

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
West Valley School, Library, 5:00PM
October 14, 2019

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi
Cory Hill
Tad Lisowski
Marilyn Hedstrom

Board Members Absent

Jane Wheeler

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 5:02PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Nadasi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

MONTHLY BILLS

Cory Hill moved to approve the October bills totaling \$148,563.41. 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.

April Snell was to give a report on the high school as our representative on the board, that report was delayed until November 11.

WEST VALLEY PTO

Tessa Blades shared the PTO is working hard on the Craft Fair to be held in November with a fundraising effort for new playground equipment. The equipment cost is approximately \$35,000 and the PTO has 1/3 of the cost saved up.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Teri Dierenfield, Math Coach, Molly Roe, Behavioral Specialist/504 Coordinator, and Tonya Jewett, ELA Coach explained their job positions and duties supporting the students and staff in

the district. They noted that A Family Math Night will be held in January; SBAC test results are being mailed to parents; and writing trainings for staff are being held.

Becky Davis noted a Veterans Day elementary music program will be held on November 11 from 2:15 to 2:45.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Richard Gross noted enrollment numbers by grade level and estimates a 7% growth in K-5 with a projected enrollment of 529 in 20/21 and an overall enrollment of 810; he reviewed projections in keeping class sizes the same and staffing needs in order to do that; and he noted the coaches, Molly Roe, Teri Dierenfield, and Tonya Jewett, have done an incredible job with their new roles this school year and the training they have done with staff.

Tina Blair noted that the K-5 enrollment has grown by 15% and the 6-8 enrollment has grown by 29% since 2015; we are in the second year of a three year process on aligning standards K-8; teachers are changing the way they grade and will give marks on different standards taught within the class using proficiency-level descriptors from Insufficient Evidence (IE) to Advanced (Ad); Infinite Campus is being updated for the new grading system and will be available to parents soon; and teachers are working on responses when questioned on standard based grading.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ketchum reported a draft of the Strategic Plan was given to team members to review and refine, with a proposal coming to the Board in November; partner school meetings with Glacier High School and other area elementary schools are occurring once a quarter to help students be successful when transitioning from elementary to high school; Mr. Ketchum attended the MASS Conference in Bozeman and will share information on the Board/Superintendent relationship; bus ridership is okay for now and a meeting will be held to discuss ridership with our bus drivers and Treasure State Transit; Kalispell charges for those students riding busses within the three mile limit, while others pick up students at no charge within the 3 miles, which is what West Valley does; Sharon Williams has resigned her paraprofessional position with the district as of October 31, 2019, with Mr. Ketchum accepting her resignation; Football and Volleyball have ended with both having good seasons and basketball has started on October 14; Marilyn Hedstrom and Cory Hill were asked to share how their experience has been with the Boardsmanship series being offered through FVCC; and the Superintendent shared information on possible future facilities growth on our current site, or on a separate site, when addressing the student growth in the district.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Out of District Attendance Agreement(s) – 3 Preschool students attending Special Needs PS Cindy Foley presented agreements for the students noting tuition is paid through permissive levy in the 20/21 school year. Recommendation is to approve these Student Attendance Agreements as transportation and/or tuition is to be paid by the District.

Cory Hill moved to approve the out of district attendance agreements as presented. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Out of District Attendance Agreement(s) - WV residents attending other district(s)
The Clerk presented three attendance agreements for students attending in Somers.

Tad Lisowski moved to acknowledge receipt of the Student Attendance Agreements. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Out of District Attendance Agreement(s) – Students attending in West Valley
Cindy Foley shared these students have been attending West Valley and were now residing in the Olney Bissell district. They have paid the out of district tuition.

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

4. New Hires: Kim Gray and Paula Nielsen, Paraprofessionals
Brianna Seubert, Custodian

The administrators recommended the new hires as presented, pending background check clearance and pre-employment physicals, if appropriate. It was noted that the paraprofessional positions would be full time at 7.25 hours per day and the custodial position is 4 hours.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the new hires, pending background check clearance and pre-employment physicals, if appropriate. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. Discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Boys Basketball Coaches: Tyson Hubbard 5th, Teri Dierenfield 6th
Rich Nickerson 7th (2 teams), Clay Keller 8th

Superintendent Ketchum recommended the Coaches as presented. These coaches have all coached for the district before and are contracted staff members. Mr. Nickerson will be contracted to coach two 7th grade teams due to so many boys playing.

Cory Hill moved to hire the coaches as presented. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Community Fitness, Adult Ed – Tara Measure

The Superintendent recommended the contract for Tara Measure to teach the Community Fitness Class one time per week beginning October 7th at \$25.00 per class. He noted this was a great thing for the community and there were approximately 13 attendees at her first class.

Marilyn Hedstrom moved to issue the contract to Tara Measure allowing the Community Fitness Class. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Policy Revision, First Reading – 7260 Endowments, Gifts, and Investments

The Clerk noted a proposed paragraph addition concerning the Angel Fund within food services to allow those funds to be used for students who may have a need in their lunch/breakfast account.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve on first reading the revision to policy 7260. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Laura Cox, Notary Designation

Cindy Foley shared that she is a notary in the district and is recommending having Mrs. Cox as a notary as well, due to the number of folks needing immunization and proof of residency affidavits signed. The interruption to the Business Manager can be considerable.

Cory Hill moved to approve Laura Cox getting her notary public. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Altacare Contract 19-20SY

It was noted the agreement remains the same as in the 18/19 school year, with the district providing in-kind services such as telephone, internet, copy machine and office space so there is no additional cost to the district.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the Altacare contract for 19/20. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

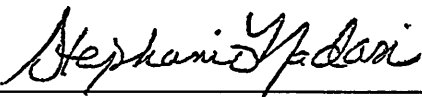
INFORMATION ITEMS:

10. Fall Student Count for ANB

The district enrollment as of October 7, 2019 was 704, with 239 in grades 6th thru 8th and 465 in grades K thru 5.

ADJOURNMENT

Cory Hill moved to adjourn at 6:19 pm. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman



Cindy Foley, District Clerk