

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Bill Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following directors were present: Bill Wilson, Doug Elledge, Crystal Hubert and Nancy Cocroft. Paul Voelker was excused. Staff present: Ben Ferney, Danielle Tupek, Diane Monasmith, Ken Davis, Matt Cox, Robin Karsh and Jenesis Borg, Paideia High School Representative. Guests present were Luke Hemphill, Tim Hemphill and Joe Scates representing Lane Mountain and Teddie Chance. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

### **Reports: Paideia High School Representative~**

Jenesis Borg, Paideia High School Junior updated the board on activities at Paideia.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Doug moved to approve the consent agenda containing the January Board Meeting Minutes; the late January and February vouchers for the General Fund (Vouchers #132727 through #132766, #132770 through #132852, #201900207 and #192000007 in the total amount of \$222,613.64), ASB Fund (#132767 through #132769, #132853 through #132854 in the total amount of \$1,289.10); Payroll (Warrants #137770 through #137799 in the total amount of \$280,714.21); Coaching Supplemental Contracts for Sky Griep and James Paladin, and P-Card Agreements with Darrell Wayenberg, Pete Whittekiend and Kadie Link. Crystal Hubert seconded; motion carried. Ben briefly reviewed the financial and enrollment reports and the updated Projected Fund Balance by Month report.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

None

Bill Wilson moved to amend the agenda and move the Discussion Item: Lane Mountain Update prior to action items. Doug Elledge seconded; motion carried.

### ***Lane Mountain Update:***

Luke Hemphill introduced himself, his brother Tim Hemphill, Vice President, and Joe Scates, Plant Manager. Luke gave some historical background about Lane Mountain, Inc and information about the uses of the silica they mine. He also provided updates on actions to mitigate fugitive dust. The bag house project is not complete yet, perhaps by June. They have enlisted an environmental consultant to explore ways to better manage and look at other options to improve fugitive dust. There is not one

**Lane Mountain Update continued:**

solution or a quick fix. They are exploring a variety of things and are committed to improving the air quality. Discussion included the possibility of moving a pile back to Lane Mountain, increasing misters, potential vegetation shield or other type of shield, lowering the speed limit on Hwy 231. Ben reiterated that he and Luke communicate monthly and all agreed that communication is key.

**ACTION ITEMS**

***Second Reading Revision to Policy  
3210 Nondiscrimination:***

Ben presented the revision to Policy 3210 Nondiscrimination and recommended approval. Doug moved to approve the revision to Policy 3210 Nondiscrimination as recommended. Crystal seconded; motion carried.

***Second Reading Revision to Policy  
5010 Equal Employment  
Opportunity and Affirmative  
Action:***

Ben presented the revision to Policy 5010 Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action for a second reading and recommended approval. Doug moved to approve the revision to Policy 5010 Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action as recommended. Nancy seconded; motion carried.

***VL Transportation Secretary Job  
Description Revision:***

Ben presented a revised job description that would increase the FTE of the VL Transportation Secretary position and requested approval. Doug moved to approve the revised job description and increase in FTE for the VL Transportation Secretary. Crystal seconded; motion carried.

***Extended Leave Request:***

Ben presented a request from Callie Larson for extended leave without pay and recommended approval. Doug moved to approve Callie Larson's request for extended leave without pay. Nancy seconded; motion carried.

***Retirement Letters from Janet  
Williams and Peggy Neal:***

Ben presented Retirement Letters from Janet Williams and Peggy Neal and recommended approval. Crystal moved to regretfully accept the retirements of these wonderful ladies, Janet Williams and Peggy Neal, and thanked them for their many years of service and dedication to Valley School District. Nancy seconded; motion carried.

**Action Items continued:**

***Affirmation of VSD Non-High Designation to Chewelah SD & Mary Walker SD:***

Ben explained that periodically OSPI reviews the designations of Non-High School Districts. Since at least 2005, Valley School District has named Chewelah and Mary Walker School Districts as our designee. Ben asked the board to affirm that designation. Nancy moved to affirm the choice of Chewelah School District and Mary Walker School District as Valley's Non-High Designee. Crystal seconded: motion carried.

***Paideia High School Request for Approval of Overnight Field Trip:***

Ben presented a request from Paideia High School for board approval of an overnight field trip to Goldendale and Richland. Crystal moved to approve Paideia's request for an overnight field trip to Goldendale and Richland as presented. Doug seconded; motion carried.

***Facilities Request to Surplus Items:***

Ben presented a request from the Facilities Department to surplus a Kubota Tractor and Spreader and recommended approval. Crystal moved to designate the Kubota Tractor and Spreader as surplus. Nancy seconded; motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

***First Reading Revision to Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements:***

Ben presented Revisions to Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements for a first reading. This will be presented next month for approval.

**Discussion Items continued:**

***First Reading Revision to Policy  
3115 Homeless Students:  
Enrollment Rights and Services***

Ben presented Revisions to Policy 3115 Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services for a first reading. This will be presented next month for approval.

***First Reading Revision to Policy  
3205 Sexual Harassment of  
Students Prohibited:***

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**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORTS:  
COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Superintendent Report:**

The next board work session will be Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Ben will be out of the office February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

We were notified of a cougar sighting last week. We initiated a district wide lockdown and called authorities. The WDFWL responded and cleared the area.

The Valley Historical Society is now looking to schedule the White Building move in April or May.

The schools are working on calendars for next year and we are working with other districts to line up first/last days and vacations. One of the challenges is the half-day prior to Thanksgiving. Valley School would like to move that half-day to October 30<sup>th</sup> and have the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as a non-work day. Board members were supportive of that change.

**WSSDA** – Nothing new to report at this time.

**Approved Procedures** –

3210P1 Nondiscrimination

4218P1 Language Access Plan

5010P1 Equal Employment Opportunity and  
Affirmative Action

6220P1 Bid or Request for Proposals

Approved Contract --

Assessment Agreement with Central Valley,  
Clover Park and Peninsula School Districts.

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

In reference to next year's calendar, Teddie  
Chance asked to consider that the Monday Late  
Start for just Valley K8 is inconvenient for  
families with students in both Valley K8 and  
Paideia HS.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

  
  
  


Attachments: Policy 3210 Nondiscrimination, Policy 5010 Equal Employment  
Opportunity and Affirmative Action, Paideia High School Request for Approval of  
Overnight Field Trip and Facilities request to Surplus Items