

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM
September 10, 2018

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi
Tad Lisowski
Wendy Field
Jane Wheeler

Board Members Absent

Cory Hill

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent
Cindy Foley, District Clerk
Guests in attendance: Sarah Matdies, 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

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

MONTHLY BILLS

Wendy Field moved to approve the September 10, 2018 bills totaling \$203,086.94. 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.

Nothing to report.

WEST VALLEY PTO

Nothing to report.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Nothing to report.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Gross noted that Nelia Solberg would be in over the next couple of weeks to work with our new teachers and grade level teams regarding the Reading Wonders Curriculum; the Open House for K-5 will be from 5:00-6:30 pm on the 18th and for grades 6-8 on the 20th; Ignite Training with

the Leadership teams will occur the week of the 17th and the student kick off with Ignite will be held during an assembly on the 21st with students.

Tina Blair noted the PTO sponsored shirts for the student Ambassadors participating in Ignite; the Food Bank backpack program and the Flathead Coalition snack program have started to help those students in need; various trainings will be offered on January 21 here at West Valley for teaching staff; Benchmark testing is currently occurring with students; the bells are not going off during the school day and students and staff have adapted very well; the Warrior hour is going well where students can get help with assignments and extra study time; and Mrs. Gross is participating on the Rural Negotiations Committee which reviews policies and makes recommendations to the State Board of Education; she is also being appointed to a 3 year term for an advisory council on State special education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ketchum noted that the first meeting with our local AdvancEd team will occur on September 26th. March 11-13, 2019 is our scheduled review from an appointed outside team and from that a written review will occur letting us know if we have made accreditation. Upon achieving this, we are accredited for 5 years. Mr. Ketchum, and other staff members, will attend a conference in Helena in November for AdvancEd; the all staff retreat on August 27 went very well covering activities training on our culture work through Ignite, as well as staff participating in the low ropes course at the Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp; the Facilities Committee will meet this fall to project out regarding personnel, enrollment, facilities, curriculum, and professional development with participants including a Board member, parents, staff, principals, the Superintendent and the Business Manager; Mr. Ketchum met with administrators from Kila and Smith Valley to discuss the future and if a joint school would be something to look at; all open positions have been filled; voting banners were hung on the fence notifying the community to get registered to vote; one of Mr. Ketchum's goals this year is to meet one on one with all staff members; FICO installed the HVAC system in the most recent addition/new construction to the school and they have submitted a service agreement to monitor those services, as well as the systems in the 2000 addition, for \$2700. They have also submitted a bid to tie both the systems together which would cost approximately \$33,000 and this may be brought back to the Board at a later date to tie into the Building Reserve non-voted levy.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Out of District Attendance Agreements – Students Attending in West Valley
Cindy Foley presented 44 out of district attendance agreements to the Board for approval. All but 6 presented are returning students and they impact each grade level from 2 to 7 kids each.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the Out of District Attendance Agreements as presented. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. New Hires: Elaine Stutzman and Toni Mickow, Food Services
Holly Slater and Heather Roberts, Paraprofessionals in Title and Sped
Mr. Ketchum recommended the new hires as presented.

Wendy Field moved to approve new hires Elaine Stutzman, Toni Mickow, Holly Slater, and

Heather Roberts. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Annual/Yearbook Editor – Melanie Ruonavaara

Mr. Ketchum noted Ms. Ruonavaara had been the editor for the past several years and he recommended her for the 2018/19 school year.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve Melanie Ruonavaara for Yearbook Editor. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Remove Family Rate on Sports Fees

The Athletic Director recommended removal of the \$100 per family sports fee retroactive to the start of the school year. Individual fees of \$75 per student would allow them to participate in all sports, unless they play football, and the fee would be \$100. Students who only participate in Cross Country would pay \$25.00. Individual rates would stay the same as they have been. The Board noted they want more of an effort made to make parents aware of scholarships for those that want to play, but can't afford the fee.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the removal of the family sports fee retroactive to the beginning of the school year, with the addition of clear communication regarding scholarships for those in need. Tad Lisowski seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Second Reading 7225, Crowdfunding Proposals

The Superintendent noted there were no changes following the first reading of the policy in August. The recommendation is to use Option 2 where the building principal is notified of a funded proposal, that all non-monetary items become the property of West Valley School District, and that monetary donations are recorded by the business manager/clerk.

Wendy Field moved to approve the second and final reading of Policy 7225. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. NW MT Schools' Retirement Plan Multidistrict Cooperative Participation Agreement

- Board resolution, Adoption as a Participation Employer
- Appointment of Director to Cooperative Board

Cindy Foley shared that the Cooperative Agreement declares West Valley's participation in the 403b and 457 retirement plan through the Cooperative; the Board Resolution notes us as a participating employer and designates an appointee to act on their behalf; and the Appointment of Director names someone from West Valley to represent us on the Retirement Plan Board.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the Participation Agreement and authorize Cindy Foley to act on the board's behalf with respect to the Plan. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jane Wheeler moved to appoint Cindy Foley as the West Valley board member to the Cooperative Board of Trustees. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Teri Dierenfield, Discipline with Love & Logic Contract

Mr. Ketchum recommended a contract for Ms. Dierenfield to hold Love & Logic trainings for parents at \$75.00 per training, per the Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule. There will be 7 trainings beginning in October. The minimum number of participants would be 5 families.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve Teri Dierenfield for the Love & Logic Contract. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

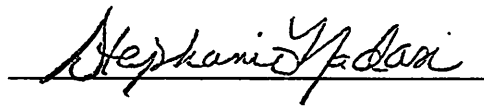
INFORMATION ITEMS:

8. Review Policies – March 2018 Policy Notes

Mr. Ketchum discussed the various policies that were noticed by MTSBA and what policies we would move forward to take action on to adopt the new policy or revise those we already have.

ADJOURNMENT

Wendy Field moved to adjourn at 6:40 pm. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman



Cindy Foley, District Clerk