

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ELECTRONIC MEETING USING GOOGLE MEET 5:00PM
MAY 11, 2020

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: Paula Nielsen, Tina Blair, Mark Waati, Gena Wilson, Jack Eggensperger, Erik Rosendahl.

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. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BILLS

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the May 11, 2020 bills totaling \$140,513.30. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/GUEST PARTICIPATION

Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chair, read policy concerning the public comment that is allowed. There was not any public participation.

WEST VALLEY PTO

No report.

WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

No report.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Richard Gross noted a plan is in the works for parents to pickup their student's belongings at the end of the year and to drop off Chromebooks, library books, and textbooks. This will take place over a couple of days for the entire school and will have small groups of staff assisting in setting this up.

Tina Blair reported that 8th grade students will receive their certificates and awards through a delivery system; a special video will be set up celebrating the students; and schedules are being developed for the 20/21 school year, with teachers working on standards currently met by students in preparation for next school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Cal Ketchum noted a possible Summer School program is being reviewed for August with CARES Act money being used for it; professional development for staff regarding online learning will be reviewed; donations to a Family Emergency Fund total approximately \$3,000 with gift cards being donated as well; Bobby Yee with the Flathead Food Bank dropped off about 10,000 lbs of produce for West Valley families and it has been very well received by the community, with more to come; a committee to review and plan for the start of the 20/21 school year will be formulated over the coming weeks; and Mr. Ketchum also thanked the PTO for their appreciation goody bags given to staff during the parade that hit neighborhoods, which was a very fun way to get out and see our students.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Re-organize Board
 - Elect Chairperson
 - Elect Vice-Chairperson
 - Appoint Clerk

Jack Eggensperger, County Superintendent of Schools, swore in Tad Lisowski who was elected to trustee through acclamation.

Marilyn Hedstrom moved to elect Stephanie Nadasi as Chairperson. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jane Wheeler moved to elect Tad Lisowski as Vice-Chairperson. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jane Wheeler moved to appoint Cindy Foley as Clerk through June 30, 2020, and Serina Nelson beginning July 1, 2020. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Superintendent Contract

Mr. Ketchum noted that the Board may have to review, in the future, the pay scales between the Superintendent and the Principal positions and how those positions correlate to their daily rate.

Stephanie Nadasi discussed a 235 day contract and the \$100 per month district contribution to a retirement account or an HSA, with this contract being a three year contract extending to June 30, 2022. Marilyn Hedstrom moved to accept the 235 day contract with a \$100 district contribution to a retirement account or an HSA account, at the Superintendents choosing, for three years. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Cindy Foley, Senior Business Official/Mentor Contract-July 1 through August 15

Cindy Foley shared this contract proposal was previously discussed in order to offer training to the new District Clerk/Business Manager. Mrs. Foley would still remain a district employee and the contract would be based on her current contract as it relates to an hourly rate and benefits. This contract would be by the hour and cease no later than August 15.

The Board discussed the potential needs of the district and the new Business Manager, and asked to extend the contract to August 31st to allow for help as needed. Mrs. Foley was fine with that noting that MPERA had been notified of her September 1 retirement date.

Marilyn Hedstrom moved to accept the contract as presented, but extending the end date of the contract to the 31st of August. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Contract Addendum for Academic Coaches Contracts, Increasing by 3 Days beginning 20/21 School Year - Molly Roe, Tonya Jewett, Teri Dierenfield

Mr. Ketchum commended the academic coaches for their dedication and hard work during our transition to online learning and he highly recommends the addition of the 3 days to their contracts.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the contract addendum for the academic coaches, increasing their contract days. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Renew Certified Staff 20/21SY
Renew Classified Staff 20/21 SY

Superintendent Ketchum recommends the certified and classified staff lists for renew as presented.

Cory Hill moved to renew the certified and classified contracts for the 20/21 school year. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Summer Maintenance Contract - Tony Smith

Superintendent Ketchum noted that initially the summer position was for lawn mowing and capped out on the salary schedule at 6 years of experience. The current job that Tony Smith is doing involves maintenance, as well as lawns, and he has been with the district for 13 years and feels it would be prudent to pay him for his years of experience. He is recommending paying him hourly at Class B, year 13 on the classified salary schedule, \$16.54 per hour.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the Summer Maintenance Contract at \$16.54 per hour for Tony Smith as presented. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Montana Medical Billing, Contract Renewal, 20/21SY

Mrs. Foley noted the cost to the district for Medicaid Reimbursement services has not changed from the current year and recommends continuing with this contract.

Cory Hill moved to approve the Montana Medical Billing Contract for the 20/21SY. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Flathead SpEd Coop, Preschool Program Interlocal Agreement, 20/21SY

Flathead SpEd Coop, Severe Communication Disorders Program, Interlocal Agreement, 20/21SY
The Clerk noted there aren't any participation or placement fees to the Flathead Special Education Coop, but the district does pay out of district tuition through the Tuition Fund in the following year of placement for any West Valley student.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the Flathead Special Ed Coop Preschool and Severe Communication Disorders Program Interlocal Agreements for the 20/21 school year. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. MQEC Membership, FY2021

Mr. Ketchum noted that MQEC has been instrumental in working behind the scenes regarding funding formulas at the legislative level and in making sure that constitutional rights are met for public education. He recommends continuing our membership and would like their director, Dianne Burke, to present to the Board possibly in October.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the MQEC Membership for 20/21. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. First Reading Policy 1110 - Taking Office, Revision

MTSBA alerted the district to an error in Policy 1110 that was distributed in October 2019 regarding the days to complete the oath of office after receipt of the certificate of election. This revised policy shows the correct number of days at 15.

Cory Hill moved to approve and accept the first reading of Policy 1110. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Interlocal & Participation Agreement NW MT Schools Health Insurance Consortium, 3 yr. Agreement
Cindy Foley noted that Whitefish Schools have terminated from the health insurance Consortium, so this change necessitated a new three year agreement. This document also incorporates the multi-district and the participation agreement into one document, rather than two.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the 3 year Interlocal and Participation Agreement with the NW MT Health Insurance Consortium. Cory Hill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Abandon current RFQ for Architects advertised in January/February, with possibility of being advertised again in the next school year

Cal Ketchum noted he had communicated with all three entities who submitted RFQ's with anticipation of being interviewed on March 18, 2020. He stated that given our current circumstances he recommends waiting until the next school year to proceed and we would re-advertise for RFQ's. In discussion with MTSBA legal, they recommended that with the delay between March, and whenever the interviews were to now occur, it would be best to re-advertise and resubmit.

Tad Lisowski moved to abandon the current RFQ for Architects and look again at it in the future. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. Bus Contract Adjustment

Mr. Ketchum noted he and Cindy Foley met with Bill Kimmett, representative for Treasure State Transit, about possible adjustments to our current contract concerning fuel costs with busses not running routes due to school closure regarding COVID-19. Bill was great to work with on making this adjustment from March 16 through June 10, with an amount of \$14,827.12 being agreed upon.

Stephanie Nadasi was wondering about holding the June Board Meeting in person in the Library. Mr. Ketchum noted the current maximum of 10 people in a group and the distancing needs, so it would be helpful to still have the online option.

ADJOURNMENT

Cory Hill moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:07PM. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.


Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman


Cindy Foley, District Clerk