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Valley School District Board Meeting
May 20, 2020

# **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Bill Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following directors were present via ZOOM: Bill Wilson, Paul Voelker, Doug Elledge and Nancy Cocroft. Crystal Hubert was excused. Staff present via ZOOM: Ben Ferney, Eileen Harris, Diane Monasmith, Ken Davis, Matt Cox and Robin Karsh. Guests present via ZOOM were Tawana Swanson and unidentified caller (AlyPhone). Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

# CONSENT AGENDA:

Doug moved to approve the consent agenda containing the April Board Meeting Minutes; the late April and May vouchers for the General Fund (Vouchers #133216 through #133255, #133258 through #133317, #201900310 and #192000010 in the total amount of \$146,785.95), ASB Fund (#133256 through #133257, and #133318 in the total amount of \$656.83), and Payroll (Warrants #133187 through #133215 in the total amount of \$277,030.13), Eileen reviewed the Projected Fund Balance by Month report, gave a brief update on 20-21 budget work and the financial report. Due to COVID-19 there is no enrollment report. Paul seconded; motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

None

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Valley School District Continuous Learning Plan and 2019-2020 Calendar Revision: Ben presented the Valley School District Continuous Learning Plan and 2019-2020 Calendar Revision and recommended approval. Five days have been added so the last day of school will be June 12<sup>th</sup>. Doug moved to approve the Valley School District Continuous Learning Plan and 2019-2020 Calendar Revision as presented. Nancy seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 6-19/20 Authorizing Emergency Waiver of School Days and Instructional Hours: Ben presented Resolution No. 6-19/20 Authorizing Emergency Waiver of School Days and Instructional Hours and recommended approval. This will be submitted to OSPI along with the Continuous Learning Plan and Calendar Revision. Doug moved to approve Resolution No. 6-19/20 Authorizing Emergency Waiver of Page 2 of 5 Valley School District Board Meeting May 20, 2020

# Action Items continued:

School Days and Instructional Hours as presented. Paul seconded; motion carried unanimously.

## Resignation Letter from Matt Cox:

Ben presented a letter from Matt Cox resigning his position as PHS Principal but remaining as PHS Teacher. Ben recommended acceptance. Paul moved to accept Matt Cox's resignation as PHS Principal. Doug seconded; motion carried.

Recommendation to Hire Patricia Patterson as Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher: Ben presented a recommendation to hire Patricia Patterson as Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher. Doug moved to approve the hiring of Patricia Patterson as Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher as recommended. Nancy seconded; motion carried.

#### **Administration Contracts:**

Ben presented administrator contracts for Eileen Harris, Todd Smith, Dave Vail and Eldon Palmer and recommended approval. Paul moved to approve the contracts for Eileen Harris, Todd Smith, Dave Vail and Eldon Palmer as presented. Nancy seconded; motion carried.

Recommendation to Purchase School Bus:

Ben presented a recommendation to purchase a new bus and recommended approval. Doug moved to approve the purchase of a bus as presented. Paul seconded; motion carried.

Recommendation to Surplus District IT Equipment:

Ben presented a list of District IT Equipment that is obsolete and/or non-functional and recommended that it be designated surplus. Paul moved to designate the list of District IT Equipment as surplus as recommended. Doug seconded; motion carried.

Resolution No. 7-19/20 WIAA Membership Renewal: Ben presented Resolution No. 7-19/20 WIAA Membership Renewal. This is our annual renewal and he recommended approval. Doug moved to approve Resolution No. 7-19/20 WIAA Membership Renewal as presented. Paul seconded; motion carried.

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#### **Action Items continued:**

ESD112 PPE Purchasing Cooperative:

Ben informed the board that ESD 112 in cooperation with ESD 101 is forming a personal protective equipment purchasing cooperative that could help in securing equipment that will be needed to protect students and staff upon school reopening in the fall. We are completing a survey to determine our needs, but the interlocal agreement is not available at this time. Ben asked the board to authorize him to execute any agreements between Valley School District and ESD 112 so we can take advantage of purchasing personal protective equipment through the coop. Paul moved to authorize Ben to execute any and all documents needed to participate in the ESD112 PPE Purchasing Cooperative. Doug seconded; motion carried.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Paideia High School 2020 Senior Graduating Class:

Ben presented the Paideia High School 2020 Graduating Class list. There are ten seniors graduating this year. Plans for a graduation ceremony are being finalized in alignment with guidance from OSPI and the Department of Health.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

# Communication

Superintendent Report:

The District Leadership Team meets weekly on Wednesdays. The Educational Continuity Plan team has been meeting to finalize the Continuous Learning Plan 1.0 and will pivot to plan 2.0 for the fall.

Ben continues to send a weekly update to staff & families and the Friday Notes. Also researching what social distancing looks like in Phase 2.

We are investigating what a Summer Meal program can/will look like. OSPI is encouraging schools to continue with meals.

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Superintendent Report continued:

Also looking at the hiring process for the PHS Principal position.

Waiting on guidance from the OSPI workgroup on fall options for opening school.

The Little White Schoolhouse move is still on. They are now looking at late June.

June 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting and Superintendent Review – will depend on what phase Stevens County is in and guidance from Governor Inslee regarding meetings.

# **Approved Procedures:**

Credit for Competency/Proficiency in: 2409P1 Language Arts 2409P2 Mathematics 2409P3 Science 2409P4 Social Studies 2409P5 Health/Fitness 2409P6 Arts

# COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE SCHOOL:

Bill Wilson asked guest Tawana Swanson if she had any comments she wanted to share. Tawana said she wanted the board to know how impressed she is Valley School. She has a child in Kindergarten and the communication has been wonderful. One staff member even brought flowers. She has heard that other parents are also appreciative of the positive attitude and small-town community feel of the district. It <u>is</u> the hub of the community.

Ken Davis commented on how great our staff is, Matt Cox is so dedicated and puts kids first.

Doug commented that the takeaway is how the staff works hard to bring about positive outcomes and thanked staff for all their hard work.

Bill and Paul thanked Tawana for bringing good news, it is appreciated.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Signed this 17th day of June 2020.

Attachments: Valley School District Continuous Learning Plan, 19-20 Calendar Revision, Resolution 6-19/20 Authorizing Emergency Waiver of School Days and Instructional Hours, District IT Surplus list, Resolution 7-19/20 WIAA Membership Renewal.

Procedures 2409 P1-P6