

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 23, 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 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Valley High School Auditorium, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via Zoom Webinar ID# 83605801 5678.

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Student/Family/Community Engagement Coordinator Minerva Pardo, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 7:00 p.m., President Mark Strong called the meeting to order.

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

Changes to the Agenda: Dr. Finch tabled Action Item 9.D, Approval of Instructional Materials Committee so that administration could work on clarifying the procedures for the policy.

Communications:

A. Response to Public Comment -

Dr. Peter Finch provided a response to public comments, questions and concerns that were raised by the public during the July 26, 2022, School Board meeting. The community member had questioned why the district no longer provides Driver's Education at the high school. Dr. Finch explained that schools began to phase-out Driver's Ed in the 1990's when the state eliminated funding for the program. Driver's Ed would be costly to fund with local funds as there are costs for the purchase, maintenance, and periodic replacement of vehicles as well as the cost for fuel, staffing, and insurance for student-drivers.

AASA Lighthouse System Presentation: AASA representative, Dr. Robert Peters, provided information to the School Board regarding the rationale for West Valley's selection as the only school system in the nation to receive recognition as an AASA Lighthouse System for Early Learning. This recognition is a tribute to the work of our teachers, administrators, support staff, home visitors, and community partners.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:08 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment, and with none, Mr. Strong closed the public forum at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. August 9, 2022 Study Session
2. August 9, 2022 Board Meeting

B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll

1. General Fund - Check #238140-238203-238217-238289
2. Capital Projects Fund - Check #238213-238216; 238296-238302
3. ASB Fund - Check #238204-238212; 238290-238295
4. Payroll - August 2022

5. Procurement Card Detail

C. Financial Reports

1. Budget Status Report
2. General Fund Balance by Month and Year
3. General Fund Monthly Revenue and Expenditure
4. Fund Balance Detail
5. Capital Projects Fund - Balance Recap
6. Capital Project Fund - Project 1701 Summitview
7. Capital Project Fund - Project 1702 Apple Valley

D. Approval of Employment Contracts

1. Employment Overview
2. Berndt-Davis, Alexis Title 1 Reading Intervention Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
3. Berndt-Davis, Alexis Volleyball Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
4. Diaz, Maria Head Custodian @ Summitview Elementary
5. Groves, Jaime Transition to Kindergarten @ Cottonwood Elementary
6. Gutierrez, Maribel Medical Assistant @ West Valley School District
7. Harris, Matthew Groundskeeper @ Facilities Department
8. Haubrick, Laurie Instructional Paraprofessional @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
9. Hernandez, Amy Medical Assistant @ West Valley School District
10. Kephart, Amanda Instructional Paraprofessional @ Mountainview Elementary
11. Lancaster, Julie Special Education Paraprofessional @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
12. LaTour, Tanner 5th Grade (PAL) Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
13. Little, Andrea 2nd Grade Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
14. Lowe, Calvin Football Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
15. Mathews, Taylor Math Teacher @ West Valley High School
16. Maybee, Alan Driver @ Child Nutrition Department
17. Pond, Roxane PBIS Tier 2 Behavior Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
18. Richards, Katie Medical Assistant @ West Valley School District
19. Rikard, Sydney Volleyball Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
20. Sadeddin, Michael Football Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
21. Scully, Blake Coordinator @ Facilities Department
22. Shelton, Jason Volunteer Football Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
23. Silva, Ashley Volleyball Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
24. Smith, Jeffrey Football Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
25. Spraker, Guadellen Server @ Child Nutrition Department
26. Thompson, Amanda Special Education Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
27. VanDyken, Trent 1st Grade Teacher @ Summitview Elementary
28. Watson, Tammy One to One Paraprofessional @ West Valley High School
29. Wise, Bernadette Special Education Paraprofessional @ Apple Valley Elementary

E. Approval of Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)/Separation(s)

1. Atterberry, Karen RTI Coach @ Cottonwood Elementary
2. Bowden, Tina Paraprofessional @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
3. Gettman, Taylor PBIS Tier 2 Behavior Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
4. Holsten, Jerry HR Director @ West Valley School District
5. Larson, Brandon Football Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
6. Lopez, Alesha Server @ Child Nutrition Department

7. Plath, Amanda Instructional Paraprofessional @ Cottonwood Elementary
8. Quenzer, Emilie SPED Paraprofessional @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
9. Sumerfield, Christy Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary

F. Approval of Leave Requests

1. Benedicto, Magieline Leave of Absence Aug. 18 - Aug. 26, 2022.
2. Coomer, Joan Leave of Absence Aug. 24 - Jan. 17, 2023.
3. Lancaster, Julie Leave of Absence Aug. 24 - Sept. 7, 2022.

Michael Thorner motioned to approve the consent agenda, as presented. MC 5-0.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Jedediah Watters 2022 NACEP National Conference, Minneapolis MN - November 5-9, 2022.

Michael Thorner motioned to approve the travel requests, as presented. MC 5-0.

B. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) SECOND Reading

1. 1400 Meeting Conduct, Order of Business, and Quorum
2. 1410 Executive or Closed Sessions
3. 1420 Proposed Agenda and Consent Agenda
4. 2110 Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program
5. 3116 Students in Foster Care
6. 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences
7. 3432 Emergencies
8. 4210 Regulation of Dangerous Weapons
9. 4218 Language Access
10. 5001 Hiring of Retired School Employees
11. 5011 Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited
12. 5610 Substitute Employment
13. 5612 Temporary Administrators
14. 6112 Rental or Lease of District Real Property
15. 6700 Nutrition, Health, and Physical Education

Mark Strong motioned to approve the SECOND reading of policies listed. MC 5-0.

C. Approval of Jump Start Credits

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve Jump Start Credits, as presented. MC 5-0.

- D. Approval of Instructional Materials Committee 2022-23 - This item was tabled so that administration could work on clarifying the procedures for the policy.

Discussion Items:

A. Letter to Legislators Regarding RCW 28A.642.080 - Board members discussed sending a letter to our local legislators from the 14th Legislative District to request funding to implement RCW 28A.642.080 to remodel bathrooms in our schools from common bathrooms to single use bathrooms. The letter included the request that any remodel of the bathrooms would not jeopardize the schedule for state modernization funding in the future. Most of the Board members said they were ready to sign the letter. Mark Mochel requested more time to consider the letter. Board members honored his request.

Public Comment of Discussion Items: At 7:25 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. One community member commented and requested that the district have transparent communication about bathrooms, changing rooms, and the availability of a private restroom in the school office.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 7:27 p.m.

Items Arising: No items were reported.

Reports: The following reports were included in the Board packet:

A. Travel Log Report

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Finch thanked Administrative Assistant Stephanie Smith for her work to review all district policies and developed a schedule for required annual reports. Superintendent's Report for the meeting included reports that were appropriate to review the past school year and to prepare for the upcoming school year, including:

- Policy 2255 - Alternative Learning Experience Courses
- Policy 3123 - Withdrawal Prior to Graduation
- Policy 3205 - Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited
- Policy 3246 - Restraint, Isolation, and Other Uses of Reasonable Force
- Policy 5011 - Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited
- Policy 5520 - Staff Development
- Policy 6605 - Student Safety Walking, Biking, and Riding Buses to School
- Policy 6640 - District-Owned Vehicles

Board Reports/Board Development: Mark Mochel thanked all of our school staff for their preparations to make sure that students had a great first day of school. Mark Strong thanked staff and student groups for the positive energy at the high school for the Family Engagement Conferences.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Mark Strong, President