

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM
December 10, 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: Steven Alejandro, Erin Grieco, Kathryn Jentz, Kenn Besaw, Gena Wilson, Carmen Brannan, Alesia Hamill, Sarah Matdies, and Richard Gross.

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. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS

Wendy Field moved to approve the December 10, 2018 bills totaling \$75,477.23. Discussion regarding janitorial supplies and food costs. Cory Hill 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

Carmen Brannan reported that the fall craft fair was a great success with a profit of \$7,988.00, which was double the profit raised in the prior year. Profits from the truck raffle will go to the science department and food profits will go to middle school special education. The Reindeer Lane sale begins on December 12th. The middle school will have a mobile Reindeer Lane on December 14. January is the box tops competition with a goal to raise \$2,000 and the Original Works gift making fundraiser begins in March. The PTO is raising money for a basketball court outside of the middle school and to replace the oldest playground equipment on the primary

playground.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Fifth grade teachers noted their blanket making field trip to Heritage Place is December 18. Fifth grade is in the second year with Go Math and this curriculum has been great, along with the addition of Reading Wonders this current school year. The staff noted these programs make focusing on goals in both programs much better

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Gross shared projections of 5% growth in grades K-5 for the 19/20 school year, going from 423 students to 444; the middle school, grades 6-8, project an increase from 230 to 249; questions come to mind regarding staffing at each grade level, combo classes, class sizes, hiring of more specialists, i.e. special education teachers, PE, music, etc.; and the classrooms projected for grades K-5 in the 21/22 school year are 23.

It was noted the mentor program is going very well with a large number of new and veteran staff involved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ketchum noted a meeting with area legislators and the NWMASS group was a great discussion covering the Governor's proposed budget, voluntary preschool, a proposed safety day by the State Supt of Schools, and a permissive levy for health care or one state provider for all schools; a PIR day on January 21 for certified staff will focus on kids in trauma and reading interventions; monthly partner school meetings with Glacier High School, Helena Flats and Evergreen are occurring to help kids be successful when transitioning to the high school and then to establish a protocol on how kids are doing once at the high school; and Mr. Ketchum will be meeting with Debbie Street to discuss the possibility of a school site within a subdivision be developed in the West Valley area.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Girls' Basketball Coaches: 5th gr Janelle Ruby, 6th gr Thomas Trinh
7th gr Teri Dierenfield, 8th gr David Baker

Cory Hill moved to approve the girl's basketball coaches for this year. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Second Reading New Policy: 8130, 8426, and 8426F (Tabled November meeting)
Mr. Ketchum addressed policy 8426 regarding therapy animals and with this not being a required policy, it would put guidelines in place if someone did state they needed a therapy animal.

The Board discussed concerns with this policy and the accompanying form allowing therapy animals in the school with them not being for a specific disability like a service animal is.

Jane Wheeler moved to not approve the 2nd reading of policy 8426 and 8426F. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ketchum noted that policy 8130 regarding air quality restrictions on outdoor activities, including recesses, would primarily affect Football and their games because a practice can be held indoors. Recommendation would be that administration would decide by noon on game day after consulting the air quality monitor on the MT.gov website and communicated via announcements using messenger, text, email, and in school announcements during the school day. Jane Wheeler requested that the policy be completed specific to West Valley and returned to the Board in January.

Wendy Field moved to approve the 2nd reading of policy 8130. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. District Goals

Mr. Ketchum submitted the goals as an information item in November. The three goals are:

1) Improve Student Achievement and Learning with strategies, reasoning, resources needed and results; 2) Improve the Allocation of Resources; and 3) Improve Climate and Culture.

Cory Hill moved to approve the District Goals. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. New Hire: Megan Brown, Instructional Paraprofessional

Mr. Ketchum noted that Ms. Brown began working with a student on 11/27/18 providing one on one support.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the hiring of Megan Brown. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Red.3 Bus Route – This is a modified version of the Red route

Cindy Foley noted that the red route is shortened during the winter months to accommodate a safer turnaround for the bus. The Red.3 route began on 11/12/18, at the request of the bus driver. This route is 35 miles round trip with a pickup and turnaround at 1506 McMannamy Draw. Prior to this route, we had the Red.2 route that picked up students at Dern Draw.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the amended bus route. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

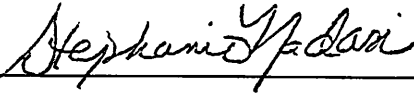
INFORMATION ITEMS:

6. Superintendent Evaluation

Chairman Nadasi asked the Clerk to send the evaluation form to all Board members and for them to complete and return to Ms. Nadasi no later than January 5, 2019. Ms. Nadasi will compile the results and meet with Mr. Ketchum prior to the January 14, 2019 Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Cory Hill moved to adjourn at 6:11 pm. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman



Cindy Foley, District Clerk