

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM
September 11, 2017

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi
Cory Hill
Wendy Field
Tad Lisowski

Board Members Absent

Jane Wheeler

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent
Cindy Foley, District Clerk
Guests in attendance: Gena Wilson, Sarah Matdies, 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. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS

Wendy Field moved to approve the September bills totaling \$142,909.86. Tad Lisowski 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

Nothing to report.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Principal Blair noted PLC's (staff "Learning Communities") will be meeting starting 9/15/17 which is the first late start Friday of the school year; Title 1 teachers are assessing fluency and comprehension in middle school using STAR Testing; staff attended training for the new Go Math curriculum prior to school starting; and Principal Gross shared the current enrollment is 618, with 340 in grades K-4 and 278 in grades 5-8.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ketchum noted the staff attended Run/Fight/Hide training on August 30, which was one of the best trainings we have ever had with local law enforcement doing a fantastic job; there are various safety items we can improve on in the district and a Safety Committee will be meeting periodically through the year; Ignite Nation training will occur over the school year and the first training was attended by 14 staff members, with others participating during the year; AdvancEd meetings have begun and that work will dovetail with the work being done with Ignite Nation; the MASS conference is on 9/18-19, along with a National Conference in the Spring that Mr. Ketchum will attend as the MASS president-elect; new heaters are being installed in a few older classrooms, as well as the K-4 cafeteria; additional lockers have been ordered for the Middle School; and the Open House will be on September 14 from 6-7. The Superintendent noted there are 25 policies that need reviewed and updated and he asked if the Board would like to do that through a work session. It was decided the Board would hold a Work Session on October 11th at 4:00pm to review the policies.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Annual/Yearbook Editor – Melanie Ruonavaara

Mr. Ketchum recommended Ms. Ruonavaara for the editor position as she has done a great job with the annual.

Tad Lisowski moved to accept Melanie Ruonavaara as the Yearbook Editor. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. New Hires: Teresa Mumm, Carla Scott, Paraprofessionals

Mr. Ketchum noted two paraprofessionals had resigned from West Valley over the summer and these positions are both still needed to serve students. He recommended Ms. Mumm and Ms. Scott, pending background checks.

Wendy Field moved to approve the paraprofessional new hires. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Job Descriptions: Assistant Clerk

Assistant Cook, change title to Food Services Aide

Cindy Foley noted with the new position for Assistant Clerk, a job description was needed. She further noted that even though the job description for Assistant Cook was approved in September 2016, it is proposed to change the title to match the salary schedule and contracts.

Cory Hill moved to approve the job descriptions, as presented. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Out of District students attending in West Valley

Cindy Foley noted two students from the M family reside in the Kalispell School District and have attended West Valley the last few years.

Wendy Field moved to approve the out of district students attending in West Valley. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Authorization to Remove/Add Co-signers to Boys/Girls Bank Account

The District Clerk requested removing Brent Benkelman and Shelley Mower as signers on the Three Rivers account and adding Richard Gross and Laura Cox as signers.

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

6. Teri Dierenfield, Discipline with Love & Logic Contract

Mr. Ketchum recommends the contract for Ms. Dierenfield to conduct Love & Logic workshops for the community.

Wendy Field moved to contract with Teri Dierenfield for Love & Logic trainings, with a minimum of 5 families required to proceed. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

7. 16/17 Student Attendance Agreement with Kalispell Schools

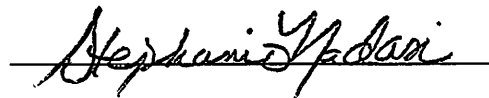
Cindy Foley shared the agreement for this specific child was approved August 2016, with an estimated cost for their special needs program. The final amount to be billed is \$1832.68 and would normally be paid in the 17/18 school year through permissive levy, however the final amount due was not received from the district prior to the Tuition budget being set in August. The \$1832.68 will have to be levied in the 18/19 school year and paid at that time.

8. Policy Notes and Future Work Sessions

This was discussed during the Superintendent's Report and a Work Session will be held on October 11, 2017 at 4:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Wendy Field moved to adjourn at 5:47 pm. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman



Cindy Foley, District Clerk