

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM
November 13, 2017

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi
Wendy Field
Tad Lisowski
Jane Wheeler
Cory Hill

Board Members Absent

None

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent
Cindy Foley, District Clerk
Guests in attendance: Wendy Schwarz, Doug Anthony, Crystal Thurman, Judy Hedstrom, Debbie Hartle, Gretchen Wick, Mark Wilson, Melanie Ruonavaara, 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

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

MONTHLY BILLS

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the October 11 BMO bill for \$895.57 and the November 13 bills totaling \$139767.42. 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. There were no guests or public comment.

WEST VALLEY PTO

Mrs. Blair reminded everyone of the November 18th PTO Craft Fair from 10-4 at the school.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Gretchen Wick shared that 12th Night will be performed by the Shakespeare in the Schools group on November 14, for grades 6-8. The actors will hold a workshop with seventh graders in the

afternoon. The students have been very engaged with this play as they have been studying the curriculum in their language arts classes with Ms. Wick, Mr. Anthony, and Mrs. McDonald.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mrs. Blair shared information regarding the SQUAD times on Fridays where students can learn a new skill and crosses grade levels in the middle school. Currently SQUAD is focusing on art, geography, service work, music, personal interests, game playing, culinary club, problem solving, science fair prep, mentoring and advisory. Mrs. Blair and Ms. Thurman took 8 students to MBI Youth Days in Missoula the end of October. This program covered servant leadership, community service, goals, bicycle repurposing, and carving pumpkins with nursing home residents, just to name a few. Several hundred students were in attendance from all over the state.

Richard Gross shared the Walk to Read program will begin in grade 3 after Thanksgiving; “Failure” celebrations through Ignite Nation will begin in the elementary to show that through failure you learn and grow, which is something positive and not to be afraid of; aligning standards with GO Math, with assessment pieces going home to parents; we are diving into the staff compact for excellence based off our Shared Beliefs with Ignite Nation; “Teachers watching Teachers” shows there is power in being able to see what colleagues are doing on site, as well as different sites; and implementing a mentor system which would be very informal and looking across grade levels.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Ketchum handed out the Shared Beliefs, as well as the Adult Compact and SMART Success Plan developed through Ignite Nation. Staff will continue to build on things the remainder of the year, with students getting involved as well; an AdvancEd committee has been meeting every other week going over surveys for parents, students, staff, as well as the 30 standards, under three domains, that will be split up with staff; the Safety Committee met recently to review protocols for the school and safety concerns that members had. They will meet 1 time per quarter; the Special Legislative Session will begin November 14 and Mr. Ketchum will keep the Board updated; and the fall newsletter will be going out in the next day or two.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. MQEC Membership 17/18SY

Mr. Ketchum shared the district has been a MQEC member for several years and they are a major advocate for public schools regarding funding.

Cory Hill moved to approve the MQEC Membership for the 17/18 school year. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Early Retirement Incentive – Certified Staff

Superintendent Ketchum shared this incentive would apply to those staff with 15 years at West Valley or who are eligible for retirement with the MT TRS. Eligible teachers need to submit their resignations and the incentive form by February 1, 2018. It is irrevocable. Those choosing to take the incentive can choose a 1 time payment of \$10,000 in September of 2018 or two

payments of \$6,000 in September of 2018 and September of 2019. If at least three eligible teachers agree to resign, the Board will grant the incentive to the first five eligible teachers who submit their resignation. This incentive will not be considered termination pay and is ineligible for TRS.

Wendy Field moved to approve the Early Retirement Incentive. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Application Clean Diesel/Propane School Bus Program

Cindy Foley shared that the school can partner with Treasure State Transit for this grant program which, if approved, approximately \$20,000 would come from the DEQ for the purchase of a new bus. Treasure State wants to apply for 2 new buses and they would be providing the funding. These buses would replace two other buses on existing routes in West Valley and remain on routes for seven years. The old buses would be destroyed.

Cory Hill moved to approve the applications for the Clean Diesel/Propane School Bus Program. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Out of District student(s) attending in West Valley

Cindy Foley noted this student has been in attendance as a resident student and their family recently moved out of district. The administration recommends the approval of this Student Attendance Agreement.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the out of district student attending in West Valley. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Student Attendance Agreement – Severe Communications Disorders Program

Cindy Foley noted this student's tuition would be covered through permissive levy in the 18/19 school year. At this time, estimated tuition would be \$33,730.20, however this student may transition to West Valley during the 17/18 school year and the tuition would be reduced.

Wendy Field moved to approve the Out of District Student Attendance Agreement as presented. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Policy Revision: 1005FE, 1006FE, 1009FE, 1531, 3110, 3121, 3125, 3210, 3224, 3300, 3416, 4210, 4330F, 4600, 5010, 5120, 5122F, 5420, 7231, 7231P, 8100

Following review of the proposed revised policies, Jane Wheeler moved to table policies 1005FE, 1006FE, 1009FE, 4330F, 7231 and 7231P; eliminate policy 4600; adopt policies 3110, 3121, 3125, 3224, 3300, 3416, 4210, 5010, 5120, 5122F, 5420, and 8100 as presented; adopt policy 1531 with a change that Trustees "can" be reimbursed for travel; and adopt policy 3210 without including "additional optional provision". Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. New Policy Required, First Reading - 1014FE, 2150, 2333, 3124, 5220, 5420F

Following review of the new policies, Wendy Field moved to table policy 1014FE and approve first reading of policies 2150, 2333, 3124, 5220, and 5420F. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. New Policy Recommended, First Reading - 4350

Mr. Ketchum shared that this policy concerns community relations regarding the district website and nondiscrimination.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the first reading of policy 4350. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Budget Amendment Proclamation Transportation Budget - Adding Bus Route (Purple)

Superintendent Ketchum shared with the Board the need for an additional bus route due to the increased enrollment and that most of the district's students ride the bus. The district currently picks up all students who live in the district that want to ride the bus, not just those outside the three mile radius who are considered eligible riders. The new bus route would begin on January 3, 2018. Cindy Foley shared that with the additional bus route, and the revision to other bus routes, there is a need for an amendment of \$12,601.26 to the current Transportation Budget. The Board would take action on this proclamation at the December 11, 2017 meeting.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the Budget Amendment Proclamation for the Transportation Budget Amendment. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Cory Hill moved to adjourn at 6:57 pm. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman

Cindy Foley, District Clerk