

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM  
January 8, 2018

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: Molly Roe, Sarah Matdies, Mark Wilson, 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

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the January bills totaling \$106,517.41, plus the December 12 EBSO invoice for \$150.00. 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

Mr. Ketchum and Mrs. Blair noted that the PTO is looking for projects to focus their fundraising on and possible ideas are extending the parking lot, playground items, water bottle filler in the middle school, and a sensory room for TLC. The PTO is meeting at 7:00 on 1/8/18.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Nothing to report.

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Gross noted testing season is underway and team members are reviewing logistics, use of the facility as well as attending an upcoming assessment conference in Helena.

Mrs. Blair noted that various presentations from Glacier High School staff are beginning for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students; Gates Testing will be underway on January 16<sup>th</sup> which helps determine their class placement as freshman; the Wolfpack Welcome happens at Glacier High School on February 2, 2018; Crystal Thurman has begun Wednesday lunch meetings with 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls which helps with transition to the 7/8 grades; and Girls' basketball has begun, with a mandatory parent/student meeting occurring on January 11.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ketchum noted the upcoming Ignite Nation training on January 15 for all staff; the AdvancEd committee will be presenting the 30 standards to staff in the near future; the EPAS tool for principal evaluation will be piloted at West Valley, which is a similar tool that is used with the teachers; the Dept. of Labor conducted a Safety Inspection prior to Christmas Break and noted very few concerns, which have already been taken care of; the district Safety Committee will be meeting 3 more times this school year; the maintenance/custodial staff waxed the Gym floor over the Christmas break and the drop down acoustic ceiling was completed in the K-4 lunch room.

## ACTION ITEMS:

1. Second Reading, New Policy: 1005FE, 1006FE, 1009FE, 1014FE, 1014FE-F1

Mr. Ketchum reminded the Board that no changes were made to these policies since the approval at first reading in December. Mr. Ketchum recommended no changes and the approval of the policies on second reading.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve and adopt the proposed policies on second reading. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Seb Dobis, Paraprofessional

Mr. Dobis is being recommended to work as a special needs paraprofessional for 7 ¼ hours per day beginning January 3, 2018. This has become necessary due to the addition of a new student.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the hire of Seb Dobis as paraprofessional. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. New Hope Foundation, Technology Funding Agreement – E-Rate

Cindy Foley shared that the district currently contracts with MASBO for E-Rate consultant services which MASBO has decided to no longer do, in large part because of the Dept. of Commerce contracting with various firms to provide free consulting services to schools. New Hope Foundation is one of the companies the Dept. of Commerce has approved for the free consulting services. New Hope's fee for services, above the consulting fee, is 5% of approved funding from USAC. Currently the district is paying 10%.

Wendy Field moved to approve the New Hope Foundation Funding Agreement. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Negotiation Committee Appointees

Jane Wheeler moved to appoint Wendy Field and Tad Lisowski as the Board Negotiation Committee. Stephanie Nadasi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Superintendent Evaluation – Possible Closed Session in accordance with Section, 2-3-203, MCA

Chairperson Nadasi determined that due to the Superintendents Evaluation being a matter of individual privacy and that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure, the meeting is being called into Executive Session at 6:06 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 6:28pm.

Tad Lisowski moved to accept the Superintendent's Evaluation. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

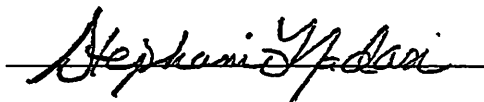
6. General and Technology Levies

Mark Wilson, Technology Coordinator, noted that a committee is meeting to review technology needs within the district that include hardware, school infrastructure, cloud apps/software, staff development, technology maintenance, and phone maintenance upgrades. The committee participants include a board member, parent, as well as various staff members. The committee will put a dollar amount to the current needs, as well as those covering the next 5 years. More information will be presented to the Board at the February 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The Board asked questions regarding the additional personnel that may be needed with broadening the scope of technology and if those personnel would be in the classroom coaching and training. The district has not run a Technology Levy in several years and those levies can cover up to a 10 year time period.

Mr. Ketchum and Mrs. Foley also spoke regarding a General Fund Levy which could encompass technology needs within it, as well as supplies, staffing, minor equipment, etc. The district has not run a General Fund Levy since May of 2007. More information will also be provided at the February Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Jane Wheeler moved to adjourn at 6:29 pm. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman



Cindy Foley, District Clerk