

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM
February 12, 2018

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi
Tad Lisowski
Jane Wheeler
Cory Hill

Board Members Absent

Wendy Field

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent
Cindy Foley, District Clerk
Guests in attendance: Mark Wilson, Becky Davis, and Claudia Anderson

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. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS

Cory Hill moved to approve the February bills totaling \$146,468.50. 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. There were no guests or public comment.

WEST VALLEY PTO

Nothing to report.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Claudia Anderson shared information from 6th grade Social Studies which is currently studying Fertile Crescent Simulation and clans.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

The Superintendent noted that Mr. Gross and Mrs. Blair were in Helena for an assessment conference.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ketchum noted Mary Noble had resigned her paraprofessional position with the district on January 31, 2018 in order to take a Librarian position with Smith Valley School. Interviews for the paraprofessional position will be occurring soon. There are currently several teaching positions being advertised and those will close on March 2. Gena Wilson will be moving into the 7/8 language arts position vacated by Doug Anthony. The open positions are in first, second, fifth grades, as well as a 7/8 math position and half time art position.

The calendar committee will be meeting on February 23rd; staff had an all staff inservice on January 15th with Ignite Nation and some met to review AdvancEd; 50-70 student ambassadors will begin working with Ignite Nation on February 20 and after two days of training they will then present to their peers in the classroom; a monitor will be put in the foyer displaying student and staff pictures celebrating classroom activities; Kramer Enterprises will submit a proposal to convert the old science lab into 2 classrooms; and Mr. Ketchum is attending the AASA Conference in Nashville, TN from February 13-17, as President Elect for MASS.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Call for the Election - Trustee, General and/or Technology Levies, Appointment of Election Judges, Mail Ballot or Polling Place

The District Clerk presented to the Board the date of May 8, 2018 for an election to elect two trustees for three year terms, to appoint Michael Fraser, Don Garner, and Sharon Tikka as election judges, and to conduct the election by mail ballot as 56% of our registered voters are noted as absentee. If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes Cindy Foley, election administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with 13-1-304 and 20-3-313, MCA

Mark Wilson shared information from the Technology Committee concerning technology needs in the district with student hardware being the most urgent area of concentration, followed by classroom hardware and school infrastructure, hardware for staff and staff development, tech maintenance, online apps/software, phone maintenance/upgrades, printing and webpage hosting. At some point in the future, additional technology staff would also be needed. Student hardware for all grades is estimated at \$300,000. The district has not attempted a Technology Levy in many years.

Mr. Ketchum and the Clerk noted that the district has not run a General Fund Levy in 11 years and if we did, some technology needs could be met through the General Fund Levy, as well as an Intercap Loan through the MT Department of Investments. The Clerk also recommended not setting a General Fund Levy amount until after numbers for the 18/19 Budget has been received from OPI. The Board will hold a Work Session on March 8 at 4pm if the OPI numbers have been received, with formal action taking place at the Regular Board Meeting on March 12.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the Call for Election, appointment of election judges as presented, a mail out ballot for the trustee election and General Fund Levy, as well as allowing Cindy Foley, election administrator to cancel any portion of the election that isn't necessary. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Budget Amendment Proclamation - General Fund and Retirement Fund

Cindy Foley noted that the Budget Amendments were necessary due to the large number of unanticipated retirements in the district and would increase our budget authority. Funds available would be from fund balance reserves and there would be no additional cost to the tax payer. Following the Board proclaiming the need for the Budget Amendments, a resolution for approval will be acted on at the March 12, 2018 Board Meeting.

Jane wheeler moved to approve the Budget Amendments to the General Fund and Retirement Fund as presented in the Proclamation. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Out of District Student Attendance Agreement(s) - WVSD students attending in Evergreen SD & Whitefish SD

Six attendance agreements are being presented from Evergreen Schools and two from Whitefish SD. Recommendation would be to acknowledge receipt of these attendance agreements.

Tad Lisowski moved to acknowledge the agreements as presented. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Transportation Contract, Special Needs Preschool

Cory Hill moved to approve the transportation contract for D for the school year. Tad Lisowski seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. New Policy, First Reading - 4550, Community Relations-Registered Sex Offenders, 5460, Personnel-Electronic Resources and Social Networking

Mr. Ketchum shared the new policy 4550, regarding registered sex offenders, held protections from hiring's and administrative permissions. Policy 5460 was specific on interactions between personnel and students on social networking websites.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the first reading of Policy 4550 and table Policy 5460 until further review by Mr. Ketchum and Mr. Wilson. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. New Hire - Diana Groves, Food Service Aide

Mr. Ketchum noted the resignations of Suzanne Hyatt, 4 hour per day food services aide, effective February 23, 2018, and Vonda Foster, 6 hour per day food services aide, effective February 5, 2018. Ms. Groves is being recommended for the 6 hour per day position pending approval of her background check and pre-employment physical.

Cory Hill moved to approve the hire of Diane Groves, as presented. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

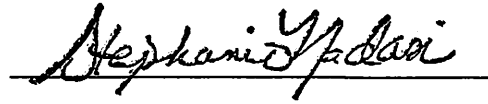
7. Spring Student Count for ANB

The February 5, 2018 count day noted an overall enrollment of 624 students, 494 in grades K-6 and 130 in grades 7-8. This count is an increase of 10 students from the October 2017 count,

which showed a total enrollment of 614 students, 486 in grades K-6 and 128 in grades 7-8.

ADJOURNMENT

Jane Wheeler moved to adjourn at 6:40 pm. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman

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Cindy Foley, District Clerk