

## West Valley School District No. 208

### Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 25, 2020

After having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the library of West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

**Board of Directors** present: President Mike Meyer, Dave Jaeger, Mark Strong, Melissa Robertson, Michael Thorner, and Student Representatives Grant Picket and Madisyn Ross.

**Administrative Staff** present: Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen, Futures and Innovations Director Chris Nesmith, Human Resource Director Randy Souers, Human Resource Specialist Traci Cox, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

**Call to Order:** At 7:03 p.m., President Mike Meyer called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted at the beginning of the Study Session.

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

#### **Communications:**

CBRE/HEERY's Monthly Construction Report for January 2020 was included in the Board packet. Rob Gross and Anjerie Nemrow presented a PowerPoint on the Capital Bond Program, detailing the construction site progress. Rob stated that the construction documents are complete and are currently being processed with the City of Yakima. The land use applications have been approved. The D-7 form is being prepared in anticipation of receiving the D-8 form from OSPI before the Bid Package is approved. The next steps include the development of the bid packages, preparation of the final cost estimate, site preparation, and groundbreaking. The Apple Valley site will start first, followed by Summitview.

Rob and Anjerie are working together to develop the "Construction Connection," providing the Community with a way to connect with the Project Team and ask questions about the projects.

In appreciation of Administrator Appreciation Week, Student Representative Madisyn Ross read a proclamation on behalf of the School Board.

**High School Student Report:** The student representatives reported on the current High School activities: 1) the Mr. West Valley YouthWorks Pageant raised just under \$24,000 for children's health care programs and services at Virginia Mason Memorial and Children's Village, 2) a celebration is planned for Black History Month, 3) Boys basketball qualified for State, 4) there will be a Mother/Son Social coming soon, and 5) High School Student Representative interviews will take place March 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> for the next school year.

#### **Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment Non-Discussion/Agenda Items:**

Visitors present were: Rob Gross, Amie French, Susan Olden, Ryan Mathews, Brandy Schwartz, Russel Tuman, Peter Marinace, Bradley Liebrecht, Stacey Drake, Tiffany Williams, Rebekah Olden, Audeen Smart, Jill Armstrong, Wendy Clark, Amie French, Rikki Cooper, Eva Lust, Michelle Siguenza, Nick Hartman, Katie Heary, Susan Olden, and Brittany Tew.

At 7:18 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions, and concerns from the audience.

Michael Moore, a District parent, shared his experience as he recently volunteered to chaperone the 6<sup>th</sup>-grade band students at the All-State Music Conference. Mr. Moore stated it was a wonderful experience and thanked Meagan Ley for the opportunity to watch her instruct students while engaging and coaching her peers on the instructional process.

Michael Meyer closed the public forum at 7:22 p.m.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. February 11, 2020 Community Forum Minutes
  - 2. February 11, 2020 Regular Minutes
  
- B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll
  - 1. General Fund - Check# 229789-229920; 229979-230130
  - 2. Capital Projects Fund - Check# 229949-229952; 230155-230157
  - 3. ASB Fund - Check# 229921-229948; 230131-230154
  - 4. Payroll - February 2020
  - 5. Procurement Detail
  
- C. Financial Reports
  - 1. January 2020 Financial Reports
  - 2. January 2020 Budget Status Report
  - 3. Capital Projects Fund-Project Expenditure Reports
  - 4. Capital Projects Fund-Project Expenditure Reports
  
- D. Approval of Capital Outlay (over \$75,000 as per policy 6210)  
None reported.
  
- E. Approval of Employment Contracts
  - 1. Employment Overview
  - 2. Arnold, John Volunteer Softball Coach @ West Valley High School
  - 3. Din, Reuben Volunteer Soccer Coach @ West Valley High School
  - 4. Liebrecht, Terry Volunteer Baseball Coach @ West Valley Junior High
  - 5. Perez, Gabrielle Girls Soccer Coach @ West Valley Junior High
  - 6. Ross, Ryan Volunteer Baseball Coach @ West Valley High School
  - 7. VanDeBrake, Jace Volunteer Baseball Coach @ West Valley High School
  - 8. Wagar, Carol Volunteer Girls Tennis Coach @ West Valley High School
  
- F. Approval of Resignations/Retirements
  - 1. Berube, Michael Math Teacher @ West Valley High School
  - 2. Carey, Sabrena PE Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
  - 3. Hanses, Katy Cheer Coach @ West Valley High School
  - 4. Lewis, Judi Coordinator @ Special Education Department
  - 5. Raddas, Sheryl Transportation Coordinator @ Transportation Department
  - 6. Rouleau, Janet Special Education Teacher @ West Valley Junior High
  - 7. Yergen, Marjorie Science Teacher @ West Valley Junior High
  - 8. Mauch, Lisa Paraprofessional @ Special Education Department
  
- G. Approval of Leave Requests
  - 1. Carey, Sabrena February 10, 2020 - TBD Leave of Absence
  - 2. Daily, Erika February 21, 2020 - May 25, 2020 Leave of Absence
  - 3. Quantrille, Elizabeth January 7, 2020 - TBD Leave of Absence

Michael Meyer made the motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented. MC 5-0.

**Discussion Items:**

- A. Grade Configuration/Policy 2210 Grade Organization
- B. Use of the Freshman Campus

Dr. Brophy thanked Peter Finch for leading the Grade Configuration Committee and Ben McMurry for leading the Freshman Campus focus group. He also thanked Rebekah Olden for her time and dedication in assisting with the configuration process, as well as every teacher, parent, staff, and community member for their participation in the process.

Currently, the District's Grade Organization is as follows:

- K-4 Elementary School
- 5-6 Middle School
- 7-8 Junior High
- 9 Freshman Campus
- 10-12 High School

Mike recommended the Board approve the first reading of Policy 2210-Grade Organization, authorizing the following grade configuration changes effective the beginning of the 2021-22 school year:

- K-5 Elementary School
- 6-8 Middle School
- 9-12 High School

Michael Thorner, Melissa Robertson, and Mark Strong stated they like and support the idea of the District moving to the new Grade Organization. However, they are not committed to the idea of the Freshman Campus being an Innovative School. Michael, Melissa, and Mark requested that the District allow the Long-Range Facilities Committee more time to weigh in on long-term building plans.

Dave Jaeger and Mike Meyer feel that it is in the District's best interest to move forward with the Freshman Campus becoming an Innovative School.

#### **Public Comments Re: Discussion Items**

At 8:07 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions, and concerns from the audience.

District Parents: Ryan Mathews, Amie French, Rikki Cooper, and Michael Moore stated they appreciate the Board voicing their concern for the use of the Freshman Campus. They also requested that the District allow more time for the Long-Range Facilities Committee to meet and complete the job assigned to them.

Jill Armstrong, a District parent, stated she likes the idea of the Freshman Campus becoming an Innovative School. She expressed that her daughter would benefit from the given opportunity.

Michael Meyer closed the public forum at 8:24 p.m.

#### **Action Items:**

##### **A. Approval of Travel Requests**

1. J Sanderson / J Copeland Train the Trainer LETRS Training, Dallas TX-June 15-19, 2020.
2. Katy Hanses, Boys/Girls Basketball State, Tacoma, WA-March 3-7, 2020.
3. Katy Hanses, Boys/Girls Basketball Regionals, TBD, WA-February 29-March 1, 2020.
4. Peter Finch, National Research Conf. on Early Childhood, Arlington, VA-June 21-24, 2020.
5. Nick Hartman, Innovative Schools Summit, Las Vegas, NV-July 6-10, 2020.
6. Jeff Parks / Martha Torrico CMP Regional Air Rifle Championships, Sandy, UT-March 31-April 5, 2020.
7. Jill O'Brien, State Golf-Girls, Liberty Lake, WA-May 26-28, 2020.
8. Rob O'Brien, State Gold-Boys, Liberty Lake, WA-May 26-28, 2020.
9. Jeremy Cox, ACPE Annual Conference, Welches, OR-May 5-8, 2020.
10. Taylor Alvarez, FCCLA State, Wenatchee, WA-March 18-20, 2020.

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve travel requests, as presented. MC 5-0.

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

1. Policy 3510 Associated Student Bodies
2. Policy 6700 Nutrition Health and Physical Fitness
3. Policy 2210 Grade Organization

Michael Meyer stated he wants the District and Community to be clear that the changes to Policy 2210 do not commit the School District to use the Freshman Campus as an Innovative School. It simply allows for a change in grade organization to take effect at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the first reading of the policies as listed. MC 5-0.

**C. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) Second Reading**

1. Policy 3115 Students Experiencing Homelessness
2. Policy 3207 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying
3. Delete Policy 3240-Covered in Policy 3241
4. Policy 3241 Student Discipline renamed and revised
5. Policy 3120 Enrollment
6. Policy 3231 Student Records
7. Policy 3520 Student Fines
8. Policy 2418, Waiver of HS Graduation Requirements
9. Policy 4210 Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises
10. Policy 4215 Use of Tobacco, Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices
11. Policy 3245 Students and Telecommunication Devices

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the second reading of the policies as listed. MC 5-0.

**D. Approval of Jump Start Credit**

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the Jump Start Credit. MC 5-0.

**Items Arising:** No items were reported.

**Administrative Reports:**

- A. Enrollment Report
- B. Safety Report
- C. Travel Log Report

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Brophy's report was included in the Board packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings, and Study Session topics. Dr. Brophy stated that the OIC program is doing a great job. Thirty-three students recently completed the construction of a house for Habitat for Humanity, and thirty-three new students are ready to begin the Manufacturing Program.

**District Committee Reports:**

**A. Bond Oversight Committee (BOC)**

Peter Marinace provided an overview of the February 19, 2020, BOC meeting minutes, which were included in the Board packet. Peter pointed out a concern with the CBRE/HEERY's contract, and the School Board may want to follow up with their legal counsel.

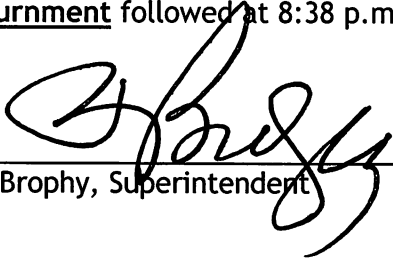
**B. Long-Range Facilities Committee**

Ryan Mathews stated the Long-Range Facilities Committee has a meeting scheduled for March 31, 2020, to discuss short-term and long-range facility use and possible boundary changes.

**Board Reports/Board Development:** None reported.

**Executive or Closed Session:** Not needed.

Adjournment followed at 8:38 p.m.

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Mike Brophy, Superintendent

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Mike Meyer, President