

## **West Valley School District No. 208**

### **Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 8, 2023**

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Valley High School Library, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via YouTube Livestream:  
<https://youtube.com/live/eZVlanHRzag?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, and Recording Secretary Melissa Holmes.

**Call to Order:** At 7:06 p.m., 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 needed. The Superintendent's Report addressed questions from the School Board.
- B. Staff Retirement Recognition - The Board recognized Christine Abeyta, Teena Bolin, and Joreen Green for their years of service to West Valley. Christine Abeyta was present, Paraprofessional at Apple Valley was recognized for 9 years of service to West Valley School District.

**Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items:** At 7:09 p.m., President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment with two people speaking. First, Raquel Martinez expressed concern at the Junior High campus with athletes who are having to carry their school backpacks as well as athletic equipment between the two schools. Peter Marinace provided comments regarding the Study Session topic, Conflicts of Interest.

With no further requests, President Thorner closed the public forum at 7:17 p.m.

#### **Approval Items**

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. July 25, 2023 Study Session
  - 2. July 25, 2023 Board Meeting

B. Approval of Resignations/Retirements/Separations

1. Crippen, Leanne Parent Child Plus Coordinator at West Valley School District
2. Forrest, Amy Communications Director at West Valley School District
3. Joffs, Amy HR Technician at West Valley School District
4. Lieberknecht, Ashley WVVA Coordinator at West Valley School District

*Michael Thorner motioned to approve the consent agenda and separations, as presented. MC 5-0*

**Discussion Items:**

A. Portrait of a Lifelong Learner

B. Equity and Inclusion Strategies for 2023/24

C. Vision and Strategic Action Plan for 2023/24

Dr. Finch presented on each item. Mr. Thorner suggested the following addition to the action plan, "Align District Budget with Strategic Plan Priorities".

**Public Comment of Discussion Items:** At 7:41 p.m., President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. Ryan Matthews requested that Jed Watters return for a more extensive review of Portrait of a Lifelong Learner.

With no further requests, President Thorner closed the public forum at 7:44 p.m.

**Action Items:** No items were reported.

**Items Arising:** No items were reported.

**Superintendent's Report:**


Dr. Finch's report was included in the Board packet.

**Board Reports/Board Development:** Dr. Finch was grateful all Board Members were present during the one hour training Conflict of Interest with District Attorney Jason MacKay.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President