

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
West Valley School, Library, 5:00PM  
June 8, 2020

Board Members Present

Stephanie Nadasi  
Marilyn Hedstrom  
Jane Wheeler  
Tad Lisowski

Board Members Absent

Cory Hill

Also present

Cal Ketchum, Superintendent  
Cindy Foley, District Clerk  
Guests in attendance: Tina Blair, Richard Gross, and Nikki Williams.

Chairman Nadasi called the meeting to order at 5:01PM.

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

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the May 27, 2020 bills totaling \$6,034.45 and the June 8, 2020 bills totaling \$107,124.59. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/GUESTS/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chair, read policy concerning the public comment that is allowed.

Stephanie Nadasi read an email she had received from Lynn Dykstra concerning the grading system that was put in place for the 19/20 school year. Ms. Dykstra felt the standards based grading system was a detriment to her child in that they didn't strive for the "A" and settled for a "P" for proficient. The child asked the question of why they should work harder when they could get a P for not giving as much effort. Ms. Dykstra asked that the grading system be revisited.

WEST VALLEY PTO

Nothing to report.

## WEST VALLEY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Nothing to report.

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Richard Gross noted that student item pick up was held the week of June 1-5, with 460+ bags of student belongings picked up. Teachers did a great job of clearing out the classrooms and lockers to organize the materials.

Tina Blair noted review of year end proficiency of students and where we go next, as well as identifying those gifted and talented students, is an important next step; coursework packets have been sent to middle school students to choose their electives for next school year; and art, word processing/keyboarding, and enhanced social studies will be classes that all middle school students will take.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Ketchum shared that the year-end was challenging for staff, parents, and students regarding online learning versus being on site. We are currently planning to go back to school on August 26th as scheduled. He further noted that groups have been meeting locally, as well as at the State level, to formulate plans for how the return to school will look and he would like to wait on forming a local committee until more information is received from the State. The district will put out information to our community as it becomes available to us, but we do know that things will look different, even if we have all of our students on campus. A survey was sent to parents regarding their thoughts on coming back to school with 245 responses received to date with many noting they want their kids back in school on site, and 80% noting it was a good idea to shut down.

The Board discussed the CDC and State guidelines, as well as the local school boards decision to approve a plan for their districts. Board members stated their desire to have all kids back in school on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

The summer maintenance schedule has begun with Mr. Jackson enlarging the old conference room and installing new flooring in that room; a current second grade classroom will be remodeled to allow a separate office space; projects slated for the Building Reserve Permissive Levy which include the main parking lot sealing/stripping; gym floors waxed/resurfaced; a maintenance agreement for the middle school heating system; completion of the pole barn/storage garage; conference room in the foyer; and replacing of a sink and cabinet in a second grade classroom.

Mr. Ketchum noted he had met with a local businessman who is making available a donation of masks to schools for student/staff. These masks will last for roughly 30 washings.

Mr. Ketchum, and the school board, thanked Cindy Foley for her years as District Clerk, noting this was likely her last board meeting since she is retiring.

## ACTION ITEMS:

### 1. Authorization to Remove/Add Co-signers to Boys/Girls Bank Account

Cindy Foley requested to add Serina Nelson to the Boys/Girls Account and remove Cindy Foley as a signer on the account effective July 1, 2020.

Tad Lisowski moved to remove Cindy Foley and add Serina Nelson to the account effective July

1. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### 2. Approve a BMO P-card for Serina Nelson, District Clerk, effective July 1, 2020

The Business Manager noted that many recurring monthly bills are charged to the Business Manager's p-card and Serina Nelson will need a card to continue the practice.

Marilyn Hedstrom moved to approve a BMO p-card for Serina Nelson. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. District Clerk Trainee Contract, Serina Nelson, starting June 16 through June 30

Cindy Foley noted that Mrs. Nelson would be able to start training, at least intermittently, beginning June 16. Her hourly wage would be the same as her District Clerk contract that begins July 1 and her official hire date would show June 16.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve Serina Nelson's trainee contract. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Athletic Director Contract, 20/21SY

Superintendent Ketchum recommends Rich Nickerson as the Athletic Director for the 20/21 school year.

Marilyn Hedstrom moved to approve the AD contract for Rich Nickerson. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5. Additional Bus Route 20/21 SY

The Board was provided information on an additional bus route to accommodate overcrowding on current routes and additional subdivisions and growth. The new route will cost approximately \$47,520 for the year depending on the mileage of the route and if other routes are to change as a result. The final budget will be presented to the Board in August.

Marilyn Hedstrom moved to add the additional school bus route. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### 6. Summer Schedule

August 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting/Budget Meeting

Authorize Clerk to pay end of year bills and July bills

Authorize Clerk to approve transportation contracts

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the summer schedule as presented. Marilyn Hedstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Leslie Windauer, Leave of Absence 20/21 SY

Leslie Windauer has signed her contract for 20/21, however is requesting a one year leave of absence for next school year due to the recent sudden loss of her husband. Mr. Ketchum read her letter to the Board.

Jane Wheeler moved to approve the leave of absence for Leslie Windauer. Tad Lisowski seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. WageWorks Health and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Acct effective 7/1/2020  
The Business Manager recommends approval of the Section 125 for Health and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account with WageWorks.

Tad Lisowski moved to approve the WageWorks 125 Plan. Jane Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

9. Preliminary 20/21 Budget

The preliminary budget noted a General Fund Budget of \$4,541,461.31 which is the highest without a vote as provided by the OPI, and includes our anticipated out of district tuition and interest receipts to fund the over-base budget.

Jane Wheeler expressed a desire to see the Library budget increased as our student body is increasing.

Mr. Ketchum noted the district will see CARES Act federal funds of approximately \$70,000 and we are currently working through the budgeting process for those funds.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Stephanie Nadasi, Board Chairman

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Cindy Foley, District Clerk