

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

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi
Tad Lisowski
Jane Wheeler
Cory Hill
Wendy Field

Board Members Absent

None

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent
Cindy Foley, District Clerk
Guests in attendance: Crystal Thurman, Steven Alejandro, Richard Gross, and Tina Blair.

Chairman Nadasi called the meeting to order at 5:03PM.

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

Wendy Field moved to approve the November 12, 2018 bills totaling \$136,895.38. 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 was no public comment.

WEST VALLEY PTO

The Craft Fair is scheduled from 10am to 4pm on November 17, 2018.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chairperson Nadasi read a letter from the WVTA regarding their intent to negotiate beginning in spring of 2019.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Gross noted that 3 teams of educators are meeting to review the different instruction levels and behaviors, tier 1 core instruction, tier 2 supplemental instruction, and tier 3 urgent

intervention/behaviors; the district is transitioning to standard based grading with the intent to begin using that in the 19/20 school year in cooperation with Infinite Campus. More information will be shared with the Board at a future meeting; AdvancEd accreditation is moving forward with a recent training for key staff in Bozeman; paraprofessionals are receiving more in depth training on late start Friday's by Molly Roe and Tonya Jewett; and Ignite Nation trainings are moving forward with our student ambassadors in the classrooms.

Tina Blair shared some videos of our West Valley News Group in the Middle School; parent teacher conferences were held the 7th and 8th of November for grades 4 – 8; and the trimester will end on November 27th.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ketchum noted there are 77 student ambassadors currently involved with Ignite Nation. These students go into the classrooms to help with lessons and the teachers assist in the process. Crystal Thurman, Leslie Windauer, Kenn Besaw, and Alesia Hamill head the ambassador program and have done very well with the students, who in turn have done very well with the culture and climate of the school; the AdvancEd team is preparing for our next steps to be ready for the review March 10-12, 2019; information regarding the Cottage Gardens 39 unit subdivision, off Three Mile Drive, was shared with the Board; the purchase of an E-Class vehicle is being reviewed in order to transport students and staff could use to go to conferences, rather than renting a vehicle or reimbursing mileage; upcoming concerts are listed on our website; Mrs. Foley, in her role as MASBO president, presided over the opening ceremony of the MCEL conference in Missoula in October; and the MTPEC document was given to the Board chronicling the great work of Montana Schools.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Out of District Attendance Agreements – West Valley students attending other districts
Eight agreements were presented to the Board on behalf of students attending Kalispell and Helena Flats Schools.

Wendy Field moved to acknowledge receipt of the Out of District Attendance Agreements. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Out of District Attendance Agreements – 4 Preschool students attending Special Needs PS
Cindy Foley noted the district will pay tuition for these students through permissive levy in the 19/20 school year.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the Out of District Attendance Agreement for the four preschool students. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Additional 6th grade Boys Basketball Coach: Teri Dierenfield
Mr. Ketchum noted 24 students registered for basketball in the 6th grade which necessitated a second coach. Mrs. Dierenfield coached last school year.

Cory Hill moved to approve Teri Dierenfield as 6th grade boy's basketball coach. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. First Reading Policy Revision – 4330F

The Superintendent recommended adding the Assumption of Risk statement to the current policy.

Jane Wheeler moved to adopt 4330F on first reading. Cory Hill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Second Reading New Policy: 4330F1, 8130, 8426, and 8426F

Mr. Ketchum recommended not approving 4330F1 given the approval of 4330F and the Assumption of Risk being addressed in that form; the decision on holding outside practices based on air quality with policy 8130 would be made by administration, but recommended further information be sought; 8426 and 8426F regarding therapy animals was discussed and decided more information is needed on what other industries are using to certify these animals.

Jane Wheeler moved to not approve 4330F1 and to table policies 8130, 8426, and 8426F. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

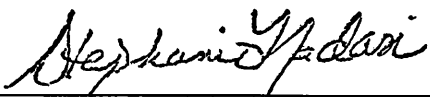
INFORMATION ITEMS:

6. District Goals, Recommendations


Superintendent Ketchum shared goals with the board based upon the AdvancEd district level goals. Goal 1, Improve Student Achievement and Learning, Goal 2, Improve the Allocation of Resources, Goal 3, Improve Climate and Culture. Each of the goals involves strategies, reasoning, resources needed, and results.

ADJOURNMENT

Cory Hill moved to adjourn at 6:08 pm. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman



Cindy Foley, District Clerk