

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM
October 9, 2017

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi
Wendy Field
Tad Lisowski
Jane Wheeler

Board Members Absent

Cory Hill

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent

Cindy Foley, District Clerk

Guests in attendance: Crystal Thurman, Brad Salonen, Tonya Jewett, Sarah Matdies, Haylee Sauer, Mandy Briney, Renell Wilson, Carmen Brannan, 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. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the October bills totaling \$137,260.41. Wendy Field seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/GUESTS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Brad Salonen updated the Board on Cyber coverage the district has and how that would cover the district in the event of a Cyber emergency. much like what occurred with Columbia Falls in September. Cyber coverage has gained ground over the past 4 years, and currently would cover those personally affected through credit monitoring, forensics, personal error coverage, as well as multimedia coverage.

WEST VALLEY PTO

Carmen Brannan noted the PTO meetings are being held the second Monday of the month and updated the Board on the Craft fair being held on November 18. The PTO will target their fundraising towards a specific goal, yet to be determined, like they did for the electronic sign that

was installed this past summer.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Renell Wilson shared the library was open 8 Tuesdays through the summer, with 250 kids and parents coming through the door checking out 192 books.

Sarah Matdies, Mandy Briney, and Hayley Sauer shared that second grade is doing a great deal with reading intervention through the use of fluency folders, as well as the use of Storyboards.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Richard Gross shared the Walk to Read program will begin in grades 1 and 2 in order to solidify their skills; Number Worlds, section A-G, was purchased to apply a small group model to math and reading at the elementary level. Tina Blair noted that the 5th grade shares the same Go Math curriculum as grades K-4. Number Worlds is used once a student has progressed through the tiers in GO Math; the Rewards Program, a fluency intervention component of Reading Wonders was recently ordered; earthquake and fire drills will be occurring over the next few weeks; Red Ribbon Week will occur October 23-27; MBI youth days is also in October with 8 students attending that along with Mrs. Blair and Ms. Thurman; and the PLC time is going very well on Friday's, along with the late start time for students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ketchum congratulated the principals on their work with the PLC's. Ignite Nation work is proceeding with the entire staff participating in the culture work and the training on 5 shared beliefs. The staff will sign off on constitution of beliefs at the next training in November. Work in the next school year will include students and mentoring. The Board was also invited to attend the trainings if they would like.

More information was shared regarding the need for an additional bus route; Mr. Ketchum's involvement on an external review committee with AdvancED and how this will be helpful to West Valley; the Safety Committee will be meeting on October 23rd to review safety concerns and policies within the district; Mr. Ketchum also shared with the Board the meetings with staff and parents on September 18, updating them concerning the Cyber Threat and the safety processes in place for the students to come to school on the 19th.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Boys Basketball Coaches: Teri Dierenfield and Thomas Trinh, 5th grade (two teams), Ken Mitchell, 6th, Matt Pollard, 7th, Rich Nickerson 8th
Mr. Ketchum recommended coaches as presented.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the Boys Basketball Coaches as presented. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Proposed Makeup Days for 3 day school closure
Superintendent Ketchum noted that the OPI grants one day of closure due to an emergency and

with three days of school being closed due to the Cyber Threat, there were still 2 days of student instruction time that would need to be made up. A proposal was shared with the certified staff concerning adding 5 minutes to the student school day, beginning October 10 through the end of the year; using the February and April snow days to make them up; or go two days longer in June. The WVTEA voted to add 5 minutes to the school day, which is done by adding 3 minutes to the morning and 2 minutes to the end of the day. The administration endorses this choice. Teachers would still have two days to make up for their contracted days and the administrators will come up with a way to do this.

Wendy Field moved to approve the proposed makeup day schedule for the 3 day school closure. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Out of District students attending in West Valley - 10 students

Cindy Foley noted ten students attending West Valley impacting kindergarten, second, third, fourth, fifth, and seventh grades. All of these students attended West Valley in the last year, with the exception of the kindergarten student who has an older sibling here, and 2 other students whose family is building a home in the district. The administration recommends the approval of these Student Attendance Agreements

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

4. Out of District Student Attendance Agreements

-West Valley students attending in Whitefish and FME

Cindy Foley noted the three students attending out of district impact 8th and first grades. Recommendation would be to acknowledge receipt of the Attendance Agreements.

Wendy Field moved to approve the Out of District Student Attendance Agreements with the recommendation as presented. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

5. Fall Student Count for ANB

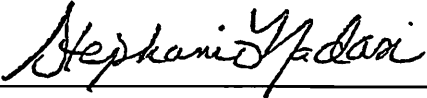
Cindy Foley shared the fall count as submitted to the OPI, which shows an overall count of 614, up from 591 in October 2016. There are 16 additional students in grades K-6 and 7 additional students in grades 7/8.

6. ASBO Conference Information - Cindy Foley

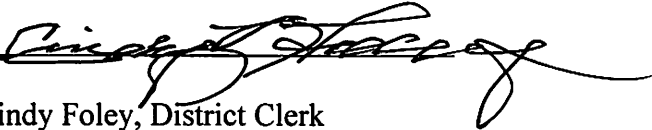
Mrs. Foley shared information from the Association of School Business Officials Conference she recently attended in Denver, CO. Topics of interest were: P-Cards and the anticipation of \$400million being projected in expenditures for this current year by all participants in the program; that the average expenditure is \$264 and that Montana is #6 in spending volume at \$18,759,229; Fraud Deception; Ethical Leadership; Creating a Strategic Financial Plan; and Making Finance Fun.

ADJOURNMENT

Jane Wheeler moved to adjourn at 6:15 pm. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman



Cindy Foley, District Clerk