

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM
August 14, 2017

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi
Cory Hill
Wendy Field
Jane Wheeler
Tad Lisowski

Board Members Absent

None

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent
Cindy Foley, District Clerk
Guests in attendance: Tara Measure, Brinn Romagnuolo, Gena Wilson, Charlene Iannucci, Tina Blair, and Richard Gross.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Nadasi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Wendy Field moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS

Wendy Field moved to approve the June 28, 2017 bills totaling \$30,934.14, the July 2017 bills totaling \$61,090.97, and the August 14, 2017 bills totaling \$101,085.30. Cory Hill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/GUESTS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chair, read policy concerning the public comment that is allowed.

WEST VALLEY PTO

Nothing to report.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Brinn Romagnuolo asked about an MOA concerning the grievance procedure being drawn up and agreed to between the WVTA and the School Board. Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chair, stated the current Negotiated Agreement is for a one year period and her feeling is that the Grievance Procedure should be part of negotiations and added to the Negotiated Agreement beginning in

the 18/19 school year. She further stated the current Grievance Procedure is clear in the CBA and the reference to Board Policy. Ms. Nadasi further stated when the Board agreed to a prior MOA regarding security cameras it was in a non-negotiating year, unlike the current situation. Jane Wheeler asked if this MOA shouldn't be an agenda item so the Board can discuss and make a motion to proceed.

Ms. Romagnuolo welcomed Gena Wilson and Sarah Matdies as co-presidents for the WVTA beginning September 1.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Principal Blair noted the Middle School Roundup taking place August 15; currently there are 212 students in grades 6-8; school scheduling is underway; interviews for a paraprofessional vacancy in the middle school will occur on August 16; and staff "Learning Communities" will be meeting to review data, measurement, and curriculum choices on Fridays. The Board discussed moving the Middle School Roundup to the week before school starts, rather than the week of the fair.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ketchum noted the staff will be in an all-day training, Run/Fight/Hide, on August 30, with the school locked down all day. Local law enforcement will be providing the training with no cost to the district. Go-Math training will occur on August 28th and 29th for our teachers and the opening staff meeting will also be the morning of the 29th.

Two custodian positions are being proposed to the board due to the contracting cost for custodial services being too prohibitive.

Mr. Ketchum shared the proposal resulting from the survey, "A School Culture of Student Engagement", from Ignite Nation, in conjunction with Office Depot. A 2 to 3 year commitment of time and resources to create a culture where students and adults are thriving in an environment that supports and challenges its members is recommended. Schools are being encouraged to promote themselves, share the culture of their school through a report card per ESSA, brand and publicize their school in order to get students career ready.

Regarding facilities, the security scanning system is in place with staff receiving a card or fob to get into the building; the electronic reader board has been installed; electricity has been hooked up for the gutters; conference room lights and ventilation is in process; both gyms have been painted with epoxy paint on the lower level for easier cleaning; landscaping is being improved; and a metal roof has been put on the PE shed.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. 2016-2017 Trustees Report, Cash Balances, and 2017-18 Budget
Cindy Foley presented and reviewed the 2016-2017 Trustees Report, Cash Balance allocations and the 17/18 Budget. The General Fund Budget totaled \$3748,946.88, Transportation \$363,869.21, Bus Depreciation \$7,872.91, Tuition \$57,118.61, Retirement \$584,961.63, Adult Education \$12,256.40, Technology \$6,800.19, Flexibility Fund \$40,879.83, Building Reserve \$74,800.00, and the Debt Service at \$506,720.00. The overall mills decreased slightly from the year before due to the increase in our mill value.

Jane Wheeler moved to accept and approve the 16/17 Trustees Report, cash balances, and the 17/18 Budget, as presented. Cory Hill seconded. Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Handbooks: Staff and Student 2017-2018 SY

Mr. Ketchum noted the handbooks stayed largely the same with the exception of updating of staff, trustees, a bullying procedure, and the security cameras.

Some corrections to names and Video Surveillance information in the student handbooks was noted. Updating the Vice-Chair of Trustees was also noted.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the handbooks as corrected. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Football Coaches – Clay Keller, Jared Taylor, Tracy Moon, Donnie Tudahl

Mr. Ketchum recommended the hiring of the proposed football coaches.

Cory Hill moved to approve the football coaches, as presented. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. New Hires: Richard Gross, Principal, Matthew Honcoop, Middle School Science, 2.5 Custodians

Superintendent Ketchum recommended the hiring of Richard Gross, K-4 Principal, Matthew Honcoop, Middle School Science, Sofia Zavala, and Chuck Balen, Custodians. He noted there are only 2.0 fte custodians being recommended at this time.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the new hires, as presented. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Interlocal Agreement, Olney Bissell Transportation of Students

Olney Bissell School District has a child who resides in their school district; however the bus stop is within the West Valley School District. The County Transportation Committee requires this Interlocal Agreement allowing Olney Bissell to pick up their student at Paradise Hills Dr and Mountain Meadow Rd bus stop.

Wendy Field moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Olney Bissell for the transportation of a student. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Out of District Attendance Agreements – Somers SD

JD, JD, CM, JM, and TM reside in West Valley and have attended Somers SD in past years. Recommendation would be to acknowledge receipt of the attendance agreements.

Wendy Field moved to acknowledge receipt of the Attendance Agreements for Somers. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Out of District students attending in West Valley

Cindy Foley shared the administration has approved 28 out of district students for attendance at West Valley.

Cory Hill moved to accept the out of district students to West Valley. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Authorize submission of Broadband for Montana Schools Program Application

Cindy Foley shared that through the Montana Department of Commerce a district could apply for assistance with the installation of Broadband through a one-time special construction State match. This resolution also gives approval for Cindy Foley, District Clerk, to sign and submit documents on behalf of the district.

Wendy Field moved to approve as presented. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Dispose of Surplus Property

The Board was presented a resolution to dispose of various outdated textbooks and a brown 8x20 storage shed which had become abandoned, obsolete and undesirable by West Valley School District. A notice would be ran in the Daily Interlake with disposal of the property through sale or other means commencing on September 6, 2017, per 20-6-604 and 20-20-204, MCA.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the resolution, as presented. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. NW MT Educational Cooperative, three year participation agreement

The district has been a member of the Cooperative for several years, with the annual fee being based on enrollment. The 16/17 annual fee was \$11,071.

Cory Hill moved to approve the NW Coop agreement for three years. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

11. School District Credit Cards and Cared Limits

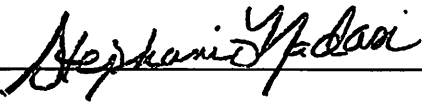
Cindy Foley shared that the district currently has 3 active credit cards. The credit limits are as follows: Costco \$5,000, Visa \$15,000 and BMO MasterCard \$100,000. The combined credit limit total is \$120,000. The Albertson's card was not being used and was cancelled.

12. Seven Year Comparison of Growth

Wendy Field shared a chart compiling seven years of growth comparing staffing, enrollment, insurance benefits, salaries, state and local fund, as well as expenditures impacting the General Fund.

ADJOURNMENT

Jane Wheeler moved to adjourn at 6:41 pm. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman



Cindy Foley, District Clerk