

VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

944 State Route 17K
Montgomery, New York

September 9, 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, Ms. McKnight, Mrs. Messing, Mrs. Fox-Pizzonia, Mrs. Revoir, and Mrs. Samuelson

ABSENT: Mrs. Terralavoro

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

Also Absent: Media (WVT/THR)

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mr. Bond made the regular announcements regarding emergency egress, no smoking, public comment, and video streaming/recording of the meeting. He made available a copy of the opening statement/ guidelines for public comment for those wishing to speak.

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 noted that the addendum agenda and item B 25 under Superintendent’s Recommendations – Instructional Annual Appointments will be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration separately. He then called for a motion.

Mrs. Messing moved, Mrs. Revoir seconded that the following Consent Agenda be approved, as amended, listed and/or attached:

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. Special Meeting Minutes dated 8/26/24

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSE/CPSE

FOR APPROVAL [Addendum] *(Removed for consideration separately)*

A. Adoption of Resolution:
Authorization of Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle, LLP to Intervene in Proceedings Pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Acceptance of Resignation:

Noninstructional

Name	Position/Building Assignment	Effective Date
1. Janine Maridou (Retirement Purposes)	Central Registrar/Central Office	January 2, 2025

B. Approval of Appointments:

Instructional - Annual

Name	Position/Building Assignment	Salary Schedule/Step	Effective Date
1. Maria Kotsamanidis	Grade K Team Leader/EC	Cat. E, Step 2	2024 - 2025 School Year
2. Alison Brendel	Grade 1 Team Leader/EC	Cat. E, Step 1	2024 - 2025 School Year
3. Michelle Donovan	Grade 2 Team Leader/EC	Cat. E, Step 3	2024 - 2025 School Year
4. Kelsey Deavor	Grade 3 Team Leader/EC	Cat. E, Step 2	2024 -2025 School Year
5. Amanda Ashford	Grade 4 Team Leader/EC	Cat. E, Step 2	2024 -2025 School Year
6. Tiffani Garrison	Grade 5 Team Leader/EC	Cat. E, Step 5	2024 -2025 School Year
7. Heather Jurgens 8. Kaitlyn O'Malley 9. Mary Rodriguez 10. Andrea DeCastro	Itinerant Staff /Evaluators – ESY/District	\$60.00 per hour	Summer 2024
11. Antoinette Oakes	Evening High School Lead Teacher/HS	\$50 per hour + 25 % prep time	2024 – 2025 School Year
12. Holly Siegel 13. Michele Rose	Evening High School Special Education Coordinators/HS	\$50 per hour + 25 % prep time	2024 – 2025 School Year
14. Frank Jordan 15. Abigail Wood	Evening High School Counselors/HS	\$50 per hour + 25 % prep time	2024 – 2025 School Year
16. Bria Austin	Evening High School Economics & Government Teacher/HS	\$50 per hour + 25 % prep time	2024 – 2025 School Year
17. Toni Kozlowski	Evening High School English Teacher/HS	\$50 per hour + 25 % prep time	2024 – 2025 School Year
18. Diana LaBarbera	Evening High School Health Teacher/HS	\$50 per hour + 25 % prep time	2024 – 2025 School Year
19. Michele Sinn 20. Maureen Goodenough	Evening High School Librarians/HS	\$50 per hour + 25 % prep time	2024 – 2025 School Year
21. Constance Griffin 22. Christine Belknap	Evening High School Registered Nurses/HS	\$50 per hour + 25 % prep time	2024 – 2025 School Year
23. Christine Giudice 24. Douglas Luciano	Evening High School Physical Education Teachers/HS	\$50 per hour + 25 % prep time	2024 – 2025 School Year
25. Henry Pizzonia <i>(Removed for consideration separately)</i>	Evening High School Science Teacher/HS	\$50 per hour + 25 % prep time	2024 – 2025 School Year
26. Sarah Rosenwasser	Evening High School US History Teacher/HS	\$50 per hour + 25 % prep time	2024 – 2025 School Year
27. Michelle Annunziata 28. Lacey Benjamin 29. Stephanie Hernandez 30. Helen Mendenez 31. Christopher Pelella 32. Nicole Speranza 33. Dawn Verini 34. Ashley Zanos	Evening High School Substitute Teachers/HS	\$50 per hour + 25 % prep time	2024 – 2025 School Year
35. Mark Iorlano 36. Alyssa Ryan 37. Thomas Meaney	Certified Substitute Teachers/District	\$115 per day	2024 – 2025 School Year
38. Russell Gulamerian 39. Kathryn Moran 40. Debra Williams-Rugaber	Home Tutors/District	\$48.00 per hour	2024 – 2025 School Year
41. Jamie Brown 42. Christine Calvaruso 43. Randa Moustafa 44. Debra Williams-Rugaber 45. Iris Noll 46. Elizabeth Russo	Non-Certified Substitute Teachers/District	\$110.00 per day	2024 – 2025 School Year

Noninstructional

Name	Position/Building Assignment	Salary Schedule/Step	Effective Date
1. Deborah Sorice (Resignation Rep.)	Food Service Helper/HS	FSH/Step 1	September 10, 2024
2. Diamonique Gurney (New Position)	1:1 Paraprofessional/WES	Para/Step 2	September 10, 2024
3. Amber Curti (New Position)	1:1 Paraprofessional/MES	Para/Step 1	September 10, 2024

Noninstructional – Annual

Name	Position/Building Assignment	Salary Schedule/Step	Effective Date
1. Jamie Brown 2. Wayne Erickson 3. Randa Moustafa 4. Elizabeth Russo	Substitute Paraprofessionals/ District	\$15.00 per hour	2024 -2025 School Year
5. Kathryn Kaknis	Occupational Therapist - ESY/District	\$60.00 per hour	Summer 2024

Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

Mr. Bond then called for motions for the two Consent Agenda items that were removed for consideration separately.

Mrs. Samuelson moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that Agenda item B 25 under Superintendent's Recommendations, Instructional Annual Appointments be approved, as presented and attached. Voting: YES: 5; ABSTAIN: Mrs. Fox-Pizzonia

Mrs. Samuelson moved, Ms. McKnight seconded that the Board adopt the following resolution, as presented and attached.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Valley Central School District hereby authorizes Thomas Drohan Waxman Petigrow & Mayle, LLP to take any and all action necessary to intervene in the following proceedings commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Orange, pursuant to Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law:

1. Pharmacann Inc./IIP-NY 1 LLC v. the Board of Assessors of the Town of Hamptonburgh, et al.; Index No. EF006079-2024;
2. XPO Logistics Freight, Inc. (XNW) v. the Board of Assessors of the Town of Montgomery, et al.; Index No. EF006039-2024;
3. YRC Inc. v. the Board of Assessors of the Town of Montgomery, et al.; Index No. EF00600-2024;
4. MRE Propco LP v. the Assessor for the Town of Montgomery, et al.; Index No. EF006136-2024; and
5. Demon Realty LLC v. the Board of Assessors of the Town of Montgomery, et al.; Index No. EF006041-2024.

Voting: YES: 5; ABSTAIN: Ms. McKnight

REPORTS

A. Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Bond introduced this Agenda item. Ms. Avila shared remarks on the start of the school year events, including Convocation, Superintendent’s Conference Day, opening day for students, and the General Montgomery Day Parade. She also shared information on the work of the Walden Building Committee.

B. Assistant Superintendent for Business

Mr. Bond introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Conklin updated the Board and those in the audience on the status of the Capital Project work. He also provided information on the state mandate for electric buses and an upcoming study that will be conducted at no cost to the District.

C. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Following introduction of this Agenda item by Mr. Bond, Mrs. Mojica spoke about the opening of schools and provided information on the professional development opportunities during the Superintendent's Conference Day held on September 4th.

D. Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Mr. Bond introduced this agenda item. Mr. Tolentino offered remarks on the opening day visits he made to Walden Elementary School and the Alternative Learning Center. He also provided information on the hiring of new staff and the feedback of a survey distributed to the new teachers that attended this year's Induction.

E. Enrollment Report – September 5, 2024

Mr. Bond introduced this agenda item. Ms. Avila reviewed the opening enrollment figures from September 5th (copy attached) and noted that there is an increase of 67 students since June. Enrollment and class sizes will continue to be closely monitored and the Board will continue to receive enrollment updates throughout the school year.

F. OCSBA Delegates' Meeting – September 4, 2024

Following introduction of this Agenda item, Mrs. Messing noted that NYSSBA President Sandra Ruffo was in attendance and spoke about the upcoming Convention in October. Other topics discussed at the meeting included the Orange-Ulster BOCES Capital Project, which is now underway, and plans for upcoming tours of the facilities for Board members from their component districts.

G. Community Participation

Mr. Bond introduced this Agenda item and invited the Board members to share what events they had recently attended or participated in within the District and community. Board members commented on the ALC Welcome Back Barbecue, athletic events, a Valley Central Education Foundation meeting, Convocation, and the General Montgomery Day Parade.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one request for time to speak for time to speak this evening:

Stephanie Giufre – World Language Program

OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Middle School Curricula:

- 1. Algebra I (8th Grade Accelerated)**
- 2. Heritage Months Program – Art**

Mr. Bond introduced this Agenda item and referenced the curricula listed above, which was presented at the August 26th Board meeting for review. He called for a motion.

Mrs. Samuelson moved, Ms. McKnight seconded that the Board adopt the above listed curricula, as presented and attached. Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

NEW BUSINESS

A. Nomination of New York State School Boards Association Board of Directors Area 9 Candidate: John Burns

Mr. Bond introduced this Agenda item and called for a motion.

Mrs. Messing moved, Mrs. Fox-Pizzonia seconded that the Board nominate John Burns as a candidate for election to the NYSSBA Board of Directors Area 9. Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mrs. Revoir moved, Mrs. Messing seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Voting YES: Unanimous [6:0]

Mr. Bond adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen T. McGoldrick
District Clerk