



**Central Valley School District Board of Education –  
Regular Meeting  
January 15, 2025 6:59 p.m.,  
APPROVED**

The Board of Education's regular meeting was called to order by President Jason Sanchez at 6:59 p.m. in the LGI at CVA.

**Members Present**

- Jason Sanchez, Pres.
- Valerie Day, Vice Pres.
- Travis Costin
- Logan Hewitt, Student BOE Member Rep.
- Jim Kramas
- Rick Virkler
- Maggie Wesolowski

**Members Absent**

- Matt Darrow (*Illness*)

**Staff Present**

- Jeremy M. Rich, Supt.
- James Humphrey
- Alaine Canestrari
- Sally Kramas
- Jessica Bowman
- Melissa Leone
- Genevieve Wares
- Daniel Murphy
- Richard Keeler
- James Mott

**Guests Present** (*those signing in*)

- Greg Riddle
- Danielle Luke
- Kristin Luke
- Andy Vandawalker
- Liam Vandawalker
- Shannon Stewart
- John Stewart
- Fiona Stewart
- Gary Denison
- Enola Denison
- Shawn Lillie

## **AGENDA CHANGES**

### Consent Agenda

#### *B., Acceptance of Retirement*

*Jody Messman; Elementary Teacher; Effective 12/2/24*

#### *D(g)., Coaching Appointments - 2024-2025:*

*~~Girls Modified Softball; Jennifer DeRocco~~*

*D(h)., Volunteer Coaching Appointments - 2024-2025:*

*~~Volunteer Assistant Coach—Girls Softball Teams; Linda Fisher~~*

## **PRESENTATION**

### **Kiwanis Student of the Month Recognition**

- Mr. Richard Keeler, CVA Principal, presented awards to high school students, Danielle Luke and Logan Hewitt. Mrs. Jessica Bowman, Jarvis Middle School Principal, presented awards to the middle school recipients, Royal Stewart and Liam Vandawalker. Both principals shared attributes of each student that qualified them for this recognition. Following the presentations, Mr. Rich congratulated the students, parents, and further introduced Mr. Greg Riddle, President of Mohawk Valley Central Kiwanis. Mr. Riddle provided information regarding the history of Kiwanis and recognition being provided to students. Mr. Riddle congratulated the student recipients and thanked the Board of Education.

## **APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER**

On a motion made by Valerie Day, seconded by Jim Kramas, the Board approved the appointment of Maggie Wesolowski to the position of Board of Education Member for the term of January 15, 2025 to May 20, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE**

At this time, the District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to:

- Maggie Wesolowski, Newly Appointed Board of Education Member

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Superintendent's Report**

- Mr. Rich provided further information regarding the upcoming contract negotiations with the teacher's union. Mr. Rich discussed the new Heat Temperature legislation requiring the relocation of students/staff if an instructional area rises over 88 degrees; impacts and options were discussed for this. Mr. Rich shared updates regarding the building project including the fitness center floor and the locker rooms. The District will be releasing a Thought Exchange to elicit information from teachers regarding AI for preparation of its function for students. Mr. Rich further discussed utilization of the Student Board Member role; he explained he met with the Student Council to educate students on this process as well.
- The Board was provided with the Athletic Report and Weekly Updates for their review.

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### **Administrative Reports**

Members of the Administrative Team were present to provide a mid-year review of their respective buildings and departments as related to the Board of Education Goals.

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### **Business Official's Report**

Mr. Humphrey provided the Board with the Business Official's Report for their review. Initial projections of salary and benefits were discussed. Impacts of teacher's

negotiations were discussed related to the budget as well as the increase of benefits costs. Potential future building project updates were discussed.

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### **Student Representative Report**

- Mr. Rich explained that he will be meeting with Student Board Member, Logan Hewitt, prior to each meeting to develop a monthly report of student concerns, needs, positive experiences or events taking place, etc.
- Mr. Sanchez inquired regarding the status of the Student Recycling Proposal provided by student, Molly Herringshaw, at the June 20, 2024 Board Meeting; Mr. Rich to follow up.

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### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

There was no further discussion at this time.

### **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

There was no public participation this evening.

### **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

There were no items removed from the consent agenda for individual consideration.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jeremy M. Rich, on a motion made by Travis Costin, seconded by Jim Kramas, the Board approved the following minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

- Regular Meeting – December 18, 2024

(Copy of minutes on file in District Clerk's files.)

#### **Acceptance of Retirement**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jeremy M. Rich, on a motion made by Travis Costin, seconded by Jim Kramas, the Board approved the following retirement notices. Motion carried 6-0.

- Jody Messman, Elementary Teacher, Eff. Retro. 12/2/24
- Nicki Bailey, Confidential Payroll Clerk/Account Clerk, Effective 3/31/25

(Copy of retirements on file in District Clerk's files.)

### **Acceptance of Resignation**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jeremy M. Rich, on a motion made by Travis Costin, seconded by Jim Kramas, the Board approved the following resignation. Motion carried 6-0.

- Marty Herron-Eaves, Building Maintenance Worker, Effective 1/15/25

### **Approval of Personnel Appointments/Adjustments**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jeremy M. Rich, on a motion made by Travis Costin, seconded by Jim Kramas, the Board approved the following Personnel Appointments/Adjustments. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Instructional Appointments – Substitute – Uncertified:**

- Hannah Hoke, Substitute Elementary Teacher, Effective 11/21/24

### **Non-Instructional Appointments – Permanent:**

- Shannon Kelly, Teacher Aide, Effective 1/20/25
- Debra Thornton, Food Service Helper, Effective 1/20/25
- Tara McLean, School Nurse, Effective 2/1/25
- Crystal Knopka, School Bus Monitor, Effective 2/8/25

### **Non-Instructional Appointments – Probationary:**

- Elsie Synenki, Food Service Helper – 5 hrs/day, Effective 1/6/25
- Marty Herron-Eaves, Building Maintenance Mechanic, Effective 1/16/25

### **Adjustment in Employment Status:**

- Gregory Brown, Courier – 4 hrs/day (12 Mth), Eff. Resign. 1/20/25
- Gregory Brown, Food Service Helper – From 4 to 5 hrs/day, Effective 1/20/25
- Gregory Brown, Food Service Helper – From 12 to 10 Mth, Effective 1/20/25

### **Substitute Appointment:**

- Alex Leon, Substitute Cleaner, Effective 1/16/25

**Mentor Appointment:**

- Kimberly Vitale, Mentor, Rachael Pollak, Mentee
- Michael Arcuri, Mentor, Michael Derella, Mentee

**Coaching Appointments – 2024-2025:**

- Girls Varsity Golf, Kevin Wheelock
- Girls JV Softball, Robert Paul
- Boys Modified Baseball, Michael Polidori COND

**Volunteer Coaching Appointments – 2024-2025:**

- Volunteer Boys Modified Basketball Coach, Michael Polidori COND

**Adjustment in Teacher Aide Hours:**

- Courtney Fisher, Teacher Aide – From 7.00 to 6.00 hrs/day, Effective 1/20/25

**Substitute Appointment:**

- Kristy Enea, Substitute School Nurse, Effective 1/24/25

**Approval of Financial Reports**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jeremy M. Rich, on a motion made by Travis Costin, seconded by Jim Kramas, the Board approved the following financial reports. Motion carried 6-0.

- Financial Reports – December 2024
- Cash Account Summary – December 2024
- Internal Claims Auditors Log Summaries – December 2024
- Extracurricular Summary Report – December 2024

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approval of Revision to 2025-2026 Budget Timeline**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jeremy M. Rich, on a motion made by Travis Costin, seconded by Valerie Day, the Board approved a revision to the 2025-2026 Budget Timeline. Motion carried 6-0.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Arrangement of Services – CSE/CPSE/504 Accommodation Plan Meetings**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jeremy M. Rich, on a motion made by Travis Costin, seconded by Rick Virkler, the Board approved the arrangement of services for the following CSE/CPSE/504 Accommodation Plan Meetings. Motion carried 6-0.

- December 4, 2024
- December 6, 2024
- December 9, 2024
- December 11, 2024
- December 12, 2024
- December 13, 2024
- December 16, 2024
- December 17, 2024
- December 18, 2024
- December 19, 2024
- December 20, 2024

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### **Approval to Dispose of Surplus Goods**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jeremy M. Rich, on a motion made by Valerie Day, seconded by Travis Costin, the Board approved the disposal of surplus goods. Motion carried 6-0.

- Technology Equipment – Per District-Wide Inventory List dated 12/18/24

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### **Acceptance of Donation**

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Jeremy M. Rich, on a motion made by Jim Kramas, seconded by Travis Costin, the Board accepted the following donation. Motion carried 6-0.

- Mohawk Valley Apparel, Miscellaneous Apparel, Est. Value: \$2,215.00

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**NEXT MEETING:** February 12, 2025

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Jim Kramas, seconded by Travis Costin, the Board adjourned their regular meeting at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Stacey Gurtowski, District Clerk