



CENTRAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 21, 2021 – 7:00 PM
CENTRAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MINUTES

***Unofficial until Board approved in February**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

<u>X</u> Mr. Ambrose	<u>X</u> Mr. O'Neill
<u>X</u> Ms. Belcastro	<u>X</u> Mr. Ross
<u>X</u> Mr. Bloom	<u>X</u> Dr. Unis
<u>X</u> Mr. King	<u>X</u> Mr. Zaritski
<u>X</u> Mr. Mowad	

*Also present: Mr. Halesey and Dr. Perry

ROUTINE ITEMS

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. An Executive Session of the School Board was conducted January 21, 2021 to receive information from the superintendent on an intergovernmental agreement without deliberation.
 - Mr. Mowad had asked at the Work Session for specific kindergarten enrollment information and test scores for students. He was able to acquire this information and wanted to present his findings, exhibiting that students in other districts that have all day Kindergarten still have many students attending Charter schools. His presentation also showed the test scores of the Central Valley students comparatively speaking are relative. His presentation can be found on **Exhibit A**.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Halesey read the email comments received prior to the meeting. **Exhibit B**
- Jennifer Checketts expressed her thoughts and concerns regarding all-day kindergarten, asking why now? She also talked about the importance of community input and attendance at the meetings.
- Daniel Camp spoke about his opposition to the new debt. He wanted to address some statements that he felt were inaccurate about the tax revenue. He was concerned that

taking on such a progress without the realization of actual revenue would only be met with raising taxes for the community.

- Rachel Schway asked the Board for more time before voting on the subject of all day Kindergarten.
- Mr. Halesey explained what the vote this evening actually means. How a passing vote means that Dr. Perry can begin to move forward discussing curriculum changes and staffing. Any renovation plans and costs would take place at a later meeting with a presentation to the community.
- Mr. Halesey proceeded with additional comments made online up until that point of the meeting. **Exhibit C**

V. MINUTES

1. To approve the Voting Session Minutes from November 19, 2020. **Attachment A**
2. To approve the Voting Session Minutes from December 3, 2020. **Attachment B**

Action required on items 1 & 2:

Motion by Mr. Zaritski Second by Mr. Bloom
Motion: Carried 9 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 December 2020 General Fund Payments in the amount of \$3,185,671.36. **Attachment C**
2. Confirm the December 2020 Cafeteria Fund Payments in the amount of \$40,960.28. **Attachment D**

B. REPORT --

1. To approve the November 2020 Berkheimer Report. **Attachment E**
2. To approve the December 2020 Berkheimer Report. **Attachment F**

Action required on item 1:

Motion by Mr. King
Motion:

Second by Mr. Mowad

AGENDA ITEMS

A. BOARD/POLICY ITEMS – Ms. Belcastro, Chairperson

1. To approve a Second Interim Agreement with Rhodes Transit regarding contracted school transportation through the end of the 2020-2021 school year or until normal operations resume.
2. To approve the execution of a Release and Assignment agreement with Selective Insurance Company of America.

Action required on items 1 & 2:

Motion by Dr. Unis

Second by Mr. Ambrose

Motion: Carried 9 Yes, 0 No

B. NEGOTIATION ITEMS – Mr. O’Neill, Chairperson

C. EDUCATION ITEMS – Mr. Ross, Chairperson

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

Conference – Location	Individual(s)	Date
Gifted Education in PA, Virtual	Mary Goss	12/4/2020

2. To approve an Agreement with Sunbelt Staffing to provide the District with a Speech Language Pathologist from January 11, 2021 through June 4, 2021 at a rate of \$71 per hour. The District will be able to Access bill for partial reimbursement of the provided services.
3. To authorize the District Superintendent to proceed with the implementation of an all-day Kindergarten program, with an intended start date of the beginning of the 2023 - 2024 school year.

Discussion:

- Mr. Zaritski thanked everyone for the information. He said that everyone agrees that the District should move to all-day Kindergarten. However, he stands with the finance committee that this is not the time to pursue this avenue.
- Mr. O’Neill echoed Mr. Zaritski’s comments. He is concerned about financial detriments and borrowing more money at this time.
- Mr. Ambrose reiterated that this is a five year progression and we need to be ready with the building should we have the influx of enrollment.
- Dr. Unis also agreed with the need for all day Kindergarten; however, he does not feel that this is the right time. He referenced the importance of other Capital Improvements. He feels the Board agreed to a renovation plan and should stick to the plan.
- Mr. Bloom said that the next step is to begin with curriculum. The renovations would be down the road.
- Mr. Mowad commented that based on his presentation, his position is clear. He noted nothing in Capital reserves and a 3.6 mil impact on the tax payers.

Action required on items 1-3:

Motion on items 1 & 2 by Mr. Bloom Second by Mr. Mowad
 Motion: Carried 9 Yes, 0 No

Motion on item 3 by Mr. Bloom Second by Mr. Ross
 Roll Call Vote followed:
 Motion Carried 5 Yes, 4 No (Mowad, O’Neill, Unis, Zaritski)

D. TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Mowad, Chairperson

E. ATHLETICS – Mr. King, Chairperson

1. To approve the following conditioning programs to run January 18, 2021 through February 27, 2021 at a rate of \$10.00 per hour up to 60 hours total in compliance with the District Athletic Health and Safety Plan:

Ray Fernandez	Softball
Bruce Herstine	Baseball
Tim Casey	Boys Tennis
Bill King	Track
Mark Lyons	Weightlifting (120 hours total Through April)

Action required on item 1 :

Motion by Mr. King Second by Mr. O'Neill
Motion carried 9 Yes, 0 No

***FYI:** The Athletic Committee is recommending to bring back the following Fall sport Head Coaches for the 2021-2022 school year:

Girls' Golf – Craig Morris
Boys' Golf – Craig Morris
Boys' Soccer – Brad Humble
Girls' Tennis – Tim Casey
Football – Mark Lyons
Boys' and Girls' Cross Country – Bill King
Girls' Volleyball - Candace Glumac
Girls' Soccer - William Pfeifer

F. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – Dr. Unis, Chairperson

G. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Mr. Zaritski, Chairperson

Discussion:

- Mr. Mowad asked about water issues at the high school and middle school buildings. Dr. Perry responded that there was a water main break on the road alongside the middle school, water made its way in to the building causing damage. A restoration company was called in and have been working on the repairs. There was a water main break near the staff parking lot at the high school. This has been an issue in the past, Dr. Perry closed the high school building, staff was told to stay home. As students were already utilizing virtual learning, the teacher's taught from home.
- The question was asked if insurance was used? Dr. Perry said that the high school issue did not; however, the middle school did file an insurance claim. The deductible, Mr. Ambrose pointed out, was probably \$25,000, using most of the monies earmarked as Capital Reserve.
- Mr. Ambrose commented that there have been a significant amount of water leaks throughout the District.

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H. PERSONNEL ITEMS – Mr. Bloom, Chairperson

1. To approve the resignation of Theresa Ervin, paraprofessional, effective January 22, 2021.
2. To approve Pamela Scipione as the Payroll Clerk at a rate of \$15.00/hr in accordance with the CVESP Agreement, effective December 16, 2020, pending receipt, review and acceptance of all clearances.
3. To approve a medical sabbatical for a high school teacher from January 25, 2021 through June 4, 2021.
4. To approve a FMLA leave for an elementary teacher from March 31, 2021 through June 4, 2021.

Action required on items 1-4

Motion by Mr. Bloom Second by Mr. Zaritski
Motion Carried 9 Yes, 0 No

I. FINANCE ITEMS – Mr. Ambrose, Chairperson

1. To approve the adoption of the Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2021-2022 school year, which includes revenues of \$39,284,555 and expenditures of \$38,842,510.

Action required on item 1:

Motion by Mr. O'Neill Second by Mr. Bloom
Motion: Carried 9 Yes, 0 No

J. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS/COMMENTS

- Students will be back to in school instruction starting with elementary on Monday and secondary on Tuesday. Mitigation efforts are still in place. Dr. Perry made his rounds to the buildings and the teachers are excited to have their students return. The District will continue exercising six feet distance wherever and whenever possible, masks will still be mandated, etc. He reiterated that upon notification of a positive case, the District will notify those necessary. He asked for the community to continue to be flexible should there be a need to return to virtual as the District will do the best it can to keep school open. He asks that there be faith in school officials and know that there is a passion for both students and staff safety.
- Dr. Perry spoke that information will be sent to parents about the use of Flexible Instruction Days that will be utilized should school need to be closed due to inclement weather. Students will simply have virtual instruction on those days. The snow days built into the school calendar will be days off for students, professional staff and various support personnel.
- Dr. Perry thanked the Board for all the projects they work on. He is very proud to lead the District into the future. There will be lots of options and scenarios to be voted upon in the future and he will work to keep the community informed.

K. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Zaritski thanked and wanted it noted the Kindergarten and Finance Committees for all their hard work and time involved in preparing the information regarding full day Kindergarten. He wanted it to be clear that the process is moving forward, but the Kindergarten committee vote to move forward and the Finance committee voted to not move forward.
- Mr. Bloom echoed Mr. Zaritski's comments and is looking forward to working with curriculum planning.
- Mr. Ross thanked Dr. Perry for all the complements to the Board. He also thanked the community in the room and virtually. He indicated he based his decision on the Kindergarten Committee's data and believes the right decision was made. He looks forward to getting the students back from the Charter school and recouping the \$500,000 cost to send the students there. He believes Mr. Ambrose assessment of how tax base will grow in this community. He said that he knows they talked about work needed on the middle school and high school but wants to do a first-class job in our buildings but there is no way we can afford this to happen, at least we feel that we will get some money back via Baden Academy.
- Mr. King thanked the Board and parent comments.
- Mr. Mowad thanked the parents both present and online. He wished the students good luck on Monday, he knows the elementary teachers are planning some surprises for their return. He

said that he understands that a consensus was made on Kindergarten and that will move forward; however, finances need to be kept in mind. He wants to work to not impact taxes.

- Mr. Ambrose also thanked everyone for coming out and online. He wanted to comment that for the past few weeks and months of students online has been phenomenal. He asks Dr. Perry to please share that with the buildings.
- Dr. Unis reiterated that he does not think all day Kindergarten is the best for right now. He is concerned about financial catastrophic events such as water lines just happened with a \$25,000 deductible. He is concerned about all the children in our district, not just Kindergarten students.
- Ms. Belcastro thanked everyone that commented through email and those in attendance. She likes getting everyone involved.

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Halesey finished up the online comments. Dr. Perry addressed one of the comments about feeling safe. He said that mitigation efforts that were done before will continue. He said that the beauty of our options are that should anyone feel uncomfortable, they have the option of staying home and doing virtual and we will do everything to make that the best situation possible.
- Mr. Camp asked Mr. Halesey to explain the vote made tonight. He answered that the Board has authorized Dr. Perry to continue the process needed for the all day Kindergarten. There will be additional votes that will be taken over the course of the next several years as this program is implemented. Dr. Perry echoed there will be things that need to be done. He will need to get with architects and develop options for space. The Board will need to make decisions on the scope of the project such as the building of a gymnasium and at various times along the way. Right now, the teaching staff will now begin the curriculum development that will take at least a year. He said that there will be future presentations to the public on what all the options moving forward will be prior to a Board vote.
- Mr. Camp continued that he just wanted the public to understand. He is confident that the communities will get behind this and support it. He believes the last thing to take is that even though we are in a world wide pandemic, something good has come of this; such as the ability to go to online learning easily should that be necessary. The capital reserve has already been used with the last flood so there may be times for the need to dip into reserved funds. Dr. Perry reiterated that the state of education moving forward has changed. We are now able to meet the needs of both students educating in the brick and mortar as well as those working at virtually from home.

ADJOURNMENT

1. To adjourn the meeting.

Action required on item 1:

Motion by Mr. Zaritski Second by Mr. Ambrose

Motion: Carried 9 Yes, 0 No