

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Library, 5:00PM
June 10, 2019

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi

Tad Lisowski

Jane Wheeler

Cory Hill

Marilyn Hedstrom

Board Members Absent

None

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent

Cindy Foley, District Clerk

Guests in attendance: Steven Alejandro, Rich Nickerson, Bill Kimmet, Richard Gross, and Tina Blair.

Chairman Nadasi called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Nadasi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Cory Hill moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the June 10th bills totaling \$130,584.55. 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.

Rich Nickerson, Athletic Director, gave an update on activities for the 18/19 school year: funding for new basketball and volleyball uniforms for 7/8 grade students was raised through a 3 on 3 basketball tournament; a handbook for coaches and players is being developed this summer; and would like to unify the basketball account with the cross country account, allowing fundraising to become one, with the AD authorizing purchases.

WEST VALLEY PTO

There was nothing to report.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Ketchum noted that officers for the 19/20 school year are Kathleen Johnson, President, Bethany Knudsen, Vice President, Tyson Hubbard, Treasurer, and Sarah Matdies, Secretary.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. Gross noted that scheduling is done for next year; paraprofessional applications are being reviewed; and ordering of new furniture and curriculum for the additional 3rd grade classroom will occur. Tina Blair noted data on student fluency tests is being reviewed, with students able to choose their electives; DeAnn Klein resigned effective June 9 and her 6th grade position is being advertised; and reading intervention groups are covering grades 2 through 6.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ketchum noted a rebate check from Universal Athletics for all the apparel ordered by the district; the Lacrosse Association donated \$1500 to the district for use of the gym and admin is looking at using that towards playground equipment; School Toolbox has been added to the district website, which is an online option for parents to order school supplies specific to their student's class list, with the district earning 10% of a purchase as a fundraiser; Bark for Schools is an online security program the district is using to monitor student internet use; a cost comparison was done on janitorial supplies/products between J2 and Encompass with Encompass coming out approximately \$3,000 lower for 19/20 supplies; classes on boardsmanship are being offered through FVCC and more information will be forthcoming; 23 folks have signed up to participate in strategic planning on August 19 with Michael Redburn; paraprofessional positions and a janitorial position are currently being advertised.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Re-Hire: Greg Lee, Paraprofessional

Mr. Ketchum noted that Mr. Lee did not sign his letter of intent as he was looking for a teaching position. He has elected to sign a paraprofessional contract with the district and Mr. Ketchum recommends his rehire.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve Greg Lee's hire. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Annual/Yearbook Editor, 19/20SY – Melanie Ruonavaara

Mr. Ketchum recommended Ms. Ruonavaara and noted she does a great job.

Cory Hill moved to hire Melanie Ruonavaara as the 19/20 Yearbook Editor. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Flathead Crossroads Interlocal Agreement, 19/20SY

Appointment of Advisory Board Representative

Administration recommended the continuation of the interlocal agreement with the Crossroads Program. Tuition will be paid through permissive levy in the year following placement.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the Flathead Crossroads Interlocal Agreement and have Cal Ketchum be our board representative. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. SC Properties, LLC Contract – Old Science Lab remodel

Mr. Ketchum noted references he checked were good, SC has added West Valley as additional insured and provided a performance bond for \$39,500, as requested. Cindy Foley noted an initial payment to SC Properties is included for Board approval as well as a warrant to the State for a 1% gross receipts tax.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the SC Properties contract for the science lab remodel, to include the initial payment to SC Properties and the Department of Revenue. Cory Hill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasure State Transit Bussing Contract

This contract is for 5 years with the 19/20 school year contract at \$332,362.80 or \$1,846.46 per day. Each year following the increase would go up 2% on the daily rate. Should a bus route be added, that would be approved on a separate contract. Treasure State has been our bussing contractor since we began providing bussing.

Cory Hill moved to approve the Treasure State Transit Bussing Contract. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Increase Clay Keller FTE from .67 to .8

Mr. Ketchum noted that this increase in FTE would allow one more period of PE in the day and that this increase was anticipated in the budget.

Tad Lisowski moved to increase Clay Keller from .67 to .8FTE. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Summer Schedule

- August 12th Board Meeting/Budget Meeting
- Authorize Clerk to pay end of year bills and July bills
- Authorize Clerk to approve transportation contracts

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the Summer Schedule as presented. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Policy Revisions, First Reading: 1112, 1113, 1425, 1512, 1700, 2100, 2160, 2168, 3110, 3125, 3225, 4301, 4315, 4340, 4410, 5012, 5223, 5256, 8225, 8425 and 8425P, 1610
The Superintendent recommended adoption of these policy revisions on first reading since they are already current policy.

Tad Lisowski moved to adopt the first reading of the policies. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. New Policy, First Reading: 1512F, 5120P

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the first reading of policy 1512F and 5120P, with Option 1 under authority to fingerprint on policy 5120P. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

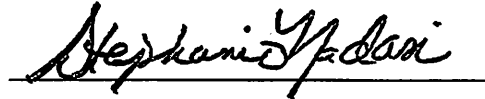
INFORMATION ITEMS:

10. Preliminary 19/20 Budget

The preliminary budget noted a General Fund Budget of \$4,173,250.07 which is the highest without a vote as provided by the OPI, which includes our anticipated out of district tuition to fund the over-base budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Cory Hill moved to adjourn at 6:20pm. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman



Cindy Foley, District Clerk