

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM
April 8, 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: Jake Loveless, Jo Kowalka, Kathleen Johnson, Christian Wallace, Nicole Piercy, Alesia Hamill, 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

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS

Wendy Field moved to approve the April bills totaling \$123,113.39. 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.

There was no public comment.

WEST VALLEY PTO

Nothing to report.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Kindergarten teachers shared information on the progressive start that has been adopted for the first few weeks of the kindergarten year. They noted that the fall of 2018 was a very smooth start with the first couple of days devoted to screening all of the students, as opposed to a Kindergarten Roundup in the spring, and then increasing the length of the student day gradually over the first few weeks. Every day was meaningful and there were no tears from students.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mrs. Blair shared a training video with the Board that speaks to understanding grade level goals and curriculum mapping for teachers. Teaching staff will have the opportunity to meet with their grade levels, as well as grade levels above and below them in upcoming PLC's.

Mr. Gross shared the hiring process went well, with the proposed new teachers on the agenda for Board approval.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ketchum thanked the Finance Committee for their work this year and encouraged folks to come to the presentation and chili feed on April 17th regarding the general fund levy election; a work session to go over policy was scheduled at 4:00 pm on May 15, 2019, prior to the regular board meeting; the Superintendent met with Nick Salmon, formerly with CTA, regarding our current facilities and future growth needs; a formal accreditation letter was received from the OPI regarding the Middle School, noting they had been removed from Intensive Assistance Process and have retained improvement in accreditation status, which has been met for the past two years; the AdvancEd review was in March and nothing has been received to date, although the Superintendent anticipates we will make accreditation; it is anticipated that participation in a 5 year Strategic Plan will begin this summer; Bruco will be resurfacing the 2 gym floors in July for a cost of approximately \$6500; remodeling of the old science lab is still moving forward with new bids being issued; students are participating in the Missoula Children's Theatre production here at West Valley with 2 performances on April 13th; and there will be a 3 on 3 basketball tournament at West Valley on April 14th, with proceeds going towards the purchase of new uniforms.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Vehicle Lease Agreement, 2007 Ford Van to Altacare for Summer 2019
Altacare leased the van in the summer of 2018 and are requesting to do the same for their summer program of 2019. They pay the district .60 cents per mile used and they carry their own vehicle insurance to cover the van.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the vehicle lease for Altacare this summer. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. 19/20SY Tuition Rates

The Clerk noted that the current tuition rate imposed by the district is \$1100.00 per year and the State rate for the 19/20 school year for K-8 is \$1,124.80. Recommendation would be to remain at \$1100.00.

Cory Hill moved to leave the 19/20 tuition rate at \$1100.00. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. New Hires 19/20SY - Sara Dankers, 2nd gr, Ashley Tkachyk, 4th gr, Jonson England, 5th gr, and Molly Zier-McLaughlin, Middle School Special Ed

The administrators recommended the new hires, pending results of their background checks. It was noted there were 41 applicants for elementary positions and 3 applicants for the sped position. The use of a paperless/electronic application system was used for the first time and went very well.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the new hires, as presented, pending results of their background checks. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Transfer of funds at year end from Flex Fund, General Fund, Misc 115 to Transportation and/or General Fund, as appropriate

Cindy Foley requested formal approval to transfer monies at year end from the Flex Fund, General Fund and 115 Fund to cover negative balances in the Transportation and/or General Fund if needed. Exact amounts won't be known until year end.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the transfer of funds, as presented. Tad Lisowski seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Facilities Inventory reporting document

Mr. Ketchum and Mrs. Foley shared a spreadsheet of the Facilities Inventory that was completed by the State in 2009. OPI will be requiring reporting that items noted on the Facilities Inventory have been completed and this reporting is tied to the use of the Building Reserve Permissive Levy. It is proposed to add a column to the spreadsheet noting when each item has been completed. This spreadsheet would then be used for reporting purposes.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the Facilities Inventory reporting document. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of proposed 19/20 school year calendar

Mr. Ketchum noted that Alesia Hamill guided the calendar process this year as part of her practicum hours for her administrators endorsement. Mrs. Hamill noted the Thanksgiving and Spring Break match up with Kalispell Schools and the Christmas Break is within 2 days; the first day of school for staff is August 26, with the first day for students being August 28; 2 new PIR days were added this year, September 30 and November 1; late start Friday's remained in the calendar; and the last day of school is June 10, 2020.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the 19/20 school calendar. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Business Manager/District Clerk Evaluation - Possible Closed Session in accordance with Section, 2-3-203, MCA

At 5:54 pm, Chairperson Nadasi determined that due to the Business Manager/District Clerk'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 6:02 the Board returned to Regular Session.

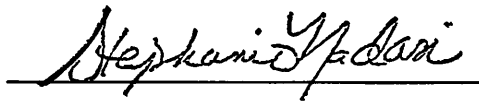
Tad Lisowski moved to approve Cindy Foley's evaluation. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

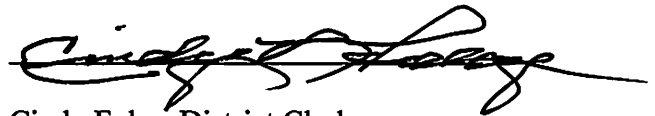
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ADJOURNMENT

Jane Wheeler moved to adjourn at 6:02 pm. Wendy Field seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman

Handwritten signature of Cindy Foley in cursive script, underlined.

Cindy Foley, District Clerk