

## Frank resigns from WVCS board

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With military obligations soon to begin, West Valley Central School Board of Education member Brad Frank resigned from the board during the Dec. 11 meeting.

Frank, an officer in the Army National Guard, was notified of deployment for approximately one year and would be unable to fulfill his duties on the board for the remainder of his term. WVCS Board President Steve Kowalski thanked Frank for all the work over the years on the board and even though they sometimes disagreed on some things, agreed on more things knowing they were doing the best for the district.

"I want to say thank you very, very much for all the help ... over the course of time I think we have come to the decision that even though we don't always agree on everything, we agree on more than what we disagree on," Kowalski said. "I really appreciate everything you have done for us."

Having served on the board since the 2013-14 school year, WVCS Superintendent Eric Lawton said that Frank's contributions to the board will be missed



**Brad Frank**

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and he wishes him all the best in his service to the country.

"[Frank] is very level-headed, has a lot of common sense and that will be surely missed," Lawton said. "He's definitely a scholar, he had a very

good education, he went to West Point, he is a soldier, he works in the community, his wife is a teacher here, his children go here ... It was so nice to have someone like this on the board whose had some outside experiences and to bring that

knowledge.

"We really appreciate the fact that he is serving his country and serving for us," Lawton added. "We have always been a district that has a lot of respect for the military and I guess our loss is their gain."

With the now open seat, there were three options the district can go with: call for a special vote for the open seat, have the board appoint a person to the seat or leave the seat empty. The board decided that because Frank's seat was one of two with expiring terms next year, they would leave the seat open and have the newly voted person start immediately after the May 2018 election.

In other board news:

– The board approved the senior trip to Clearwater, Florida from June 16-21.

– WVCS Principal Dan Amodeo reported response from Girls on the Run and Boys on the Right Track at the district has continued to be strong and asked the board to vote on whether to continue the programs for another season at the next meeting.

– The board approved Laurie Gerstenslager as a substitute bus driver.

The next West Valley Central School Board of Education meeting will be held on Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in the library conference room.