

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 22, 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 22, 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/mhPcItmEb4Y?feature=share>

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Joe Connolly, and Recording Secretary Melissa Holmes.

Call to Order: At 7:00 p.m., Dave Jaeger called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Dave Jaeger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda: Dave Jaeger made a motion to excuse President Michael Thorner from the evenings Board meeting. MC 4-0. There were no other changes to the agenda.

Communications:

- A. Response to Public Comment - Dr. Peter Finch provided a response to public comments, questions and concerns that were raised by a parent regarding use of hallway lockers at the Junior High. The response was included in the Board packet and provided to attendees. Dr. Finch included a follow-up in addition to the response: Students can get lockers in locker rooms to store their belongings if they wish.
- B. The Board packet contained a copy of the recent Accountability Audit which covered 2019-2022. This is different than the recent financial audit. The accountability audit covers adherence to state laws for finance and internal controls. Both audits were 100% clean with no findings.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:03 p.m., Dave Jaeger opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. A community member informed the School Board about a fundraiser for Sunrise Rotary that funds scholarships for graduates. West Valley students have done well in the past with the speech competition. The community member thanked our teachers for preparing students for success.

With no further requests, Dave Jaeger closed the public forum at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. August 8, 2023 Study Session
 - 2. August 8, 2023 Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll

1. General Fund - Checks #241870-241967, 241981-242056
2. Capital Projects Fund - Checks #241978-241980, 242065-242066
3. ASB Fund - Checks #241968-241977, 242057-242064
4. Payroll - July 2023
5. 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. Chaidez, Vanesa Special Education Teacher @ Summitview Elementary
3. DeLozier, Ryan Asst. Football Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
4. Holmes, Melissa Temporary Administrative Assistant @ West Valley School District
5. Kunhircaman, Sangeetha Instructional/Computer Lac Paraprofessional @ Apple Valley Elementary
6. McLean, Chloe Instructional (SPED) Paraprofessional @ West Valley High School
7. McMullin, Janette LAP Paraprofessional @ Mountainview Elementary
8. Reamyne, Chesney 5th Grade PAL Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
9. Udall, Megan Special Education Teacher @ West Valley High School
10. Wandler, Rebecca Instructional Paraprofessional LAP @ Apple Valley Elementary
11. Weeks, Jeff Non-Continuing Asst. Principal @ West Valley High School
12. Wells, Sally Instructional Paraprofessional LAP @ Apple Valley Elementary

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

1. Beaudry, Mandi LAP Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
2. Donovan, Donald Bus Driver @ Transportation Department
3. Fortson, Valyncia Bus Driver @ Transportation Department
4. Hagreen, Justine Instructional Paraprofessional @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
5. Hyde, Kaniesta Server @ Child Nutrition Department
6. Lowe, Calvin 8th Grade Football Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
7. Shanks, Roland Instructional Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
8. Smeback, Amanda Instructional Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
9. Torres Salazar, Areli Special Education Paraprofessional @ West Valley School District

F. Approval of Leave Requests

1. Hennessy-Smith, Stephanie Leave of Absence July 21- Oct. 1, 2023
2. McCausland, Roger Leave of Absence Aug. 10 - Oct. 31, 2023
3. Palmer, Michelle Leave of Absence Aug. 23 - June 11, 2024
4. Schmidt, Jaimi Leave of Absence July 31 - Aug. 15, 2023
5. Weeks, Jeff Leave of Absence Aug. 23 - June 11, 2024

Mark Mochel motioned to approve the consent agenda, as presented. MC 4-0.

Discussion Items: The Board discussed modifying the way that student representatives to the School Board participate in School Board meetings. The Board agreed to have the students report at the beginning of the meeting under “Communications.” The Board asked Dr. Finch to make sure that the student representatives are invited to participate in the state conference for the Washington State School Directors Association as there is special programming for student representatives each year. The student representatives to the School Board will take the oath of office at our next School Board meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Public Comment of Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:10 p.m., Dave Jaeger opened the meeting to visitors for public comment, and with none, Mr. Jaeger closed the public forum at 7:10 p.m.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Jamie Nordstrom / Chesea Nell / Rick Maib - HS XC Meet, The Mook Invitational - Tillamook, OR - September 22-23, 2023
2. Jillian Berg / Jen Rosie / Amber Johnson / Jenna Leaverton / Amy Mill - HS Volleyball, B-E Tournamtent - Mount Vernon, WA - October 13-14, 2023
3. Dr. Peter Finch - AASA Early Learning Cohort Fall Site Visit - Long Beach, CA - November 8-11, 2023
4. Dr. Peter Finch - AASA Early Learning Cohort Spring Site Visit - Gwinnett County Public Schools, GA - March 19-22, 2024

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the travel requests, as presented. MC 4-0

B. Approval of Jump Start Credits

Mark Strong motioned to approve the Jump Start Credits, as presented. MC 4-0

Items Arising: School Board members were provided a “West Valley School District” shirt. Dr. Finch shared that senior, Skye Stenehjem, helped us get a great start to the school year by delivering an inspirational speech to our staff at our Back-to-School Rally.

Reports: The following reports were included in the Board packet:

- A. Travel Log Report 2022-23
- B. Travel Log Report 2023-24
- C. High School ASB Report

Superintendent’s Report: Dr. Finch shared the various funding sources for preschool in Washington State. There are preschool classes available at all elementary schools in West Valley and we have 20 “Official Partners” that coordinate preschool in our community. In addition, the District offers “Play and Learn” sessions at each elementary school on Fridays during the school year. Representatives from the Official Partner organizations meet on a monthly basis to coordinate curriculum, instruction, assessment, and family engagement.

Board Reports/Board Development: Mike Meyer continues to take governance courses. Mark Mochel met and spoke with six principals as well as Magieline from Child Nutrition to discuss the start of the new school year.

Closed Session - Collective Bargaining: Mr. Mochel asked Dr. Finch if the collective bargaining was regarding the West Valley Education Association (WVEA). Dr. Finch said that the collective bargaining was not regarding the WVEA. At 7:30 p.m., the Board moved into a Closed Session to discuss Collective Bargaining, expected to last fifteen (15) minutes with no action to follow. At 7:46 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Dave Jaeger, Vice-President