

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 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, March 8, 2022, in the West Valley High School Auditorium, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via Zoom Webinar ID# 882 1400 0221.

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, Director of Student and Family Support Lucas Jaeger, 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: The Pledge of Allegiance was held at the Study Session.

Changes to the Agenda: Travel Request for Tom Robinson was added as Action Item B.9.

Communications:

- A. Staff Recognition - Jesse Golbek was recognized by the School Board for completing the process to be re-certified as a National Board Certified Teacher. Her certification will be valid for the next ten years. West Valley supports a cohort of teachers each year to work towards their National Board Certification.

School Presentation/Program: Mountainview Elementary - Debbie Cameron, principal, and Stacey De Wet, counselor, provided a PowerPoint overview of social-emotional learning at Mountainview including instruction for all students on the brain and executive function and tiered intervention as needed, such as individualized check-in and check-out protocols.

The presentation highlighted a room, called the Hubb, where students can check-in and "re-set" themselves for the day. The presentation also shared the importance of the universal screen for both internalizing and externalizing behaviors. And research was presented that demonstrated that positive social-emotional foundations have a positive impact on student learning.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:36 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment.

Peter Marinace, Amanda Gaskill, Julie Ericson, Karyl Blevins, and Tara Cobia expressed concerns about equity and inclusion, facilities, and stewardship of district resources.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 7:59 p.m.

Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. February 22, 2022 Study Session
2. February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the minutes, as presented. MC 5-0.

B. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Sutton / McKinney / Mellander / Stratton / Rosenthal, Camp Waskowitz, North Bend, WA - May 10-13, 2022.
2. Col James / MSG Bynum, JCLC Leadership Challenge, Warrenton, OR - May 11-15 2022.
3. MaryRose Tahat, Knowledge Bowl State Meet, Wenatchee, WA - March 18-19, 2022.
4. Griffiths / Fulton / Preacher / Scacco-Morton, Tri Cities Tennis Invitational, Richland, WA - April 15-16, 2022.
5. Griffiths / Fulton / Preacher / Scacco-Morton, Inland Empire Tennis Tournament, Spokane, WA - April 28-30, 2022.
6. Eyman / Scott / Johnson / Bynum / Mata / Chavez / DeLeon / JT Statler, Football Game, Juneau AK - September 8-10, 2022.
7. Erika Goodall, Cheer Camp, Centralia WA - August 4-7, 2022.
8. Ryan Scott / Dan Eyman / Edwin Johnson, Penn State Coaches Clinic, State College, PA - March 24-29, 2022.
9. Tom Robinson, DECA Competition, Atlanta, GA - April 22-27, 2022.

Mike Meyer shared his concerns about the two, out of state travel requests listed for football. He inquired about the cost for travel request # 6 for the football team to travel to Juneau, Alaska. Dr. Finch stated he also asked about the funding and was told the Juneau team is providing funding for travel costs.

Michael Thorner motioned to approve travel requests #1-7 and #9, as presented. MC 5-0.

Michael Thorner motioned to approve travel request #8, as presented. MC 4-1.

Voting Yeas: Dave Jaeger, Mark Mochel, Mark Strong, and Michael Thorner. Voting Nay: Mike Meyer.

Items Arising: No items were reported.

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

Board Reports/Board Development: Dave Jaeger expressed appreciation for staff and he said he is looking forward to next week when masks will be optional. He highlighted an article from the Yakima Herald-Republic where Mid-Level Campus teacher, Tiffany Williams, had the final quote - she is looking forward to seeing her students' smile.

Michael Thorner expressed appreciation for all of the staff and students who made Matilda the Musical a success. He also expressed appreciation for the school's decision to allow students to attend the production for free. He pointed out that all four shows were sold-

out. He said it was awesome to see the support from students for their classmates who performed in the musical.

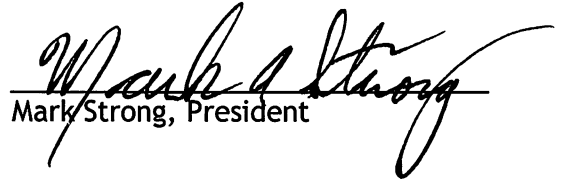
Mike Meyer expressed appreciation for all of the staff who guided students to success in the production of Matilda the Musical. He said that the production was fantastic.

Mark Mochel expressed appreciation for the students who organized the Mr. West Valley competition and the show. He said that it was a quality show and it was a great cause to support the Children's Miracle Network in partnership with the Memorial Foundation.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Mark Strong, President