

## West Valley School District No. 208

### Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 14, 2023

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 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mountainview Elementary School Library, 830 Stone Road, Yakima, WA. 98908, and via YouTube Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/YY3maF37ai4?feature=share>.

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

**Administrative Staff present:** Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake, Executive Director of Innovation Jed Watters, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

**Call to Order:** At 7:05 p.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:**

- 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 February 28, 2023, School Board meeting.

In response regarding the procedure to review library books, Dr Finch stated that when requesting to review library books, a person should contact the school principal and arrange a time to visit the school library.

In response regarding the use of Emergency Relief funds, Dr Finch explained that the District's focus for the use of Emergency Relief funds during this school year has been to provide academic support and intervention during the school day for students who were negatively impacted by the COVID pandemic. Funds for academic intervention have been used for additional parapro staff at the elementary level and additional certificated staff at the secondary level.

- B. School Retirees Appreciation Week - Mountainview student, Rose Hansen, read the proclamation by the Governor.
- C. NASA Student Award - Mountainview student, Anna Hullet, received national recognition for the NASA Power to Explore Challenge. Anna was one of only 15 students in the nation for her grade band who received recognition. Anna is a fifth grade students and the grade band was for Grades 5-8 so she was competing against eighth grade students in the competition.

**School Presentation/Program:** Mountainview Elementary Principal, Debbie Cameron, shared information about the school's focus on inclusion and removing barriers for students. Fourth grade teachers, Rhonda Hutton and Cheri Grange, presented information about how they share students for math instruction and they provide differentiated instruction for students. Kindergarten teachers, Brooke Woodward and Amber Caffrey, explained how they use formative assessments to target instruction.

**Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items:** At 7:52 p.m., President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. One parent suggested there should be more security cameras installed at the middle school. Another parent expressed concern about the Sexual Health unit that is taught at fifth grade. Another parent had some suggestions about the data summit, and shared that Sunrise Rotary will have their Speech Competition this spring, with \$10,000 in scholarship funds for seniors.

With no further requests, President Thorner closed the public forum at 8:02 p.m.

**Approval Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

1. February 28, 2023 Board Meeting

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

**B. Approval of Travel Requests**

1. Peter Finch National Head Start Association Conference, Phoenix, AZ- May 10-11, 2023.
2. Kim Scacco-Morton Tri City Invite Tournament, Tri-Cities, WA- April 14-15, 2023.
3. Kim Scacco-Morton Inland Empire Tennis Tournament, Spokane, WA- April 27-29, 2023.
4. Jeff Weeks Palouse Ridge Golf Invitational, Pullman, WA- April 19-20, 2023.

*Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the travel requests, as presented. MC 5-0.*

**Action Items:**

**A. Approval of Resolution(s)**

1. #23-03-752 Approval Settlement in Juul Litigation

*Mike Meyer motioned to approve Resolution #23-03-752, as presented. MC 5-0.*

**B. Approval of Waiver of Bid Requirements for Ahtanum Valley Drain Field/Septic Project.**

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the Waiver of Bid Requirements for Ahtanum Valley Drain Field/Septic Project, as presented. MC 5-0.

**Items Arising:** Dr. Finch encouraged community members to attend the upcoming Community Forum next Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the High School Auditorium to hear from the community regarding the use of the remaining bond funds. There are approximately \$19.1 million in remaining bond funds.

**Superintendent's Report:** In a written report, Dr. Finch shared that the District will be undertaking a Strategic Planning process in the 2023/24 school year. The admin team will be working this spring to develop our Readiness to Benefit for Strategic Planning.

**Board Reports/Board Development:** Dave Jaeger shared that he attended Seussical the musical and was amazed by the performance of over 100 students.

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



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Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



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Michael Thorner, President