

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM
May 15, 2019

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi
Tad Lisowski
Jane Wheeler

Board Members Absent

Wendy Field
Cory Hill

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent
Cindy Foley, District Clerk
Guests in attendance: Gena Wilson, Vonnie McDonald, Chelsea Belanger, Gretchen Wick,
Alicia Piquett, Alesia Hamill, Tessa Blade, 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

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the may bills totaling \$263,113.49. Jane Wheeler 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

Tessa Blade, PTO President, was introduced to the Board. There was nothing additional to report.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Third grade teachers shared their love of the writing trainings with Nelia Solberg and how much that has helped them and their students. They noted that the work of students had been published into a book. Third grade just finished SBAC testing and the teachers feel great about how their students did, due in large part to the writing curriculum. Currently the students are working on

personal narratives.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mrs. Blair noted that SBAC testing in finishing up in the middle school; they are working through interventions at all levels and accelerated courses; playground equipment that would be useful to middle school students is being reviewed; field trips and final concerts are coming up; and 6th and 7th graders participated in band festivals held at West Valley and Cayuse Prairie.

Mr. Gross shared that support staff would be hired soon; scheduling for skills groups and moving lunch times for certain grade levels are being discussed for next year; job duties and staff training are being reviewed for the Reading, Math, and Intervention Coaches for the upcoming year; Nelia Solberg will be providing further inservice trainings to staff this current year; and we have a lot to be proud of at West Valley.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ketchum addressed a Safety Inspection Report received from PayneWest with concerns noted regarding playground repairs, eye wash station, thicker mats under climbing walls, and monthly staff inspections of fire extinguishers. Mr. Ketchum and Mr. Jackson will meet to address the repairs/concerns.

Nick Salmon with Collaborative Learning Network reviewed the school and has made recommendation to best utilize the current space that we have and will meet with teachers to work on effective space management.

Classified staff was asked to sign a letter of intent as to their return for the 19/20 school year, with 4 paraprofessionals electing to not return. The paraprofessional openings will be advertised beginning May 19.

The District made accreditation with AdvancEd and a report is forthcoming which will show standards and overall results. The district will begin formalizing a Strategic Plan in the fall.

Jane Wheeler, trustee, was awarded the "Got Your Back" award at the Flathead Valley Teacher Night. Tina Blair nominated Mrs. Wheeler, with a letter from Mrs. Wilson noting that Mrs. Wheeler is instrumental in the Young Reader's Choice Award voting process with our library and instills a great love of reading and books in our school.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. New Hire: Mila Baker, Assistant Secretary, Effective May 13, 2019

Cindy Foley noted that Mrs. Baker has been offered employment with the district, pending board approval and background check results.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the hire of Mila Baker effective May 13, 2019. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Re-Hire Certified Staff 19/20SY
Re-Hire Classified Staff 19/20SY

Mr. Ketchum recommended the rehire of staff as presented to the Board. See attached.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the rehire of Certified and Classified Staff, as presented. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Summer Maintenance Contract – Tony Smith
Athletic Director Contract 19/20SY – Rich Nickerson

Mr. Ketchum noted that Mr. Smith has worked for the district during the summers for several years and has done a great job. He also noted that Mr. Nickerson is just completing his first year as the Athletic Director, but has also done a great job, and noted that he put together a special basketball tournament in order to raise money for new uniforms.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve Tony Smith and Rich Nickerson's contracts for the 19/20 school year. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Montana Medical Billing, Contract Renewal, 19/20SY

The Clerk recommended continuing the contract with Montana Medical Billing.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the contract with Montana Medical Billing. Tad Lisowski seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Flathead SpEd Coop, Preschool Program Interlocal Agreement, 19/20SY
Flathead SpEd Coop, Severe Communications Disorders Program, Interlocal Agreement, 19/20SY
Recommitment to Flathead SpEd Coop & Flathead SpEd Coop Board Designee

It was noted there are no participation or placement fees to the Flathead Special Education Coop. The district will pay out of district tuition through the Tuition Fund in the following year for any student placed.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the Flathead Special Education Coop agreements with Cal Ketchum as Board Designee. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. MQEC Membership, FY2020

Mr. Ketchum recommended continued membership with MQEC due to their advocacy for schools, both locally and at the legislative level. The membership fee is \$2,000.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the MQEC membership for FY20. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. NW Educational Coop. Participation Agreement, 2019-2021 school years

Mr. Ketchum noted that our district has been a member of the educational cooperative for a number of years and recommends continued participation for the next two years.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the NW Educational Coop. Participation Agreement. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. SC Properties Remodel Bid for old science lab - \$39,500

Superintendent Ketchum noted the bid includes demo of the existing wall, extend walls to create two classrooms, including all electrical and plumbing. He recommended approval of the bid and noted a formal contract will be requested. Tad Lisowski stated he would like to review the contract when received and discuss a bond. Mr. Ketchum will request references on SC Properties.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the remodel bid with SC Properties. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Superintendent Contract Negotiations

Mr. Ketchum requested adding 1 year onto his current contract which would make it a 3 year contract, extending to June 30, 2022.

Tad Lisowski moved to add 1 year to Cal Ketchum's contract for a total of three years. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Canvas Election Results, General Fund Levy

Cindy Foley, District Clerk/Election Administrator, presented the results of the General Fund Levy election to the Board for review. The number of votes For were 564, Against were 784, there were 9 ballots rejected, for a total of 1357 ballots received.

Jane Wheeler moved to accept the election results. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Re-organize Board

Elect Chairperson

Elect Vice-Chairperson

Appoint Clerk

Jack Eggensperger swore in Stephanie Nadasi and Marilyn Hedstrom who were elected through acclamation.

Tad Lisowski nominated Stephanie Nadasi as Board Chairperson. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jane Wheeler nominated Tad Lisowski as Vice Chairperson. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tad Lisowski moved to appoint Cindy Foley as Clerk of the Board. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

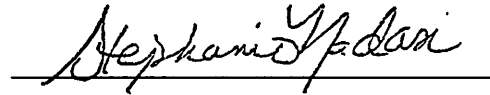
Jack Eggensperger swore in Cindy Foley as Clerk of the Board.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Jane Wheeler moved to adjourn at 5:57 pm. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephanie Nadasi", written over a horizontal line.

Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cindy Foley", written over a horizontal line.

Cindy Foley, District Clerk