

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 8, 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, February 8, 2022, in the West Valley High School Auditorium, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via Zoom Webinar ID# 865 5743 9102.

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Joe Connolly, Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake, Human Resource Director Jerry Holsten, Engagement Coordinator Minerva Pardo, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Lori Jones.

Call to Order: At 7:03 p.m., President Mark Strong called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was held at the Study Session.

Mark Strong motioned to excuse Michael Thorner from attending the meeting. MC 4-0

Changes to the Agenda: Dr. Finch added, Approval of Travel Request, as Action Item 7C.

Communications: There was no communication to report.

School Presentation/Program: Rick Ferguson, Wide Hollow STEAM Elementary Principal introduced students from the K-Kids/Kiwanis Program. There was also a video presentation from students in the K-Kids Club and Cub Connections. The students expressed how the program has boosted confidence and speaking skills.

Don Young and Linh Tran, Kiwanis members spoke about the partnership between Kiwanis and the West Valley School District. There is Key Club at the High School, Builders Club at the Mid-Level Campus and K-Kids at Wide Hollow Elementary.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:18 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment.

Karyl Blevins, Amanda Rodriguez, Peter Marinace and Megan Mauch expressed concerns about the equity and inclusion efforts at the high school to ensure that all students feel a sense of belonging and district masking requirements.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 7:38 p.m.

Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. January 25, 2022 Study Session
2. January 25, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

- B. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) SECOND READING
1. 2126 Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
 2. 3246 Restraint, Isolation, and Other Uses of Reasonable Force
 3. 3520 Student Fees, Fines or Charges
 4. 5400 Personnel Leaves

Mark Mochel motioned to approve the SECOND reading of policies listed, as presented. MC 4-0

- C. Approval of Travel Request
1. Bynum / James, High School JROTC Competition, Kennewick WA - February 18-19, 2022.

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the Travel Request, as presented. MC 4-0

Items Arising: No items were reported.

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

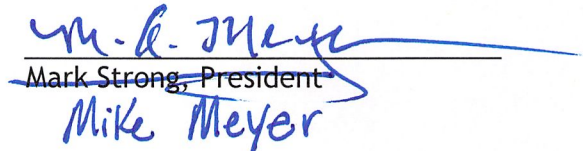
Board Reports/Board Development: Dr. Finch shared that the Innovation Center Stem Fair is Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Families of current Innovation Center students are invited from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The West Valley School District Community is invited to attend from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Closed Session: At 7:50 p.m., the Board moved to a Closed Session to discuss; planning/adopting strategy/position for collective bargaining, professional negotiations, grievance, and mediation proceedings expected to last twenty-five (25) minutes with no action to follow. At 8:12 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



~~Mark Strong, President~~
Mike Meyer