bridgman 2. Brittany Pierce-Caiazza	McKinney Vento Tutoring & Connection Advisors/District	\$50.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
3. Jessica Pforte	McKinney Vento Tutoring & Connection Mental Health Provider/District	\$50.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
4. Sonya Berger 5. Kathryn Vecchio 6. Rhonda Paul 7. Stephanie Hernandez 8. Christine Mello 9. Kimberly Lopez 10. Martha Santos 11. Letesha Alladin-Fiorenza 12. Barbara Gravel	McKinney Vento Tutoring & Connection Substitute Advisors/District	\$50.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
13. Christine Mello 14. Lacey Benjamin 15. Barbara Gravel 16. Catherine Heil 17. Kalliope Edge	McKinney Vento Tutoring & Connection Substitute Mental Health Providers/District	\$50.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
18. Britney Demshick 19. Jeanne Marie Flanagan 20. Allison Frigand 21. Gennine Hauser 22. Caroline Sweikata 23. Kerry Armour	Certified Substitute Teachers/District	\$115 per day	2024-2025 School Year
24. Kathleen Murray Cannon 25. Susan Cockburn 26. Jeanne Marie Flanagan 27. Leigh-Ann Quaglietta	Home Tutors/District	\$48.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
28. Catherine Canfield 29. Kathleen Murray Cannon 30. Lucca Dobson 31. Megan Guidry 32. Kalie Rumsey	Non-Certified Substitute Teachers/District	\$110.00 per day	2024-2025 School Year
33. Antoinette Oakes	Seal of Biliteracy Co-Coordinator/ HS	Cat. C, Step 2 (split)	2024-2025 School Year
34. Stephanie Hernandez	Seal of Biliteracy Co-Coordinator/ HS	Cat. C, Step 2 (split)	2024-2025 School Year
35. Meghan Riley	Seal of Civic Readiness Coordinator/ HS	Cat. C, Step 3	2024-2025 School Year
36. Christine Giudice 37. Douglas Luciano	Social/Emotional Teachers/ Intramural Program/MES	\$50.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
38. Maria Circosta 39. Diana LaBarbera 40. Rhonda Paul 41. Andrew Zunich 42. Sonya Berger 43. Wendy Portillo	After-School Lead Tutors/HS	\$50.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
44. Kathryn Vecchio 45. Antoinette Oakes 46. Lisa Sullivan 47. Maureen Goodenough	After-School Substitute Tutors/HS	\$50.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
48. Ashley Zanos	Edmentum Teacher/English/HS	\$50.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year

49. Rhonda Paul	Edmentum Teacher/Math/HS	\$50.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
50. Christopher Pelella	Edmentum Teacher/Social Studies/HS	\$50.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
51. Nicole Speranzo	Edmentum Teacher/Special Education/HS	\$50.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
52. Michael D. Gonzalez 53. Stephanie Hernandez 54. Diana LaBarbera 55. Helen Menendez 56. Antoinette Oakes 57. Dawn Verni	Edmentum Substitute Teachers/HS	\$50.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
58. Janet Ganzer	Crazy 8s Advisor/WES	Cat. F, Step 3 <i>Correction from 8/12/24 Agenda</i>	2024-2025 School Year
59. Kathleen Bordone	Crazy 8s Advisor/WES	Cat. F, Step 1 <i>Correction from 8/12/24 Agenda</i>	2024-2025 School Year
60. Haliann Fitzgerald 61. Stephen Gamma	Certified Athletic Trainer Substitutes	\$60.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year

Noninstructional

Name	Position/Building Assignment	Salary Schedule/Step	Effective Date
1. Stacey McCaffrey (Resignation Rep.)	Paraprofessional/BES	Para/Step 8	September 1, 2024
2. Jalen Cuevas (Resignation Rep.)	1:1 Paraprofessional/BES	Para/Step 1	September 1, 2024
3. Amanda Russo (Transfer Rep.)	Paraprofessional/BES	Para/Step 1	September 1, 2024
4. Adrianna Reda (New Position)	1:1 Paraprofessional/MES	Para/Step 1	September 1, 2024
5. Brianna Parker (New Position)	1:1 Paraprofessional/MES	Para/Step 3	September 1, 2024
6. Jeanette LaRosa (New Position)	1:1 Paraprofessional/MES	Para/Step 1	September 1, 2024
7. Ann Marie Piscopo (Resignation Rep.)	Paraprofessional/MES	Para/Step 2	September 1, 2024
8. Amanda Miller (Resignation Rep.)	1:1 Paraprofessional/WES	Para/Step 1	September 1, 2024
9. Michele Lake (New Position)	1:1 Paraprofessional/MS	Para/Step 1	September 1, 2024
10. Tiffany Braham (Resignation Rep.)	Paraprofessional /MS	Para/Step 5	September 1, 2024
11. Andre Mainor (Resignation Rep.)	Hall Monitor/Paraprofessional/MS	Para/Step 1	September 1, 2024
12. Erin Muro (Transfer Rep.)	Paraprofessional/HS	Para/Step 8	September 1, 2024
13. Peter Hamblin (Resignation Rep.)	Custodial Worker/HS	CSEA/Step 1	August 27, 2024
14. Matthew Thompson (Retirement Rep.)	Custodial Worker/MS	CSEA/Step 1	August 27, 2024
15. Shawn Palmer (Resignation Rep.)	Maintenance Worker/B&G	CSEA/Step 8	August 27, 2024
16. Eric Guarneri (Retirement Rep.)	Maintenance Worker/B&G	CSEA/Step 8	August 27, 2024
17. Myra Stoner (Resignation Rep.)	Payroll Clerk/Central Office	\$80,000	September 9, 2024
18. Danielle Lemos	Food Service Helper/HS	FSH/Step 4	September 1, 2024

(Resignation Rep.)			
19. Alexa Cruz (Resignation Rep.)	Food Service Helper/MS	FSH/Step 1	September 1, 2024

Noninstructional - Annual

Name	Position/Building Assignment	Salary Schedule/Step	Effective Date
1. Lucca Dobson 2. Anita Feller 3. Allison Frigand 4. Megan Guidry 5. Kalie Rumsey 6. AnnMarie Solimando	Substitute Paraprofessionals/District	\$15.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
7. Jacqueline Leone	Substitute RN/District	\$150.00 per day	2024-2025 School Year
8. Daniel Cuccia 9. Lucca Dobson	Substitute Custodial Workers/District	\$15.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
10. Lucca Dobson 11. Jennifer McCarthy 12. Lori Schmidlin	Substitute Food Service Helpers/District	\$15.92 per hour	2024-2025 School Year
13. Erin Muro	Summer Paraprofessional/HS	2024–2025 hourly rate	2024-2025 School Year
14. Jalen Cuevas	Summer Paraprofessional/BES	2024–2025 hourly rate	Summer 2024
15. Diana Cahoon	Summer RN/Kindergarten Orientation/MES	\$48.00 per hour	Summer 2024
16. Connie Griffin	Summer RN/Freshman Orientation/HS	\$48.00 per hour	Summer 2024
17. Connie Griffin 18. Christine Belknap	Evening High School/RNs	\$50.00 per hour	2024-2025 School Year

Extracurricular

Name	Position/Building Assignment	Category/Step	Effective Date
1. Maureen Hedden	Yearbook Club Coordinator/ALC	Cat. E, Step 5	2024-2025 School Year
2. Leigh-Ann Quaglietta	Event Photographer/District	Cat. D, Step 2	2024-2025 School Year
3. Andrea Cadena	Cultural Diversity Club Advisor/MS	Cat. F, Step 1	2024-2025 School Year
4. Maria Circosta	Everything Outdoor Adventure Club Advisor/MS	Cat. F, Step 1	2024-2025 School Year

Cocurricular

Name	Position	Stipend	Effective Date
1. Drew Abatangelo 2. Matthew Abatangelo 3. Angela Adjei 4. Theron Adkins 5. Michelle Annunziata 6. Michael Artusa 7. Brooke Axelson 8. Paul Berkowitz 9. Michael Bliss 10. Allison Borriello 11. Ann Marie Brodzinski 12. William Burreto 13. Ryan Cerullo 14. Maria Circosta 15. Ana Cruz 16. Courtney Cunningham 17. Mason Davis	Events Personnel	Home Rate of Pay \$60.00/Event  Away Rate of Pay \$70.00/Event	2024-2025 School Year

18. Chanel Deans 19. Amy Doce 20. Katie Farrugia 21. Haliann Fitzgerald 22. Jeanne Marie Flanagan 23. James Frisbie 24. Christina Fuller 25. Nicole Fuoco 26. Maureen Gallagher 27. Joan Garry 28. Laurie Gesso 29. Catharine Giordano 30. Bryan Giudice 31. Christine Giudice 32. James Gould 33. Heidi Gridley 34. Connie Griffin 35. Kayleigh Guercio 36. Hussain Hasan 37. Ibrahim Hassou 38. Laura Horton 39. Fredrick Howard 40. Ronald Introini 41. Greg Jackson 42. Robert Jurgens 43. Colette Jurman 44. Michael Kelly 45. Patrick Kemp 46. Jennifer Kinsley 47. Joseph Kinsley 48. Kristen Kresge 49. Diana LaBarbera 50. Andrew Lavallie 51. Matthew Lennon 52. Robert Leonard 53. Sibyl Librandi 54. Chrystal Lozano 55. Douglas Luciano 56. Andre Mainor 57. Paige Matuszewski 58. Amy McCann 59. Laura McFarlane 60. George McLoughlin 61. Helen Menendez 62. William Michella 63. Laura Moldoveanu 64. Frank Nutt 65. Pete Pekny 66. Nancy Phelps 67. Thomas Plitsch 68. Leigh-Ann Quaglietta 69. Shane Regan 70. Jordan Robles 71. Matthew Rubino 72. Jillian Rufino 73. Scott Rumsey 74. Jason Saffon 75. Robert Satriano 76. Brittney Savage 77. Diane Sawyer 78. Dawn Smith 79. Stephen Smith			
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80. Adam Sontag 81. Paul Sontag 82. Douglas Stahl 83. Thomas Stoddard 84. Patricia Stolz 85. Brendan Sutta 86. Stacy Talarico 87. Kaitlyn Troy 88. Madison Van Pelt 89. Michael Van Pelt 90. Terri Van Pelt 91. Lori Vantassel 92. Edward Vass 93. Victoria Voloshin 94. Jeannine Wagner 95. Jonathan Walsh 96. Gabrielle Wienckowski 97. Patricia Williams 98. Isaiah Wilson 99. Franklin Wright			
100. Jillian Rufino	Assistant Cheerleading Coach	Cat. III/Step 1	2024-2025 Fall Coaching

Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

## REPORTS

### A. Superintendent of Schools

Following introduction of this Agenda item, Ms. Avila commented on the Summer High School Graduation Ceremony this morning and offered congratulations to those students who attended summer school, completed their coursework and graduated. She shared information on the August Graduation Ceremony held today, plans for Convocation Day on September 3rd and the Conference Day on September 4th, and the District’s rollout of the new Strategic Plan.

### B. Assistant Superintendent for Business

Following introduction of this Agenda item, Mr. Conklin and Mr. Ritzenthaler from CSArch provided an overview of the status of the Capital Project.

Mr. Conklin also shared information on student transportation and the external audit currently underway.

### C. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Mr. Bond introduced this Agenda item and invited Mrs. Mojica to present her report. Mrs. Mojica shared information on the District’s plans for academic programs and professional development in the 2024-2025 school year.

### D. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Following introduction of this Agenda item, Mr. Tolentino provided an update on the hiring of faculty and staff for the upcoming school year. He noted that the Viking Induction Program for new faculty was held on August 20th at the High School.

### E. Projected Enrollment – September 2024

Following introduction of this Agenda item Ms. Avila commented on the projected 2024-2025 enrollment figures (copy attached). Enrollment and class sizes will continue to be closely monitored.

**F. MHSSC Annual Law Conference – August 2, 2024**

Following introduction of this Agenda item, Mrs. Revoir shared information on the topics reviewed at the conference.

**G. Community Participation**

Following introduction of this Agenda item, Board members commented on events that they have attended or participated in recently, including Induction, the MHSSC Law Conference, the August Graduation Ceremony, and an open house at held at Maybrook for former students.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no requests for Public Comment this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Adoption of 2024-2025 District Goals**

Mr. Bond introduced this Agenda item, referenced the District Goals provided to the Board, and called for a motion.

Mrs. Messing moved, Mrs. Revoir seconded that the Board adopt the 2024-2025 District Goals, as presented and attached. Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

**B. Approval of Agreement between Valley Central School District and Siemens Industry, Inc.**

Mr. Bond introduced this Agenda item, referenced the agreement provided to the Board, and called for a motion.

Mrs. Terralavoro moved, Mrs. Fox-Pizzonia seconded that the Board approve the agreement for HVAC services between Valley Central School District and Siemens Industry, Inc., as presented and attached. Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

**C. Approval of Agreement between Valley Central School District and The Center for Discovery**

Mr. Bond introduced this Agenda item, referenced the agreement provided to the Board, and called for a motion.

Mrs. Messing moved, Mrs. Revoir seconded that the Board approve the agreement for psychological evaluation services between Valley Central School District and The Center for Discovery, as presented and attached. Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

**D. Approval of Agreement between Valley Central School District and Dillinger Research & Applied Data**

Mr. Bond introduced this Agenda item, referenced the agreement provided to the Board, and called for a motion.

Ms. McKnight moved, Mrs. Revoir seconded that the Board approve the agreement for consultation services between Valley Central School District and Dillinger Research & Applied Data, as presented and attached. Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

**E. Review of Middle School Curricula:**  
**1. Algebra I (8th Grade Accelerated)**  
**2. Heritage Months Program – Art**



Mr. Bond introduced this Agenda item and noted that this curricula has been made available in the Office of Curriculum & Instruction for review. It will be placed on the September 9, 2024 Board Agenda for consideration.

**F. Establishment of Public Hearing for District Safety Plan – September 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**

Mr. Bond introduced this Agenda item, referenced the resolution, and called for a motion.

Mrs. Messing moved, Mrs. Revoir seconded that the Board establish a Public Hearing for the District Safety Plan on September 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Voting: YES: Unanimous [6:0]

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Bond noted the need to convene in Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person. He noted that no action will be taken following Executive Session and the meeting will be adjourned.

Mrs. Messing moved, Mrs. Terralavoro seconded that the Board convene in Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

Ms. McKnight moved, Mrs. Revoir seconded that the Board come out of Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bond called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mrs. Terralavoro moved, Mrs. Fox-Pizzonia seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

Mr. Bond adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Bond noted the need to re-enter Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person. No action will be taken following Executive Session and the meeting will be adjourned.

Ms. McKnight moved, Mrs. Revoir seconded that the Board convene in Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

Mrs. Messing moved, Ms. McKnight seconded that the Board come out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Voting YES: Unanimous [5:0]

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon unanimous consent of the Board, Mr. Bond adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen T. McGoldrick  
District Clerk

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