

## West Valley School District No. 208

### Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 9, 2022

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 9, 2022, in the West Valley High School Auditorium, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via Zoom Webinar ID# 819 0062 7852.

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

**Administrative Staff present:** Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Joe Connolly, Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake, Executive Director of Innovation Jed Watters, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

**Call to Order:** At 7:02 p.m., President Mark Strong called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mark Strong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Communications:** Staff Retirement Recognition - The Board Recognized Denise Traplsi for her years of service in West Valley.

**Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items:** At 7:03 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. One community member thanked the Bond Oversight Committee for their work and commented on CHS schedules conflicting with band at the high school.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 7:07 p.m.

**Discussion Items:** Capital Projects, Facility Needs, Bond Defeasance, and Use of Remaining Funds from Recent Construction Projects -Board members shared their ideas regarding capital projects, facility needs, bond defeasance, and use of the remaining funds from the recent construction projects. Michael Thorner, Mike Meyer and Mark Mochel agree that the funds should be returned to the taxpayers. Dave Jaeger would like to see the funds used to for future construction and ongoing projects. Mark Strong said he would like to hear from the community about how the remaining funds should be used.

**Public Comment of Discussion Agenda Items:** At 8:05 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. Members of the community shared their ideas regarding the use of the remaining bond funds.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 8:26 p.m.

### **Action Items:**

A. Approval of Minutes

1. July 26, 2022 Study Session
2. July 26, 2022 Board Meeting

*Michael Thorner motioned to approve the minutes, as presented. MC 5-0.*

**B. Approval of Travel Requests**

1. Peter Finch AASA Early Learning Cohort Site Visit, Boston, MA - November 13-16, 2022.
2. Peter Finch AASA National Conference, San Antonio, TX- February 14-18, 2023.
3. Peter Finch AASA Early Learning Cohort Site Visit, Boise, ID - April 12-14, 2023.

*Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the travel requests, as presented. MC 5-0.*

**Items Arising:** Mark Mochel asked the administration to prepare updated information to share with parents, periodically, regarding internet safety.

**Superintendent's Report:**

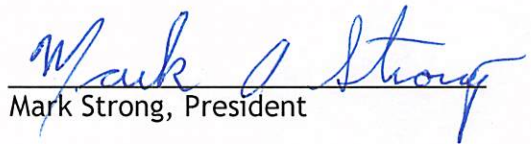
Dr. Finch shared the schedule for professional development to prepare for the 2022/23 school year. The District focus is Universal Design for Learning. Each school has scheduled Building Directed Optional Days to focus on building goals.

**Board Reports/Board Development:** None reported.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



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Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent

  
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Mark Strong, President