

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

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi
Tad Lisowski
Wendy Field
Cory Hill
Jane Wheeler

Board Members Absent

None

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent
Cindy Foley, District Clerk
Guests in attendance: Gena Wilson, Kate Wilson, DeAnn Klein, Melanie Ruonavaara, Daniel Nelson, Alesia Hamill, Richard Gross, and Tina Blair.

Chairman Nadasi called the meeting to order at 5:02PM.

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

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the March bills totaling \$99,255.44. 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.

Daniel Nelson spoke to the Board on his concern regarding backpacks not being allowed in the classroom in the middle school. He would like his children to be allowed to bring their backpacks to each of their classes and requested that West Valley have the same procedure as Glacier High School where storage of backpacks in their lockers is encouraged, but do allow backpacks in classrooms.

WEST VALLEY PTO

Nothing to report.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

First grade teachers, Kate Wilson, DeAnn Klein, and Melanie Ruonavaara shared current activities going on in their classrooms, to include: Go Math and Reading Wonders trainings that provide them with tools and strategies to instruct their students; the formulation of a standards based report card; PLC time to collect data to drive their instruction; students are using the writing curriculum with Lucy Calkins to learn writing stamina and the ability to be independent and incorporate directed drawing, social studies, and science into their stories. Ms. Ruonavaara's class also takes part in PE150 which has extra physical activity in the classroom dovetail with their math lessons.

Ms. Ruonavaara also shared that the yearbook is coming together very well with the goal to get each child's picture in the yearbook at least 3 times. Business ads are coming in, along with donations, and the cover contest was a big hit with the students. Their artwork submissions are fantastic.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Gross and Mrs. Blair gave an online tour of the program for electronic job applications that district is now using. The district currently has 4 certified and 1 classified job openings. Interviews for the certified positions will take place prior to Spring Break.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ketchum provided the Board with the latest Policy Notes received from MTSBA with 21 policies that may be required, are optional, or need to be dropped. These policies will be on the agenda at the April Board Meeting.

Mr. Ketchum gave a legislative update noting that HB159 was signed by the governor which takes in inflationary adjustments for schools over the biennium; HB225 regarding preschool ANB for those districts offering preschool to 4 year olds has not progressed; HB14 allows a district to bond for up to 30 years, rather than the current 20, and is still in progress; HB 247 would allow a district to borrow money from a financial institution for major maintenance projects and use the building reserve permissive levy to make payments, is still progressing; SB297 and 298 which would've made school elections for levies or bonds have a requirement of at least 50% voter turnout for a measure to pass, were tabled. The bill regarding the creation of a health insurance pool which would allow a district to permissive levy a certain percentage to pay for premium increases was tabled. The northwest Superintendent's group is researching rates/plans that would benefit area schools and trying to work with Kalispell Regional Hospital for lower procedure costs.

Other facility and faculty happenings include another bid on the science room remodel being sought; Superintendent Ketchum will be meeting informally with Nick Salmon and CTA regarding future building for the district and the possibility to expand further on our current site; there will be a chili feed for the community on the evening of April 17, 2019 to discuss levies being proposed by both West Valley and Kalispell Schools high school district; the calendar committee will have the calendar for the Board for approval at the May Board Meeting; Mr. Ketchum has accepted the resignations of Kathryn Jentz 5th grade teacher, and Michelle Hensley, Assistant Secretary, effective at the end of the school year; and a 3 on 3 basketball

tournament is being organized for April in order to raise money for new uniforms.

Tad Lisowski asked the calendar committee to consider matching up our days off and breaks with Kalispell Schools.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Setting of General Fund Levy Amount

Mr. Ketchum shared the proposed amount of the Levy is \$200,000 for classroom supplies/furnishings, technology, playground repairs/upgrades, lockers, textbooks/curriculum, as well as maintenance and facility upgrades, lockers, textbooks/curriculum, as well as maintenance and facility upgrades.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the \$200,000 General Fund Levy. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration and adoption of resolution estimating changes in revenues/mills from tuition, adult education, building reserve, transportation and bus depreciation

Cindy Foley noted that SB307, from the 2017 legislative session, requires districts to notify the public of permissive levies and the estimated change in mills, up or down, going into the next school year. This notice will be noticed on the district website as well as in the newspaper prior to the end of March.

Cory Hill moved to approve the permissive levy resolution. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Change the date of May 2019 Board Meeting, to May 14

The Clerk noted that with the election on May 7, and the timeline needed for provisional ballots, it was requested to move the May meeting to the 14th rather than May 13. The Board discussed holding the meeting on May 15 due to some not being available on May 14.

Tad Lisowski moved to change the May Board Meeting to May 15 at 5:00pm. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Cross Country Coaches, T. Smith and K. Jentz

Mr. Ketchum recommended offering contracts to both Tony Smith and Kathryn Jentz to coach cross country, which runs from March 18 through May 14.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the 2 coaches, as proposed. Cory Hill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Add Braille Specialist Job Title to Column E on Classified Salary Schedule for 19/20SY.

Mr. Ketchum noted the braille specialist is a position currently being filled by a paraprofessional who is receiving the training towards certification from the School for the Deaf & Blind. The district is paying for her to receive the training. This certified braille specialist position would be added to the same column on the salary schedule that also covers the Assistant Clerk position.

Wendy Field moved to modify the classified salary schedule for the Braille Specialist job title beginning with the 19/20 school year. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. 1 to 1 Paraprofessional for Student

Erik Brink is recommended for hire as the one on one paraprofessional for a student new to the district beginning March 11, 2019. Mr. Brink brings 20 years of teaching experience with him and is a current substitute in the district.

Wendy Field moved to approve hiring Erik Brink as a one on one paraprofessional for a student. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

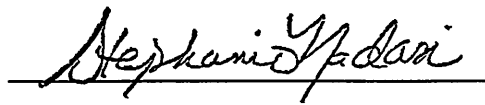
7. Certified Staff intending to move over on the Salary Schedule for 19-20 school year
David Baker, Haylee Sauer, Alicia Piquett, Jake Loveless, Alesia Hamill, Shawn Erickson, Molly Roe, Mandy Briney, Claudia Anderson, Tonya Jewett, and Vonnie McDonald have submitted, in writing, their intent to move over on the salary schedule for the 19/20SY.

8. Business Manager/District Clerk Evaluation

Chairperson Nadasi asked the District Clerk to send the current evaluation tool out to board members, with board members submitting their responses to Ms. Nadasi no later than March 25. The Board will also review other evaluation samples to create a new evaluation tool for the 19/20 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Jane Wheeler moved to adjourn at 6:00 pm. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman



Cindy Foley, District Clerk