

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 25, 2023

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Study Session on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the West Valley High School Library, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and via YouTube Livestream:

<https://youtube.com/live/xq8x2KYciVI?feature=share>

Board of Directors present: President Michael Thorner, Dave Jaeger, Mike Meyer, Mark Mochel, and Mark Strong.

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake, Assistant Superintendent Joe Connolly, and Executive Director for Innovation Jed Watters.

Call to Order: At 7:00 pm, President Michael Thorner called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Michael Thorner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

Communications:

A. Response to Public Comment. There was no response to public comment.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items. At 7:02 pm, President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comments, and, with none, Mr. Thorner closed the public form at 7:03 pm.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes 1. July 11, 2023 - Board Meeting
- b. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll
 1. General Fund - Check #241657-241758; 241760-241845
 2. Capital Projects Fund - Check #241759
 3. ASB Fund - Check #241846
 4. Procurement Card Detail
- c. Financial Reports
 1. Budget Status Report
 2. General Fund Balance by Month and Year
 3. General Fund Monthly Revenue and Expenditure
 4. Fund Balance Detail
 5. Capital Projects Fund - Balance Recap
- d. Approval of Employment Contracts
 1. Employment Overview

2. Amaranth, Alexander Special Education Teacher @ Cottonwood Elementary
3. Bersing, Kylee Softball (Fastpitch) Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
4. Bowen, Cassandra Kindergarten Teacher @ Summitview Elementary
5. Dolquist, Kelsey Kindergarten Teacher @ Apple Valley Elementary
6. Hardy, Courtney Office/Instructional Paraprofessional @ Apple Valley Elementary
7. Kamppi, Kelley Speech Language Pathologist Assistant @ West Valley School District
8. Longee, Lynette Instructional Transitional Kindergarten Para @ Apple Valley Elementary
9. McKinney, Megan Volleyball Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
10. Santana, Haydee Instructional Transitional Kindergarten Para @ Apple Valley Elementary
11. Sparkmon, Samuel Drama Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
12. Weldon, Paige School Nurse @ Apple Valley Elementary
13. Wells, Jennifer Volleyball Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
14. Wyckoff, Klayton Principal @ Mountainview Elementary

e. Approval of Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)/Separation(s)

1. Jaeger, Lucas Director of Special Services @ West Valley School District
2. LaTour, Tanner 5th Grade PAL Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
3. Wyckoff, Klayton Asst. Principal @ West Valley High School

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. MC 5-0.

Discussion Items:

A. 2022/23 Capital Projects - Budget Extension. Joe Connolly explained the need for the extension was due to expenditure for the Mountainview Elementary well and moving a portable to Mountainview.

B. 2023/24 Budget - Second Public Hearing. Joe Connolly said he was available to answer any questions that the Board members had. Board members did not have any questions for Mr. Connolly.

C. CBRE Contract Extension. Joe Connolly said he was available to answer questions. Mr. Thorner asked for more details about the timeline. Mr. Connolly said that the contract extension was for approximately 18 months. He said that he planned to begin working with CBRE on the projects as soon as the School Board approved the contract extension.

Public Comment of Discussion Agenda Items/Public Hearing - 2023/24 Budget: At 7:15 pm, President Michael Thorner opened the meeting for the public hearing for the 2023/24 budget. One community member commented and asked the School Board to review travel requests in the upcoming school year.

With no further requests from the community for comment, President Thorner closed the public comment at 7:19 pm.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Travel Requests.

1. Kaitlyn Smith - Case Institute (AFNR), Columbus, OH, July 9-15, 2023.

Jed Watters addressed the Board and explained that usual procedure was to get pre-approval for travel but there was an error with processing the travel request. He explained that Ms.

Smith was able to attend the institute to receive professional development on a curriculum that will be piloted during the 2023/24 school year for AgriScience at the high school.

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the travel request. MC 5-0.

B. Approval of Resolutions.

1. Resolution #23-07-758 2022/23 Capital Projects Budget Extension.

Mark Mochel motioned to approve Resolution #23-07-758. MC 5-0.

2. Resolution #23-07-759 2023/24 Budget Adoption and Four-Year Forecast.

Mark Mochel motioned to approve Resolution #23-07-759. MC 5-0.

3. Resolution #23-07-760 Surplus Personal Property.

Mark Mochel motioned to approve Resolution #23-07-760. MC 5-0.

C. Approval of CBRE Contract Extension.

Mike Meyer motioned to approve Resolution #23-07-760. MC 5-0.

Items Arising: Mike Meyer said that he was approached by a staff member who had concerns regarding the lack of security cameras at Cottonwood Elementary. Dr. Finch said that the administration would review this request.

Reports:

1. Travel Log Report was included in the board packet.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent's report highlighted recent updates to leadership for the Special Education Department.

Board Reports/Board Development: There were no reports.

Executive Session - Performance of a Public Employee.

President Thorner said that the School Board would move into Executive Session for 16 minutes for the performance of a public employee.

At 7:29 pm, the School Board moved into Executive Session.

At 7:47 pm, the School Board returned to the Open Session with no action taken.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President