

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes February 21, 2018

Having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met for a Study Session on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, in room 1245 of the West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Those present for the study session were: President Michael Thorner, Mike Meyer, Mark Strong, Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, CTE Director Christopher Nesmith, Teacher Kristin Williams, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Call to order: At 6:30 a.m. President Michael Thorner called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Michael Thorner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Communications: None

Executive Session: At 6:45 a.m. the Board moved into Executive Session to last 20 minutes to review the performance of a public employee with no action to follow. At 7:07 a.m. the Board reconvened into regular session.

Study Session/Special Meeting:

The purpose of meeting/items discussed: Data Summit

Dr. Brophy stated this is the second of three data summits scheduled for this year. He reviewed each of the points listed in the Data Dashboard Report provided for the Board. He began with West Valley's Graduation Rate and Postsecondary Enrollment. Christopher Nesmith explained the difficulty of tracking postsecondary enrollment, but noted higher poverty and males generally enroll in a two-year college while females attend a four-year school.

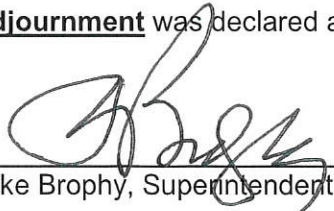
Kristen Williams, teacher, and Dr. Finch explained the iReady Testing and how the data from the assessment is used throughout the year determining student growth and identifying students who are candidates for Jump Start, summer school. Discussion continued on the remaining points in the report and Board members questions were answered.

President Thorner expressed appreciation for the data and explained how the administration's deep dive into the data provides a better understanding for Board members.


The second handout was a listing of class ELA and Math data comparisons from last spring to current. Dr. Brophy discusses with principals what they are doing with their PLC (Professional Learning Communities). Dr. Finch explained that the tests are adaptive and individualized for each student to ensure accurate identification of student performance level. Classroom visits are used to see the rigor within the classroom and reinforce the academic behavior.

Items Arising: None

Adjournment was declared at 8:00 a.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorner President