

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Bill Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following directors were present: Bill Wilson, Paul Voelker, Doug Elledge, Crystal Hubert and Nancy Cocroft. Staff present: Ben Ferney, Eileen Harris, Dennis Killmer, Dave Vail, Candace Harris, Kraig Kalisch, Justyn Turner and Robin Karsh. Guest present were Debra Gable and Dr. Aaron Young from Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry; David Knight and Andy Kruse, Department of Ecology, and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hemphill, Luke Hemphill and Joe Scates from Lane Mountain. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Paul moved to approve the consent agenda containing the July Regular Board Meeting minutes; the late July and August vouchers for the General Fund (Vouchers #131702 through #131741, #131743 through #131751, #131789 through #131858. #181900011 and #201800368 in the total amount of \$358,360.99), ASB Fund (#131742 the total amount of \$195.64), and Payroll (July Warrants #131664 through #131701 in the amount of \$257,445.08 and August Warrants #131752 through #131788 in the amount of \$267,280.03), Routine Contracts for Melanie Bailey, Kraig Kalisch, Danielle Tupek, Steve Templeton, Doug Killmer, Candace Harris, Robin Karsh, Leah Ray and Supplemental Contract for Eileen Harris. Doug seconded; motion carried. Eileen reviewed the July Financial Report. We will end the fiscal year with a healthy fund balance which is needed for the large curriculum purchases in September.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ATSDR Health Consultation Exposure Investigation:

Debra Gable and Dr. Aaron Young from the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) discussed the recently released *Ambient Airborne Exposures to Particulate Matter and Silica Dust in Valley School, Valley, WA* report. Debra Gable gave a brief history of the Exposure Investigation that was completed in the summer of 2016. Board members, Department of Ecology, Department of Health and Lane Mountain all received a copy of the report. The electronic version will be posted

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in about a week on the CDC website. Debra and Dr. Young then reviewed the four conclusions and addressed board questions. Discussion followed about the findings of silica and the particulate size and concentration. One finding states that some people who breathe PM₁₀ on the Valley School campus, specifically sensitive populations (children, elderly and adults with conditions such as asthma), could experience short-term health problems. A second finding states “breathing PM₄ crystalline silica on the campus of Valley School and in the surrounding area presents a potential long-term public health hazard to students, staff and residents”. Debra said this report is the first step of a process in determining what to do next. She hopes to see all the agencies (ATSDR, Dept. of Ecology, Dept. of Health) and Lane Mountain and Valley School District work together to find a solution. Dr. Young said the school should not have to monitor the concentration of particulate matter and that ATSDR wants to work together with all the parties.

Dave Knight and Andy Kruze from the Department of Ecology presented and reviewed a handout to the board containing background information and a Q&A. They explained that Lane Mountain filed a Notice of Construction for bag house installations to replace the current scrubbers. That project is anticipated to be completed this fall. As part of this project, Lane Mountain must have a fugitive dust control plan and will be subject to regular inspections. They agreed that all agencies must work together.

ACTION ITEMS

CVA Annual Ale Report and 19-20 Course Catalog and Annual Review of Policy 2255 Alternative Learning Experience:

Bill moved to approve the CVA Annual ALE Report and 19-10 Course Catalog as recommended. Crystal seconded; motion carried.

Second Reading Revision to Policy 3414 Infectious Diseases:

Ben presented a revision to Policy 3414 Infectious Diseases for a second reading and

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recommended approval. Paul moved to approve the revision to Policy 3414 Infectious Diseases as recommended. Nancy seconded; motion carried.

Second Reading Revision to Policy 3416 Medication at School:

Ben presented a revision to Policy 3416 Medication at school for a second reading and recommended approval. Nancy moved to approve the revision to Policy 3416 Medication at School as recommended. Crystal seconded; motion carried.

Second Reading Revision to Policy 5401 Sick Leave:

Ben presented a revision to Policy 5401 Sick Leave for a second reading and recommended approval. Doug moved to approve the revision to Policy 5401 Sick Leave as recommended. Paul seconded; motion carried.

Second Reading Revision to Policy 5406 Sick Leave Sharing:

Ben presented a revision to Policy 5406 Sick Leave Sharing for a second reading and recommended approval. Paul moved to approve the revision to Policy 5406 Sick Leave Sharing as recommended. Crystal seconded; motion carried.

Resignation Letters from Melanie Gray and Jami Cox:

Ben presented resignation letters from Melanie Gray and Jami Cox and recommended acceptance. Crystal moved to regretfully accept the resignations and thanked them for their service to Valley School District and wished them well in future endeavors. Doug seconded; motion carried.

Recommendation to Hire Ericka Simpson as Valley School Paraprofessional-Music Specialist, Yvette Schatz as Lead Preschool Teacher and Debbie Cook as CVA Special Services Long-Term Substitute:

Ben presented recommendations to hire Ericka Simpson as Valley School Paraprofessional-Music Specialist, Yvette Schatz as Lead Preschool Teacher and Debbie Cook as CVA Special Services Long-Term Substitute and recommended approval. Paul moved to approve the hiring of Ericka Simpson as Valley School Paraprofessional-Music Specialist, Yvette Schatz as Lead Preschool Teacher and Debbie Cook as CVA Special Services Long-Term Substitute as recommended. Crystal seconded; motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE

REPORTS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent Report- Ben announced that the memorial for Rebecca Kimball will be August 24th at 2pm at the LDS Church north of Chewelah. An account has been set up at Banner Bank for donations to the family.

Communications continued:

We are working with ESD101 for help with covering school nurse duties for the opening of school and the hiring (and training) of a school nurse. We will be interviewing on Friday. The hope is that we can hire a school nurse that will also cover Orient and Onion Creek School Districts.

The 30-day surplus timeline for the white building is almost over. We are working on the next step to release a request for proposal or bid for removal.

The Valley Voice is out in the mail. The All Staff Meeting is Monday August 26th at 1pm. Board members are welcome to attend.

We will schedule a Board work-session in September.

WSSDA – The Legislative Assembly is September 27-28 in Spokane. The Annual Conference is November 21-24 in Bellevue and the 2020 Legislative Conference is February 9-10 in Olympia. Ben will attend the Legislative Assembly. Nancy wants to attend the Annual Conference. The Legislative Conference is not open for registration yet.

Approved Procedures-

- 3414P1 Infectious Diseases
- 3416P1 Medication at School
- 6640P1 District-Owned Vehicles

Save the Dates & Volunteers-

- August 26th All Staff Meeting
- August 26th Open House

**COMMENTS FOR THE
GOOD OF THE SCHOOL:**

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Signed this 18th day of September 2019.



Attachments: ATSDR Exposure Investigation Summary Sheet, Department of Ecology Summary and Q&A, CVA Annual Ale Report, CVA 19-20 Course Catalog and Policy 2255 Alternative Learning Experience; Policy 3414 Infectious Diseases; Policy 3416 Medication at School; Policy 5401 Sick Leave and Policy 5406 Sick Leave Sharing.