

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM
February 11, 2019

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: Steven Alejandro, Teri Dierenfield, Vonnie McDonald, Gretchen Wick, Crystal Thurman, Rodney Kneeshaw, Jeff (GenEon rep), Marilyn Hedstrom, Richard Gross, and Tina Blair.

Chairman Nadasi called the meeting to order at 5:04PM.

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 February bills totaling \$112,807.05. 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.

Representatives from GenEon shared information regarding their cleaning product system for disinfecting, cleaning, and degreasing, using tap water that is ionized. They also provided information to Mr. Ketchum to compare current costs on paper goods, trash can liners, soap dispensers, etc. Their product is used at FVCC, ImagineIF Library and a trial period at Brendan House.

WEST VALLEY PTO

There was no PTO report.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Gretchen Wick and Vonnie McDonald presented information regarding the middle school English/Language Arts program. They have been working on Greek and Latin roots, literature groups, a 40 book challenge for the school year, and informational writing. Jane Wheeler has had the opportunity to work with this program and noted they are doing a really great job.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Richard Gross noted a review of enrollment numbers across the valley from 2008-2018, with West Valley increasing in enrollment by 49%; third grade is hosting I Love to Read Day on February 22; the Library staff is

doing a staff and student book swap for I Love to Read; and Nelia Solberg is here during February holding trainings with staff representing kindergarten and grades 2-5.

Tina Blair shared grades 6-8 have 80+ more students in the new wing than were here when it was built 4 years ago. It is projected that 10% more 6th graders will return to West Valley as Kalispell can't continue to take those students as out of district at the middle school; Mrs. Thurman is working with 8th graders on getting registrations turned in for high school; Maker Fair for 7th graders is coming up as is the 6th grade snowshoeing in Glacier for winter ecology; and there is a staff jubilee on 2/21/19 at 3:30pm to share chocolate treats and enjoy each other's company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ketchum noted the AdvancEd team has been working hard on materials needed for the AdvancEd review coming up on March 11 and 12; once the AdvancEd review is completed and accreditation is approved, the district will begin work on a Strategic Plan; Mr. Ketchum will participate in an AdvancEd evaluation review in Libby and 2 schools in Colorado this spring; the bid to complete the remodel of the old science lab into 2 classrooms is \$43,000, not including flooring or HVAC, with the overall cost estimated at \$55-\$60,000 which would be part of the 19/20 permissive levy in the Building Reserve Fund; an E-bus is a vehicle that the district can purchase to transport students and qualify for a state reimbursement of .50 cents per mile. Currently the district transports students to the Crossroads program at Evergreen and does not receive reimbursement. The E-Bus has specific parameters that must be followed, but the purchase and route would run through the Transportation Fund; regarding the legislative session, HB235 concerning the insurance pool for 10,000+ lives has currently been tabled for schools; and SB132 concerning protection of students from misconduct by a staff member is still up for discussion with recommended revisions noted by MT-PEC provided to the bill sponsor.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Teri Dierenfield - Request for Additional Love and Logic Presentation - tabled at the January Board Meeting
Jane Wheeler asked if parents could attend all 10 sessions, rather than the initial 7, and yes they can. Ms. Dierenfield noted the workbook cost is double because a second workbook is needed for the 3 additional sessions beyond the regular curriculum.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the Love and Logic proposal by Teri Dierenfield. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Call for the Election - Trustee, General Fund Levy, Appointment of Election judges, Mail Ballot or Polling Place

The District Clerk presented to the Board the date of May 7, 2019 for an election to elect two trustees for three year terms, to appoint Michael Fraser, Sharon Tikka, and Leslie Kermath as election judges, to conduct either a polling place election or a mail ballot election, and the approval of an additional levy to operate and maintain the General Fund. If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes Cindy Foley, election administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with 13-1-304 and 20-3-313, MCA. Also shared with the Board was the fact that as of February 6, 2019, the number of active registered voters was 3086 and of those, 60% are absentee.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the Call for Election for trustee election, general fund levy, conduct a mail ballot election, appoint election judges as presented, as well as allowing Cindy Foley, election administrator, to cancel any portion of the election that isn't necessary. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Board Negotiation Committee Appointees - tabled at the January Board Meeting

Wendy Field moved to appoint Jane Wheeler and Tad Lisowski to the Board Negotiation Committee. Stephanie Nadasi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. MTSBA Membership Renewal

Wendy Field moved to approve the MTSBA Membership Renewal. Tad Lisowski seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Out of District Student Attendance Agreements - Students attending in SD#5 & Evergreen

The District Clerk noted that one pre-K student is attending Edgerton and 4 students are attending Evergreen, with all being parental placements as out of district. There is no cost to West Valley.

Tad Lisowski moved to acknowledge receipt of the Student Attendance Agreements to Edgerton and Evergreen. Wendy Field seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Out of District Student Attendance Agreements - Crossroads Program and Evergreen Preschool

The District Clerk noted that 2 students currently attend the Crossroads Program and one preschool student is attending the preschool program, with West Valley paying tuition through permissive levy in the 19/20 school year. West Valley provides transportation for the students at the Crossroads program.

Wendy Field moved to approve the attendance agreements with Crossroads and Evergreen Preschool. Jane Wheeler seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

7. Budget Amendment Resolution

The proposed Budget Amendment to the General Fund is for \$60,000 and is necessary for the purpose of additional classroom support and classroom supplies/textbooks. Funding for this amendment would come from state aid and General Fund reserves.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the Budget Amendment Resolution. Wendy Field seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Community Fitness Program

Crystal Thurman noted that Mrs. Measure has taught faculty fitness for several years and with the current promotion of health and wellness amongst staff and students, would like to open the fitness opportunity to the greater West Valley community. The first session would be comprised of three classes and would be held the first three Monday's in March for up to 20 participants. School equipment would be used for the classes with a fee of \$25.00 per class paid to Mrs. Measure from the Adult Ed Fund. The classes would be advertised through the school website and the Friday newsletter with all participants signing a consent form to participate.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the Community Fitness Program through Adult Ed. Wendy Field seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board went out of order and heard information items prior to going into closed session for the Superintendent's evaluation.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

10. Spring Student Count for ANB

The 2/4/19 count day had an overall enrollment of 663 students, with 518 in grades K-6 and 145 in grades 7-8. This enrollment number is an increase of 13 students over the October 2018 count and an increase of 39 students since the February 2018 count.

11. Staff intending to move over on the Salary Schedule for the 19-20 school year

Rich Nickerson will be moving from BA+15 to BA+30; Gena Wilson will move from BA+45 to BA+60; and Mark Wilson will be moving from MS+60 to MS+75.

ACTION ITEM #9. Superintendent Evaluation - Possible Closed session in accordance with Section, 2-3-203, MCA

At 6:33 pm, Chairperson Nadasi determined that due to the Superintendent'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 6:50 pm the Board returned to Regular Session.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the Superintendent's evaluation. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Tad Lisowski moved to adjourn at 6:54 pm. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman

Cindy Foley, District Clerk