

## West Valley School District No. 208

### Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 10, 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, December 10, 2019, 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, Mark Strong, Melissa Robertson, Michael Thorner, and Student Representatives Grant Pickett.

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

**Call to Order:** At 7:01 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.

Michael Thorner moved to excuse Dave Jaeger from attendance. MC 4-0.

**Changes to the Agenda:** Travel request for Brian James and Jeff Parks was added as Action Item A.10.

**Communications:** Mike Brophy announced that the West Valley School Board received WSSDA's 2019 Board of Distinction for Excellence in Board Governance by the Washington School Board Standards. He congratulated the Board on a job well done.

High School Athletics Director Jeff Jamieson asked the Board for direction regarding WIAA Classification for 2020-2023. He stated that other schools in our league have indicated they are planning to opt up to 4A to keep our current league intact. Jeff explained that we have been competing at the 4A level and are part of a solid league with several local teams. He recommends following what the other league schools decide, which is probably opt up to 4A.

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve Jeff Jamieson's recommendation of opting up to 4A for 2020-2023. MC 4-0.

Peter Finch provided an update on the Grade Configuration planning committee. He stated that the District will hold six more weekly meetings and two Community Forums before presenting the Board with a proposal at the February 25, 2020 School Board Meeting.

Rob Gross of CBRE/HEERY gave a brief construction update, explaining that the abatement process on both construction sites should be wrapped up around December 20, 2019. Demolition on both sites are set to start around December 23, 2019 and are expected to last 3-4 weeks. Rob addressed questions and concerns from the Board.

**High School Student Report:** Grant Pickett updated the Board on upcoming activities happening at the High School. Grant stated that the ASB is working on a Question Board Project. This project will present the opportunity for the ASB to interact with the student body and receive their opinions on various topics. Grant plans to gather student responses and present them to the School Board. The Senior Class is planning a Christmas Party. This year, instead of participating in a gift exchange, they decided to purchase toys, mainly firetrucks to donate in honor of Gavin Gill.

Grant invited the Board and audience to attend the Special Olympics on December 11, 2019 in the High School Gym.

**Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:**

Visitors present were: Kristin Johnson, Rikki Cooper, Jill Armstrong, Rob Gross, and Ryan Mathews.

At 7:21 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience.

Jill Armstrong, District parent reported that the JROTC Program put on an excellent performance during Veteran's Day Assembly. She gave updates on the program and invited Board members to attend upcoming events.

Rikki Cooper, District parent asked the District to consider using the Freshman Campus as a dual language school.

Michael Meyer closed the public forum at 7:28 p.m.

**Discussion Items:** None

**Action Items**

A. Approval of Minutes

1. November 26, 2019 Study Session
2. November 26, 2019 Regular Meeting

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. MC 4-0.

B. Approval of Travel Requests

1. R. Balderston / C. Nell / A. Boss / J. Nordstrom / T. Killam / M. Yergen / JT Statler, Nike NW Track and Field Coaches Clinic, Beaverton, OR-January 10-11, 2020.
2. J. Freisz / T. Jones / R. Rees, , Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival, Moscow, ID-February 27-March 1, 2020.
3. J. Freisz / T. Jones, WMEA All-State Band and Choir, Yakima, February 14-17, 2020.
4. Kayla Rice, Dance Team Competition, Redmond, WA-January 17-18, 2020.
5. Kayla Rice, Dance Team Competition, Renton, WA-December 13-14, 2019.
6. Jake Kessler, Boys Swim Kentridge Invitational, Federal Way, WA-January 10-11, 2020.
7. Jake Kessler, STATE for Boys Swim, Federal Way, WA-February 20-22, 2020.
8. Kaitlyn Smith, CASE Institute-Animal Science, Pontiac, IL-May 31 - June 5, 2020.
9. Peter Finch

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve travel requests as presented, including the travel request added to the agenda, during Changes to the Agenda. MC 4-0.

C. Approval of Policy Additions/Revisions Second Reading

1. P1420 Proposed Agenda and Consent Agenda (updated policy)
2. Policy 6112 Rental or Lease of District Real Property (new policy) Second Reading
3. Policy 6099 Governmental Bonds - Post Issuance Compliance Policy (new policy) Second Reading

After some discussion about P1420 Proposed Agenda and Consent Agenda, the Board decided to add a second public comment section to the agenda.

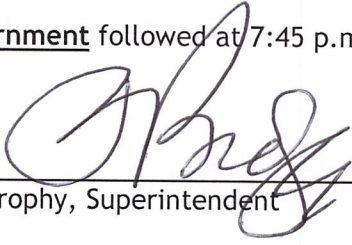
Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the second reading of Policy 6112 and Policy 6099. MC 4-0.

**Items Arising:** Mike Brophy invited Board members to participate in the case study with Catherine Jacques over the next two days.

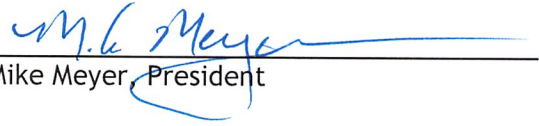
Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was included in the Board packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings and Study Session topics.

Board Reports/Board Development: None

Adjournment followed at 7:45 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Mike Meyer, President