

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM  
January 14, 2019

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi  
Tad Lisowski  
Wendy Field arrived at 5:33PM

Board Members Absent

Jane Wheeler  
Cory Hill

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent, via phone.  
Cindy Foley, District Clerk  
Guests in attendance: Steven Alejandro, Tania Kalenga, Bethany Knudsen, Gena Wilson, Alesia Hamill, Marilyn Hedstrom, and Richard Gross.

Chairman Nadasi called the meeting to order at 5:33PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Nadasi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Wendy Field moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the January 14, 2019 bills totaling \$146,660.72. Wendy Field 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

There was no PTO report

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Fourth Grade teachers shared information concerning activities going on at their grade level. Currently they are working on a two week unit with science, social studies and reading skill groups where all three of the teachers have the opportunity to work with each student in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Other highlights are: differentiated instruction; STAR testing and Reading Wonders assessments for student placement in various groups; review of skills groups; and the K-5 walk to read groups.

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Gross noted SBAC testing coming up; reviewing staffing for the next school year; locations of classrooms for the 19/20 school year will have kindergarten, third, fourth, and some first grades moving around with fourth grade moving to the current kindergarten classrooms; and GATES testing will occur on January 15<sup>th</sup> for middle school students.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ketchum noted class size conversations regarding the 19/20 school year have started, as well as the need for another third grade teacher and an additional middle school position. Potential budgeting and negotiations will begin soon. Other notable information included: The Ignite Nation Leadership Team met with Ashoke Menon recently and all original team members stayed on for another year, along with the addition of a couple new staff; Mr. Ketchum is on the SAM legislative liaison team and will keep the Board updated on happenings at the legislature; the update to the heating system will occur over spring break as the heating system needs to be shut down; bids will be received to complete the conversion of the old science lab into two classrooms; looking at putting awnings over the outside exit doors to the gym to mitigate snow buildup; Mr. Ketchum met with Gen Eon to check on costs of cleaning solution to compare to current products used and their effectiveness; and the district AdvancEd team will meet on January 16 to prepare for the review occurring on March 11 and 12.

## ACTION ITEMS:

### 1. Third Reading new Policy: 8130

Mr. Ketchum explained the policy covers air quality restrictions and what measures will be used to determine if a practice or game would be held outside. District administrators would make the final decision using [todaysair.mt.gov](http://todaysair.mt.gov) website.

Tad Lisowski moved to adopt on third reading policy 8130. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2. Board Negotiation Committee Appointees

Tad Lisowski moved to table the designation of Board Negotiation Committee Appointees. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Beth Bartel – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball Coach

The Superintendent noted a large number of 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls going out for basketball, which necessitates the need for a second coach. Ms. Bartel is a first year coach and Mr. Nickerson, AD, will help her.

Wendy Field moved to approve Beth Bartel, 5<sup>th</sup> grade girl's basketball coach. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Petition to Adopt a General Fund Resolution for a Budget Amendment

Cindy Foley shared that due to the increase in enrollment, per our October count, we qualify for a budget amendment to the General Fund which would provide us with an additional \$13,655.36 in State Aid. It is recommended to apply for \$60,000 amendment which would also include the

use of reserves if needed.

Wendy Field moved to approve the petition to adopt a General Fund Resolution for a Budget Amendment. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. Budget Amendment Proclamation

The Proclamation makes note that the Board will move to adopt the Budget Amendment on February 11, 2019 for \$60,000.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the Budget Amendment Proclamation. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 6. Emergency School Closure Information

Mr. Ketchum presented a proposal of having an option for a 2 hour late start on days where maybe closing for the whole day isn't in the best interest of the district, i.e. icy roads. With the 2 hour late start, the start time would be 10:15 with all busses running on the later schedule and dismissal time remaining the same.

Wendy Field moved to approve the Emergency School Closure for late start. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 7. Teri Dierenfield – Request for Additional Love and Logic Presentation

Ms. Dierenfield is already doing 7 sessions of Love and Logic for the community and would like to increase to 10 sessions. The difference in cost would be approximately \$500 and this contract is paid through Adult Ed. The Board questioned the cost of the workbooks doubling.

Tad Lisowski moved to table the Love and Logic proposal until more information is received on the cost of the workbooks. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 8. Superintendent Evaluation – Possible Closed Session in accordance with Section, 2-3-203, MCA.

Chairperson Nadasi determined that due to the Superintendents Evaluation being a matter of individual privacy and that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure, the meeting is being called into Executive Session at 6:05 pm.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:10 pm.

Tad Lisowski moved to table Cal Ketchum's evaluation until the February 2019 Board meeting. Wendy Field seconded.

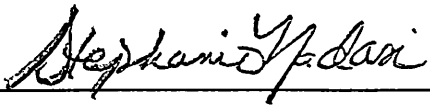
#### INFORMATION ITEMS:

##### 9. General and Technology Levies

With the Finance Committee meeting cancelled for January 14, 2019, due to illness, there was nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman

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Cindy Foley, District Clerk