

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 9, 2021

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in a Study Session on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, in the West Valley Junior High auditorium, 7505 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via Zoom Webinar ID# 837 2726 7854.

Board of Directors present: President Mark Strong, Dave Jaeger, and Mark Mochel. Michael Thorner attended via Zoom.

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

Call to Order: At 6:01 p.m., President Mark Strong called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Strong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Communications: None was no communication to report.

Discussion Items: Data Summit - Board members reviewed the packet of information that included in the Board packet. This information included the fall scores from the iReady Reading and Math diagnostic assessments. Kindergarten students scored above the national averages in all areas this fall. Dr. Finch said we will be targeting our current 8th grade students for additional assistance, explaining the last time these students had a full year of in-person school was their 5th grade year.

Board members reviewed data from past assessments that showed groups of students have different levels of achievement throughout our system. For example, on the Smarter Balanced assessments, there are different levels of achievement for White students and Hispanic students; and, different levels of achievement for student with IEP's and students without IEP's. There are differences in graduation rates as well. Dr. Finch emphasized that our goal is to have high achievement for all students and that our focus on equity and inclusion is important work to provide the supports needed for students and the mindset needed by educators to ensure that students receive the supports that they need to succeed.

Dave Jaeger requested that information be included in future Data Summits regarding post-secondary military service by West Valley graduates.

Items Arising: No items were reported.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Mark Strong, President