Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 10, 2019

After having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Monday, June 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, Dave Jaeger, Michael Thorner, Mark Strong, and Barb Smith Gilbert.

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendents Angela Von Essen and Peter Finch, Innovations and Future Director Christopher Nesmith, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow, Principal Eva Lust, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Call to Order: At 7:00 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: The second reading of Policy 1400, Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum, was approved May 28, 2019. Dr. Brophy reviewed the corrections.

Dr. Brophy reminded Board members of the following dates:
- June 12, 2019 Deb Chronister’s Retirement Celebration
- June 14, 2019 Staff end-of-the-year Bar-B-Que
- June 17, 2019 Community Forum
- June 20, 2019 West Valley Citizens for Better Schools (WVCFBS) Bond Planning Update
- June 24, 2019 School Board meeting
- August 1, 2019 Board Retreat

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:
Visitors present were Rob Gross, Susan Olden, Karla Farina, Pam Morse, Joel Stone, Matt Whitish, Weston Hinton, Steve Ashbrooks, Abigail Stuck, Jerry Prescott, Sam McCoy, Carrie McCoy, Sabin Hogue, Ryan Mathews, Brandy Schwartz, Mike Saunders, Amie French, Kory Voldman, Evelie Barrientes, Kristin Johnson, and Suzanne Voldman.

At 7:10 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience.
Ryan Mathews asked Dr. Brophy to consider the Bond Planning lunch meeting to be a public, non-agenda meeting.

Mr. Mathews requested the Board to adopt Policy 6920 Construction Design, as recommended from WSSDA.

Mike Meyer closed the public forum at 7:12 p.m.

Discussion Items: Bond Oversight Committee (BOC)
Peter Marinace reviewed the background behind the development of the Bond Oversight Committee. He stated that the community wants this group to look after their interests. Mr. Marinace gave an overview of the Bond Oversight Committee’s charter proposal which was included in the Board packet. Upon the approval of the proposed charter, the BOC intends to develop bylaws.
Michael Thorner stated he had no issues with the committee’s proposal in general, however, he referenced the terminology in the District’s Policy 4110. He suggested that one representative report to the Board. The information needs to come to the school board, and the board would disseminate the information to the public. Mr. Thorner also recommended the superintendent or his designee, as well as a board member attend the committee’s public meetings.

Superintendent Mike Brophy stated he or his designee will be available to attend the committee’s meetings and will be willing to take meeting notes.

Mr. Thorner explained his thoughts regarding advisory vs. oversight. Peter Marinace concluded that they will keep the same name of Bond Oversight Committee with the mirror image of Policy 4110.

Michael Moore shared his viewpoint that a certain level of advisory should be autonomous of the Board demonstrating independence.

Michael Thorner responded that since the committee was commissioned by the board for the purpose of feedback, board members should have the opportunity to attend the meetings.

Kory Voldman added these meetings are open to the public, and ultimately, the decisions are made by the board. However, the committee will express their opinions.

**Action Items**

A. Approval of Minutes
   1. May 28, 2019 Study Session Minutes (attached)
   2. May 28, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (attached)
   3. June 6, 2019 Study Session Minutes (attached)

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. 5-0.

B. Approval of Travel Requests
   1. Michael Brophy, AASA Personalized Learning Cohort Participation,
      St. Louis, MO - September 23-25, 2019
      Los Angeles, CA - March 30-April 1, 2020

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the travel request as presented. MC 5-0.

C. Approval of Child Nutrition Rate Schedule

Angela Von Essen explained the proposed rate schedule for the 2019-20 school year. Michael Thorner expressed his desire to approve only the Child Nutrition rates and would like to discuss other district rates during the budget process.

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the Child Nutrition Rate Schedule as proposed. MC 5-0.

D. Approval of Child Nutrition Inter-Local Agreements

Angela Von Essen explained the inter-local agreements between West Valley and several districts in the area and why they are needed.

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve the Child Nutrition Inter-Local Agreements as presented. MC 5-0.

E. Approval of Instructional Materials
   1. Character Strong, Grades 9-12
   2. The Washington Journey, Grade 7

Peter Finch thanked Dave Jaeger for serving on the Instructional Materials Committee.

This item was tabled due to the information not being included in the Board packet.
F. Approval of Resolutions
2. Resolution 19-06-690 New-in-Lieu Summitview
3. Resolution 19-06-691 OSPI Signing Authority
4. Resolution 19-06-692 Signing Authority

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the four resolutions as presented. MC 5-0.

Items Arising:
Michael Thorner requested Policy 6920 as presented by Mr. Mathews be reviewed for first reading. He also noted that several policies are old and need to be reviewed by the administration.

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

He added that West Valley Virtual Academy's enrollment increased to 93 FTE this year from 75.5 FTE last year.

The District’s Open Doors program was highlighted in the Yakima Herald on May 24, 2019. Open Doors is a drop-out recovery program, offering opportunities for students. Dave Jaeger commented on how this has changed how we bring our students and others back into the educational system.

Per Ryan Mathews' request, Dr. Brophy explained the Bond Sale and the process.

Dr. Brophy is hopeful that the West Valley Childcare program will expand, allowing more room for our students before and after school.

Board Reports/Board Development: None

Closed Session: At 8:15 p.m., the Board moved into a Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining expected to last twenty (20) minutes with no action to follow. At 8:35 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment followed at 8:36 p.m.