

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM
April 9, 2018

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi
Tad Lisowski
Wendy Field
Cory Hill

Board Members Absent

Jane Wheeler

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent

Cindy Foley, District Clerk

Guests in attendance: Shawn Bubb, Harry Cheff, Janelle Ruby, Mark Flatau, Gena Wilson, Sarah Matdies, Molly Roe, Richard Gross, and Tina Blair.

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 April bills totaling \$111,898.19. 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.

Mark Flatau, Kalispell Public Schools Superintendent, shared reasoning behind the elementary mill levy request of \$1million going out to voters concerning the General Fund. Currently there is not a levy request going to the voters for the high schools, but that may happen in 2019. Mr. Flatau thanked the West Valley community for their support.

Shawn Bubb and Harry Cheff, Montana Schools Group Insurance Association, spoke regarding the current workers compensation program that the district belongs to, as well as the property and liability insurance program that they offer. There are currently 401 districts participating in the workers compensation program and 173 participating in the property and liability program. Mr. Bubb stated they pride themselves on risk management with districts, mobile apps for claim submission, multi-policy discounts with bundling the workers comp and property/liability,

trustee business travel coverage enhancement, training opportunities, legal assistance, contract review, as well as a SafeSchools training library available to the district.

WEST VALLEY PTO

Nothing to report.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Molly Roe, Sarah Matdies, and Janelle Ruby presented information on the Special Olympics program that they coach at West Valley. Their athletes love the program and really look forward to it. Their parents have commented that without the support of the West Valley program, their child wouldn't have the opportunity to participate and get so excited about skiing in Winter Olympics and the track program during Summer Olympics. The students are doing things their parents never imagined them doing.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Richard Gross noted that SBAC testing is in full swing with third grade just finishing up. He noted that Shawn Erickson, Tonya Jewett, and Mark Wilson should be celebrated for all the time they have put in. New hires are on the Board Agenda and there were some wonderful applicants for these positions; a mentor program is needed with all of our new staff members coming on board and a formal program will be reviewed in the near future; with a new second grade in place for 17/18, mapping out classroom locations for next school year is currently being reviewed; and Mark Wilson has set up a tv in the foyer to feature goings on with students and staff at West Valley.

Tina Blair noted a parent meeting will occur on April 17th to discuss the June 7 promotion ceremony for 8th graders and the parent hosted party; sixth and seventh grades will go to the waterslide one of the last days of the school year; on April 13 there will be a quarterly assembly celebrating students for going above and beyond; there is a middle school talent show on May 18; and SBAC preparation is continuing in the middle school, with the actual testing process beginning in a couple of weeks.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ketchum congratulated Richard Gross and Tina Blair in putting together the testing team and the parameters surrounding getting the students prepared for the testing, as well as staff. Mr. Ketchum noted that the recent job applicants were as good as any he has ever had, that they were very poised during the interview process, and he is excited about the future with the new proposed staff. Other notable items: A CrowdFunding Policy that will be presented to the Board in May; the 18/19 calendar will be finalized and presented to the Board in May, showing 180 pupil instruction days, 7 PIR days, first day for teachers is August 27, with kids starting August 29; the next legislative session may contain a proposal for districts to offer a permissive levy to fund health insurance, freeing up monies within the General Fund; guns in schools and retaining local control is another anticipated topic at the legislative session; Krista VanHelden resigned her music position and thanked the Board; Matt Pollard resigned his social studies position as well and Mr. Ketchum wished both of them the best in their future; the first negotiations meeting went very well; and information on the upcoming General Fund levy has gone out to the community.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. New Policy, Second Reading - 5460, Personnel-Electronic Resources and Social Networking
The section "Creation of administratively approved and sanctioned groups on social networking sites that permit the broadcast of information without granting students access to staff member's personal information" was removed, as well as the word "permitted" under the fourth paragraph concerning forms of technology based interactivity.

Cory Hill moved to adopt the new policy 5460 on second reading. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. 18/19SY Tuition Rates

Cindy Foley noted that the district currently charges \$1050.00 for an out of district student. The elementary K-8 State rate for the 18/19 school year is \$1,114.60. Historically the district has accepted what the State has set for the elementary level, or very close to that, by law we can't charge more.

Tad Lisowski moved to set the 18/19 Out of District Tuition Fee at \$1,100.00 per student. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. New Hires 18/19SY - Kate Wilson, First Grade; Emma Andrews, Second Grade; Alicia Piquett, Third Grade; Kathryn Jentz, Fifth Grade; Angie Stinchfield, Middle School Art; and Tyson Hubbard, Middle School Math

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the candidates as recommended by Mrs. Blair and Mr. Gross. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Transfer of funds at year end from Flex Fund, General Fund, Misc 115 to Transportation and/or General Fund, as appropriate

The Business Manager requested formal approval to transfer monies at year end from the Flex Fund, General Fund, and 115 Fund to cover negative balances in the Transportation and/or General Fund. This need is due to underfunding from the State in the General and Transportation Fund. Exact amounts won't be known until year end.

Wendy Field moved to approve the transfer of funds as detailed. Cory Hill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Due to possibility of a closed session for Action Item #5, the Board heard Information Item #6 out of order.

5. Business Manager/District Clerk Evaluation - Possible Closed Session in accordance with Section, 2-3-203, MCA

At 6:18 pm, Chairperson Nadasi determined that due to the Business Manager/District Clerk's Evaluation being a matter of individual privacy and that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure, the meeting will be called into Executive Session.

At 6:28 pm the Board returned to Regular Session.

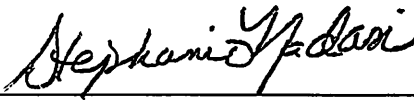
Wendy Field moved to approve Cindy Foley's evaluation. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

6. Certified Staff intending to move over on the Salary Schedule for 18/19SY
Melissa Smith, Shawn Erickson and Tara Measure have submitted, in writing, their intent to move over on the salary schedule for the 18/19SY.

ADJOURNMENT

Wendy Field moved to adjourn at 6:31 pm. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman



Cindy Foley, District Clerk