

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
West Valley School, Conference Room, 5:00PM  
September 9, 2019

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi  
Cory Hill  
Tad Lisowski  
Jane Wheeler  
Marilyn Hedstrom

Board Members Absent

None

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent  
Cindy Foley, District Clerk  
Guests in attendance: Teri Dierenfield, Tessa Blades, Steven Alejandro, Becky Davis, Alesia Hamill, Tina Blair, and Richard Gross.

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. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the August 13th bill of \$500.00, the September 9th bills totaling \$145,973.13 and \$309.94. 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.

Marilyn Hedstrom shared her background information and how it pertains to her position as a trustee. She was seated through Acclimation in May.

WEST VALLEY PTO

Tessa Blades shared the first meeting of the PTO is being held following the September 9 Board Meeting; the Fall Festival will be held in November; a possible Fun Run may be held in the future; and the PTO is focusing their fundraising efforts on improving the playground.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Becky Davis noted a Digital Piano is now being used in the music program and it is a wonderful

added feature.

### PRINCIPAL REPORT

Richard Gross noted a 5th section of kindergarten was added; curriculum has been ordered for the special education program, as well as additional needs in classrooms; the reading groups will be starting very soon; and the math, reading, and behavior coaches have started the year off very well. Tina Blair noted that our Behavior Coach is handling all the 504 plans for students in the district; the 18th and 19th of September, along with September 30 are Infinite Campus trainings for teachers; Parent Night for the Middle School is September 10; and a PIR training for teachers will be held on November 1, sponsored by the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD).

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ketchum reported the bus ridership is up quite a bit and he asked the Board to think about various options available to the district from continuing to pick up students that live within 3 miles of the school, charging those who live within 3 miles and ride the bus, as well as the possibility of another bus route. He will revisit this with the Board after consulting other Superintendents and reviewing the bus routes.

The Superintendent has arranged a meeting on 9/11/19 with CTA to discuss our current enrollment, growth, and facilities; Strategic Planning meetings on August 19 and 20 were very productive, a good use of time, and a template will be provided to the Board in October; Paul Heidegger is involved with the Meadows Edge subdivision and was wondering about a possible school site to the north of Meadows Edge; Governor Bullock visited the district on August 29th; Boardmanship classes are being offered over 6 weeks at FVCC, with Cory Hill and Marilyn Hedstrom registered; the MTSBA Back to School Legal Primer will be in Kalispell on September 19; a paraprofessional position is still open, along with a .5 custodian position; the growth of the district from 2002/2003 to the 2019/2020 school year was shared showing current enrollment at 700 students, a 9% growth over the prior year; a list of projects and costs for the permissive Building Reserve Fund concerning sealcoating/stripping of asphalt, gym floor waxing, FICO HVAC maintenance over three years varied from \$24,956 in 20/21, \$19,331 in 21/22, and \$14,056 in 22/23; and a drainage problem on the north side of the building that is affecting the tech office is being addressed and corrected.

### ACTION ITEMS:

#### 1. Out of District Attendance Agreement(s) - Student(s) Attending in West Valley

The administration proposed the acceptance of 58 out of district students. Seventeen of these students are new to West Valley, while the others' have been in attendance or they are a younger sibling just entering kindergarten. Out of district students pay a fee of \$1100.00 per student.

The Board discussed, in the future, not accepting out of district kindergarteners that do not have older siblings who have been attending West Valley.

Cory Hill moved to accept the out of district attendance agreements as presented. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Out of District Attendance Agreement(s) - WV residents attending other district(s)  
The Clerk presented an attendance agreement for a third grade student attending in Helena Flats.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the out of district attendance agreement. Cory Hill seconded.  
The motion passed unanimously.

3. New Hires: Kelsey Schwenk, 2nd grade teacher, Travis Holmquist, Paraprofessional  
Jessica Heuscher and Cynthia McPherson, Food Service Aides  
Name to be determined, Paraprofessional/Aide

The administrators recommended the new hires as presented, while striking the  
Paraprofessional/Aide position that was to be determined, as that is still yet to be filled.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the new hires, Kelsey Schwenk, Travis Holmquist, Jessica  
Heuscher, and Cynthia McPherson, pending background check clearance and pre-employment  
physicals, if appropriate. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Football Coaches: Clay Keller, Tyson Hubbard, Nick Hanson, and Jared Taylor

Volleyball Coaches: David Baker and Janelle Ruby

Annual/Yearbook Editor: Melanie Ruonavaara

The administrators recommended the Coaches/Yearbook Editor as presented.

Jane Wheeler moved to hire the football coaches, volleyball coaches, and yearbook editor as  
presented. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

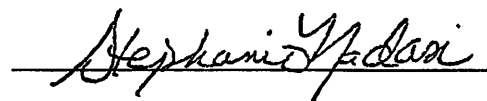
5. Classified Salary Schedule: accept newly hired experience up to 6 years in 19/20, 7 years in  
20/21, and 8 years in 21/22

Mr. Ketchum noted it is becoming more difficult to encourage those with experience to apply for  
our positions. In the past we have granted up to 5 years of experience.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the Classified Salary Schedule years of experience. Jane  
Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Cory Hill moved to adjourn at 6:05 pm. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed  
unanimously.



Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman



Cindy Foley, District Clerk