

West Valley School District No. 208

Study Session/Regular Board Meeting Minutes Monday, March 13, 2017

After having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in a Study Session followed by a Regular Session on Monday, March 13, 2017, in the Apple Valley Elementary School Library, 7 N. 88th Avenue, Yakima, Washington.

Board of Director present: Vice President Mike Meyer, Mike Carey, Dave Jaeger, and Jeffrey Smith

Administrative Staff present: Dr. Mike Brophy, Dr. Peter Finch, Angela Watts, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Call to Order: At 6:00 p.m., Vice President, Mike Meyer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Communications: The Board pack included Proclamations from Governor Inslee, recognizing classified employees and Washington state retirees.

Discussion Items:

A. Bond After Thoughts

Dr. Brophy reviewed options outlined in the document included in the board packet and asked the board for direction. A district map was provided to the board, illustrating the elementary buildings' boundaries and possible attendance area changes.

He stated the district will notify EPIC and Headstart of our need for additional classrooms so they may need to vacate the district classrooms they are currently occupying.

He shared with the board that the district will continue to accept out-of-boundary and out-of-district requests. On August 1, 2017, the admin team will determine the status of the requests.

Dr. Brophy suggested Wide Hollow may become a busing school and the PAL program could be housed in all elementary buildings instead of exclusively at one building.

The board asked attendees for input. After a lengthy discussion and comment period, the board directed Dr. Brophy to not change the elementary enrollment boundaries, continue to accept out-of-boundary and out-of-district student requests for review and approval after August 1st, provide notice to all outside agencies that they may be required to vacate, divide the Wide Hollow PAL program so that it is offered in each elementary, and the special education preschool program will remain at Ahtanum Elementary.

B. WSSDA Conference Ideas

High School board representative, Chloe Williams was not present. Therefore, the topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

C. High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

Dr. Brophy explained the need to change Chris Nesmith's duties from Assistant Principal/CTE Director to full-time CTE Director. The CTE program has grown making it difficult to spend adequate time doing both.

The change would allow Klayton Wycoff, High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director to become Assistant Principal/West Valley Online Academy Director, creating an opening for the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director position.

At 6:51 p.m., Mike Carey requested the board adjourn the Study Session with a break to reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m., the board reconvened into Regular Session with board student representative, Chloe Williams present.

Dr. Brophy suggested moving the discussion items to the end of the agenda to allow the building presentation to proceed. The board agreed.

High School Student Report: Chloe Williams reported on the ASB elections, the district musical, SBAC testing, and spring sports.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment: Visitors present were Lucas Jaeger, Heidi Taylor, Tai Brennen, Robert Swope, Ben McMurray, Eva Lust, Amber Stiles-Gill, Jennifer Sanderson, Pam Wyatt, Megan Prkut, Rebekah Olden, Sally Schlect, Susan Olden, Danielle Crawford, Richard Pryor, Megan Brown, Julie Edwards, Stephen Robertson, Jerry Prescott, and Michael Moore.

Mike Meyer opened the public forum at 7:02 p.m. Molin Short shared her desire to be employed by the district. Dr. Brophy encouraged her to watch our website.

Michael More expressed his concern of the district placing a bond on the fall ballot. Dr. Brophy stated the board will be discussing it soon.

With no other comments Mike Meyer closed the public forum at 7:05 p.m.

Apple Valley Elementary Program: Heidi Sutton, Principal, introduced the Apple Valley student leaders. They shared how they help with school activities, including community service projects. Kristen Williams, teacher and student leadership advisor, explained how the students were selected and how they give up their lunch time to be a leader.

Mrs. Sutton talked about their building's Watch Dogs program, which is dads of great students. After the dads have completed training, they are able to spend a day in the classroom.

Amy Walker, teacher, explained how her students complete their writing assignments after the integration and collaboration of their science class with Ms. Masengale. Her students talked about what they learned and shared their work with the board.

Ms. Sutton provided a summary of Apple Valley's spring 2016 SVAC scores. She noted they were recognized as a "2016 School of Distinction".

Kristen Williams led the board in an active engagement game, demonstrating the use of technology used in her classroom.

Discussion Items:

D. High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

Dr. Brophy continued the discussion on the position from the study session. He reiterated Chris Nesmith will be full-time CTE Director, starting next year. Klayton Wycoff will remain a High School Assistant Principal, but supervise the West Valley Virtual Academy instead of performing athletic director duties. Board members asked questions and discussed the changes. The discussion will continue at the next study session on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

E. Middle School Program

Dr. Brophy explained why the Middle School class time and structure will be changing next year. Based on review of the students' test scores and data, administration determined there was a need to increase math and language arts instruction. Assistant Principal, Russ Tuman, explained the six period schedule

consisting of four core classes with two electives. The new core class structure could limit students from taking both band and choir with the goal of getting all students to meet standards by allowing them to receive intervention time.

F. Successful 1:1 Device Launch

Jeremy Cox, IT Director, discussed the survey results of the Chromebooks. He stated the IT Department learned many things from this year's 1:1 device launch which will improve the process of future deployments.

The district will provide Google trainings at the Summer Institute in June and August.

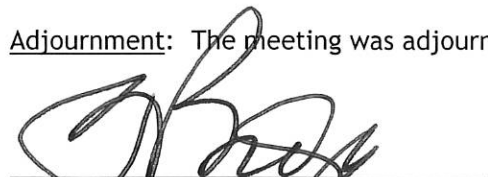
Mr. Cox explained how the Chromebooks are maintained.

Items Arising: Mike Carey expressed his concern over the format of combining the study session with the regular meeting.


Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was in the packet. The report included important dates, school board meetings and study session topics.

Board Reports/Board Development: No reports or developments were brought to the table.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Dr. Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Mike Meyer, Vice President