

## CENTRAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION NOVEMBER 14, 2018 – 7:00 PM CENTRAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

# **Combined Work/Voting Minutes**

\*Unofficial until Board approval in January

## I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Х	Mr. Ambrose	Х	Mr. O'Neill
Х	Ms. Belcastro	Х	Mr. Ross
Х	Mr. Bloom	Ab	Dr. Unis
Х	Mr. King	Х	Mr. Zaritski
Х	Mr. Mowad		-

\*Also present: Dr. Perry, Mr. Halesey, and Mr. Maly

• Cypher & Cypher presented the Audit Review

## **ROUTINE ITEMS**

## III. MINUTES

1. To approve the Voting Session Minutes from the October 18, 2018 Voting Session. Attachment A

## Action required on item 1:

Motion by Mr. Bloom Second by Mr. Zaritski Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No

## TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. King, Treasurer

# **BUSINESS ITEMS**

- 1. The following bills and reports are submitted for approval:
  - A. PAY BILLS --
  - 1. Confirm the October 2018 General Fund Payments in the amount of \$902,627.40. **Attachment B**
  - 2. Confirm the October 2018 Cafeteria Fund Payments in the amount of \$52,602.61. **Attachment C**
  - 3. Confirm the October 2018 Construction Fund Payments in the amount of \$134,155.06. Attachment D
  - B. REPORT --
  - 1. To approve the October 2018 Berkheimer Report. Attachment E

## Action required on item 1:

Motion by Mr. Ambrose Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No Second by Mr. O'Neill

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** (Prior to speaking, please state your name and address for the record)

# **AGENDA ITEMS**

## A. BOARD/POLICY ITEMS – Mr. Mowad, Chairperson

1. To approve the purchase of a memorial plaque to be installed in the newly renovated Todd Lane Elementary Latchkey area in memory of Mrs. JoAnn Bishop for her endless contribution to the C.A.R.E. Organization and Latchkey Program. (Board Policy 711)

### Action required on item 1:

Motion by Mr. Bloom Second by Mr. O'Neill Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No

### **Discussion:**

 Dr. Perry discussed an email that was received from Mr. Dan Colville regarding a request to rename the middle school gymnasium after Mr. Dave Nichol who is a retired teacher and coach from the Monaca School District. Dr. Perry reviewed the Board Policy 711 regarding the naming of facilities. It was decided to comprise a comprised of Mr. Bloom, Mr. O'Neill, Ms. Belcastro, Mr. Dolph, Mr. Cercone and Mr. Colville. Mr. Bloom will take the lead to have the committee meet as soon as possible to discuss the issue and bring a recommendation to the Board for a vote at the December 6 meeting. Central Valley School District Combined Work/Voting Session Minutes November 14, 2018

# B. NEGOTIATION ITEMS – Mr. King, Chairperson

## C. EDUCATION ITEMS – Ms. Belcastro, Chairperson

1. To approve/confirm the released time/staff development requests:

Conference – Location	Individual	Date
TRETC 2018, Baldwin HS	Beth Rosatone, John Hineman, and Ed Eimiller	11/6/2018
Apple Leadership Workshop, Cupertino, CA	Ed Eimiller	11/7/2018-11/9/2018
Gifted Consortium Meeting, BVIU	Lydia Holley	11/9/2018
PAGE Conference, Cranberry Twp.	Lydia Holley & Mary Goss	11/29/2018-11/30/2018

2. To approve the District Comprehensive Plan for submission to the State Department of Education.

### **Discussion:**

• Dr. Perry discussed the District Comprehensive Plan. A PowerPoint as well as a narrative were emailed out to the members. Dr. Perry thanked the administration and committee members for doing a lot of work in a short amount of time. He feels that the Plan is an excellent complement to what the District has been doing through the last Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Mowad thanked everyone involved as well and appreciates all the time spent.

### Action required on items 1 and 2:

Motion by Mr. Zaritski Second by Mr. Bloom Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No Central Valley School District Combined Work/Voting Session Minutes November 14, 2018

# D. TECHNOLOGY – Dr. Unis, Chairperson

## E. ATHLETICS – Mr. O'Neill, Chairperson

- To approve the following individuals for the Central Valley intramural basketball program at a stipend of \$12.00/hour not to exceed 225 total hours: Brian Emler Zach Turley Brett Pfeifer Jim Dran Bill King Adam Cosnek Ray Antonelli
- 2. To approve Jennifer Manganello and Debbie Guiliani as Todd Lane intramural bowling sponsors for the 2018-2019 school year for up to 100 hours at \$12.00 an hour to be shared between the two.
- 3. To approve a three-year security contract with the Center Township and Monaca Police Department for boys' and girls' varsity basketball games.
- 4. To approve Malachy Onwudiegwu as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball volunteer pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.

## Action required on items 1-4:

Motion by Mr. Bloom Second by Mr. Ross Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No

# F. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – Mr. Ross, Chairperson

## FYI – Field Trips

Destination	Group	Date
Slippery Rock University	HS Unified Youth Committee	10/25/2018
Carnegie Museum, Pgh	HS AP Art Class	11/5/2018
Haemonetics, Leetsdale	MS Students	11/6/2018
Wexford, PA	HS Anti-Bullying Club & MS Mentors	11/14/2018
Westminster College	HS Honors Band	11/13, 11/29, & 12/1/2018
Dutch Ridge Elem., Beaver	TL Gifted	11/19/2018
North Allegheny HS	HS Gifted	11/27/2018
Beaver Falls HS	MS Gifted	11/28/2018
Robinson Mall	MS Learning Support	12/7/2018
Lincoln Park Performing Arts	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	12/14/2018
PNC Park	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4/25/2019

## G. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Mr. Zaritski, Chairperson

1. To approve/confirm the following Building Usage requests:

Building	Organization	Date	Purpose
HS Auditorium &	BC AEC	11/13/2018	Musical Theater
Classrooms			Workshop
CG Gymnasium	CG Skills & Agility	11/8/2018-	Develop athlete skills and
		2/21/2019	agility
		(Thursdays)	

2. To approve the following change orders related to the Todd Lane Project:

### A. General Construction Contract (GEM)

- Change Order #GC-62 (RFP #59) for Todd Lane Elementary School on a Time & Material (T&M) Basis for an amount not to exceed \$7,760.25 for the construction of the metal stud and drywall fire rated bulkhead around the two steel beams that support the fire rated wall between the new Cafeteria and the proposed LGI Space.
- Change Order #GC-63 (RFP #71) for Todd Lane Elementary School on a Time & Material (T&M) Basis for an amount not to exceed \$6,973.90 in order to install the appropriate divorce type flashing on the roof along the 2 hour fire wall between the new Cafeteria and the existing 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Wing.
- Change Order #GC-64 (RFP #70) for Todd Lane Elementary School for \$3,559.28 in order to repair the existing steel risers and treads for both stairwells in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Wing.
- 4. Change Order #GC-65 (RFP #66) for Todd Lane Elementary School for \$2,926.87 in order to provide crack repairs by caulking the openings the interior face of existing masonry walls throughout the classroom wings of the building.
- 5. Change Order #GC-66 (RFP #72) for Todd Lane Elementary School for \$2,325.12 in order to accommodate the design intent for electronic operations of a new door assembly by removing the existing door frame and installing a new metal frame at the corridor opening adjacent to the elevator lobby at the lower level in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Wing.

## B. <u>HVAC Construction Contract (D&G)</u>

1. Change Order #HVAC-6 for Todd Lane Elementary School for \$2,629.00 in order to remove an existing metal louver at the loading dock area, and infill with brick and block masonry the exterior wall opening where the former louver was previously located.

- C. Electrical Construction Contract (McCurley Houston)
  - 1. Change Order #EC-12 for Todd Lane Elementary School for \$2,962.00 for the installation of conduit, wiring and a spotlight fixture to be mounted on the exterior masonry wall outside of the Art Room in order to illuminate the flagpole.
  - 2. Change Order #EC-13 for Todd Lane Elementary School for \$3,454.00 in order to install 4 AV speakers into the metal cloud ceiling of the Upper LGI space on the second floor of the building.

## Discussion:

• Mr. Follen reviewed each Change Order with the Board.

## Action required on items 1 and 2:

Motion by Ms. Belcastro Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No Second by Mr. Ross

## H. PERSONNEL ITEMS – Mr. Bloom, Chairperson

- 1. To approve additions to the 2018-2019 Substitute List pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances. Attachment F
- 2. To approve an extension to a FMLA request for an elementary teacher from 12/17/2018 to 01/11/2019. (original end date was 12/14/2018)
- 3. To accept the resignation of Elizabeth Hewitt, cafeteria worker, effective 10/29/2018. Attachment G
- 4. To accept the resignation of Karen Lucci, cafeteria worker, effective 10/26/2018. Attachment H
- 5. To accept the resignation of Marea Robbie, cafeteria worker, effective 10/15/2018.

## Action required on items 1-5:

Motion by Mr. O'Neill Second by Mr. Zaritski Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No

## I. FINANCE ITEMS – Mr. Ambrose, Chairperson

1. To approve the Audit Report for Central Valley School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 as present by Cypher & Cypher, Certified Public Accountants.

## Action required on item 1:

Motion by Mr. Ross Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No Second by Mr. King

### **Discussion:**

- Mr. Ambrose thanked Dr. Perry, Mr. Maly and the members of the Finance Committee on the review of the District finances. Mr. Ambrose continued and indicated he will not vote for cutting staff or programs that would affect student education. He went on saying he is looking forward at the long-range finances. He made the following three suggestions: 1. The District should look into the appraisal and eventual selling of the Monaca football field. 2. The Board should consider a referendum on the ballot for raising taxes higher than the allowed index. 3. Consider some kind of joint venture with other schools to employ someone to go out to meet with parents and students that are in cyber schools and sell the benefits of Central Valley, in order to try to get the students to return to the District.
- The following motion was placed on the floor by Mr. Ambrose:
- 1. To approve the District to spend the necessary money to have the Monaca Football field appraised in order to assist in a decision to sell the field.

### **Discussion:**

Mr. Mowad stated that the Board should know appraising the Monaca field was discussed by the Finance Committee and the group did not recommend it. Mr. Bloom interjected that he would like to amend the motion to have Mr. Cercone develop a report on the use, maintenance cost and various needs to the field. Mr. Zaritski said that he does not agree with amending the motion. A lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Ross asked Mr. Cercone his opinion on the field. Mr. Cercone said that the field is definitely used by various sports but in the future, some updates may be needed. Mr. Mowad directed Mr. Cercone to compile a report for the Board to review regarding use and potential needs for the Monaca field.

### Action required on item 1:

Motion by Mr. Ambrose Second by Mr. Zaritski Roll Call Vote followed. Motion denied: 3 Yes, 5 No (Belcastro, Bloom, King, Ross, Mowad)

**Discussion:** Mr. Mowad stated that should the District ever consider going to referendum, the selling of the field could be revisited. Mr. Ambrose wanted to be on record as trying to be, in his words, "fiduciary and the Board is not being fiduciary".

Mr. Bloom questioned why there was no vote on amending the motion to reflect having Mr. Cercone look into the use and needs of the field. Mr. Mowad said that there was no second to his motion and the Board already has directed Mr. Cercone to look into the field so a vote was not necessary. Mr. Bloom felt that a second to his motion was not asked for and he wanted his motion heard. After a discussion, the following motion was reintroduced to the floor:

1. To approve to have Mr. Cercone compile information regarding the use of the Monaca Football Field and report to the Board.

## Action required on item 1:

Motion by Mr. Bloom Second by Mr. O'Neill Roll Call Vote followed. Motion carried: 8 Yes, 0 No

## J. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS/COMMENTS

- Dr. Perry began with respect to Mr. Ambrose comments, he too would like to be on the record with the following comments:
  - Dr. Perry agreed that there are many unknowns moving forward. He reminded the Board that over the past five years he has presented the Board with budget information three times each year. The budget should be no surprise to any member.
  - The auditor pointed out that 86% of costs (to include PSERS, healthcare, etc) to the District are completely out of the Board's control.
  - There is an unknown regarding the impact from Shell Corporation's plant being built in the District. The District receives zero new tax dollars from Shell due to the agreement made by the state, county, local municipalities, and the District to offer a 25 year tax abatement to Shell, compounded by Shell acquiring properties and winning court cases to lower the property taxes. Also, the loss of mercantile tax with all the empty stores in the Mall. These things are also out of the Board's control.
  - Dr. Perry continued saying that Mr. Maly and he were asked to review the expenditures of the District in order to tighten the budget over the next two years and begin to rebuild the Fund Balance for unknowns that may occur within the District. They proposed a plan in order to work toward this goal.
  - Not one program or teacher was cut or touched. The Board was not asked to cut anything that would directly affect student learning.
  - As far as the cyber/charter schools; Central Valley has approximately 4.6% of its student population enrolled compared to an average 7.9% in other county schools. The percent of students in cyber in county schools ranges between 1.6% to as much as 25%. There are many reasons why students opt for the cyber programs outside CV. Dr. Perry gave examples of CV required credits, the attendance policy, as well as the discipline policies. If the Board wants to consider lowering the District expectations for students with relation to these factors, he does not recommend nor would agree that the District should consider any of those. The District should be proud of those, of where we are, and continue to have rigorous expectations. Dr. Perry reminded the Board that he has asked three times in the past to employ a Director of Cyber Schools. The Board has rejected this each time. Mr. Vukovcan currently takes on this and does an excellent job at meeting and talking with students who attend cyber schools. He continually works to bring students back and he has had some success in doing this.

- Dr. Perry went on to say that he feels the District is walking in the right direction. Implementing the plan that he and Mr. Maly devised will certainly begin to replenish the Fund Balance. The things they are cutting are really more conveniences than actual needs.
- Dr. Perry finished up discussing the projected growth of building projects that are planned or are currently happening that serve the potential to bring in more tax revenue. That is why he feels that the Board would be "jumping the gun" at selling the Monaca property. He reminded the Board the Monaca Borough is working to deed several properties the District owns and then sell those properties in order to get them back on the tax rolls. There is potential revenue through this as well.
- Other items discussed with the Board by Dr. Perry:
  - Exit fall sports interviews are Thursday at 3:00 p.m.
  - The next meeting is the December 6 General Business/Reorganization meeting that will begin at 6:00 p.m.

## K. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- L. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Prior to speaking, please state your name and address for the record)
  - Kevin Kennelly (123 Rosewood Drive). The AP Environmental Science class is beginning a recycling program. The goal was to fundraise by selling refillable bottles and earn money to put water bottle filling stations at the high school. He explained that survey responses from approximately 260 high school student and faculty members indicated that at least two disposable drink bottles are consumed daily. That is a lot of plastic. Bins are now placed in various locations in order to collect these plastic bottles for recycle. Mr. Mowad said this sounds like a great project and hopes that Kevin will return to give the Board a report on the project's progress. Dr. Perry said to be sure to connect with either Mr. McCreary or Mr. Vukovcan because recently through a contest, the District will receive two filling stations. Kevin thought that was great and that he would take the information back to his class. He said there is a possibility that they will be presenting their project at Westminster College in the near future.

## ADJOURNMENT

1. To adjourn the meeting.

## Action required on item 1:

Motion by Mr. King Second by Mr. O'Neill Motion: Carried 8 Yes, 0 No