

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM
December 12, 2016

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi
Wendy Field
Jane Wheeler
Rochelle Nicholson
Cory Hill

Board Members Absent

None

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent
Cindy Foley, District Clerk
Guests in attendance: Brinn Romagnuolo, Tara Measure, Tina Blair, Erin Bodman, Brent Benkelman, Gena Wilson, Gretchen Wick, Kenn Besaw, Erin Bodman, and Marycaye Dover.

Chairman Nadasi called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Nadasi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Rochelle Nicholson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the December bills totaling \$119,002.54. Rochelle Nicholson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/GUESTS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

WEST VALLEY PTO

Nothing to report.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Gena Wilson, Erin Grieco, and Kenn Besaw shared that the 5th grades are making blankets to donate to an area Nursing Home/Care Facility and will deliver them on December 16. They further thanked the board for the inservice opportunities with Neilia Solberg which allows them great training time and materials that are useful in writing, science, reading and all across the different subject areas. Currently 5th grade teachers rotate teaching science, social studies, and

math, but won't be doing that in the 17/18 school year. They feel they need more time with the students in their own classrooms to cover the core subject areas.

Gretchen Wick shared that Shakespeare In The Schools came and presented Hamlet to the 6-8 grade students. This is the second year they have done this and next year will perform Twelfth Night. Ms. Wick shared she is very grateful that this can be brought in and shared with our students.

Erin Bodman and Marycaye Dover shared that FVCC students had come to observe the Science classes and then did a demonstration for the middle school classes. The FVCC students will return to judge the Science Fair; Ms. Bodman attended a DNA bootcamp at the FVCC which was very interesting; the Science Fair is occurring in the spring and they are getting kids geared up with projects to present; students had a competition to design the Science Fair t-shirt; it is estimated that the Science Fair costs about \$2700 to put on and they fund this primarily through donations. They will meet with administrators to discuss a budget for this in the next school year.

Ms. Dover spoke to the engineering design class that is offered for all 6th graders, along with a bio-engineering project. Ms. Dover has also requested donations from the community for these projects and folks have been very generous.

Brinn Romagnuolo shared the WVTEA had submitted, to the District Clerk, a letter of intent to open negotiations; in meeting with administrators want to work together to fund electives such as engineering and art; find more "team" time in the school calendar for next year, maybe once per quarter; and she shared that a great deal of time is put in after school with kids and their Science Fair projects.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Principal Benkelman shared Title I staff recently attended a visual phonics workshop on December 2nd; four teachers from grades 1-4 to a reading strategies training by Carrie Kola, co-author of Reading Core Source Book, and "walk to read" in first grade begins on 12/14/16.

Tina Blair shared the administrative team had attended a 504 training which was very helpful; Neilia Solberg is working with teachers across grades 1-8 on English/Language Arts/Phonics and will be in for additional trainings in January and February; Winterfest will occur in the Middle School on December 21st, with the 8th grade volleyball team versus the staff; Mr. Pollard's class has been reviewing a history trunk from the MT Historical Society; Mrs. Iannucci is working with a Math Counts team that will participate in a competition held at FVCC; and testing teams made up of administrators, counselors, intervention specialists, and technology, are starting to meet.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ketchum reported on 8 music programs taking place in the school over two weeks; Lindsey DePuydt, kindergarten teacher, resigned her position effective November 28 due to personal needs, and that position will be filled by a long term sub effective January 3; April Snell resigned her position effective January 13, but will be available to help with payroll if needed through the end of the year; and Assistant Secretary interviews will be held December 14.

Mr. Ketchum shared that Mr. Wilson is pursuing information from the Education Super Highway regarding the ability to boost our internet from 30mb to 500mb with the use of fiber optics. We will pursue these bids through E-Rate and the increase in speed will benefit the district in moving to one to one devices.

The video cameras are up and running, with the administrators needing to review footage on one occasion. Tara Measure asked about footage in the gym showing those renting the facility over the weekend and the use of equipment. Kenco will be looking at installing a key card system on the front door and also on the middle school main doors, due to security after hours.

Phil Jackson will be contacting Flathead Electric regarding rebates/grants for switching over lights in the older part of the school for something more efficient.

Mr. Ketchum, and other area administrators, will be meeting with area legislators to speak about education needs in the upcoming legislative session; the recent Statistical Report on Schools, from the County Superintendent's Office, was given to the Board; district goals will need to be developed in the next few months and Mr. Ketchum would like to do this in February, after beginning the accreditation process with AdvancEd; and Mr. Ketchum and Mr. Wilson attended the Tech/Law Conference through MTSBA and came away with very valuable information concerning protocol, security, and what is ok and not ok concerning technology.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Taylor Kammerzell – long term sub for Doug Anthony
Superintendent Ketchum recommends Ms. Kammerzell for a long term sub position with Doug Anthony being on a leave of absence from January 3 – June 9.

Wendy Field moved to approve Taylor Kammerzell's long term sub contract. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Girls Basketball Coaches - Teri Dierenfield, Rich Nickerson, Nick Hanson, Clay Keller
Matt Pollard, Athletic Director, recommended Teri Dierenfield to coach 5th grade, Rich Nickerson, 6th grade, Nick Hanson, 7th grade, and Clay Keller, 8th grade.

Rochelle Nicholson moved to approve the girl's basketball coaches as recommended. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. New Policy, Second Reading – 7225 Crowd Funding, 8205 Meal Charge Policy, 8210 Procurement Policy for School Food Purchases

Mr. Ketchum recommended Option 2 on 7225, Crowd Funding, along with, on page 2, line 5, the addition of "Business Manager" in the first bullet point as the person to be notified should the proposal be successfully funded. Other notations would be "West Valley" in various blanks identifying the school.

Jane Wheeler moved approve on second reading Policy 7225, 8205, and 8210. Rochelle Nicholson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Out of District Student Attendance Agreement(s)

- West Valley students attending Special Needs Preschool - Evergreen

Cindy Foley shared AT and AK are attending the Evergreen Special Needs Preschool and tuition will be paid through a permissive levy in the 17-18 school year. The estimated cost at this time is approximately \$58.00 per day each or a total of \$20,648. Recommendation would be to approve these agreements.

Rochelle Nicholson moved to approve the Out of District Student Attendance Agreements with Evergreen School for the preschoolers. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Out of District Student Attendance Agreement – NF, recently moved into SD5

Cindy Foley noted that the family of NF had recently moved out of district and they are requesting NF remain in West Valley through the end of the school year. Tuition has been prorated and paid as of November 15th.

Cory Hill moved to approve the Out of District Student Attendance Agreement for NF. Rochelle Nicholson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

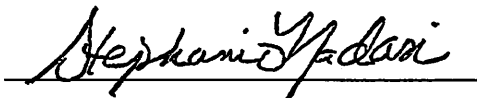
INFORMATION ITEMS:

6. Superintendent Contract

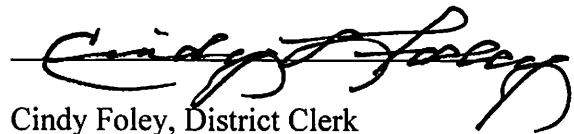
Chairman Nadasi noted that the evaluation of the Superintendent needs to be completed and presented to the Board no later than the end of January. She requested Mrs. Foley send the evaluation tool out to all Board members to complete and return to Mrs. Nadasi no later than January 3, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Cory Hill moved to adjourn at 6:03PM. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman



Cindy Foley, District Clerk