West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 22, 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, April 22, 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, Barb Smith Gilbert, Mark Strong, Michael Thorner, and Student Representatives Grant Pickett, Sidra Yousaf, and Faith Sullivan.

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Human Resource Director Randy Souers, Futures and Career Director Christopher Nesmith, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow, Principal Russ Tuman, Principal Nick Hartman, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance during the Study Session.

Changes to the Agenda: Dr. Brophy requested Resolution No. 19-04-684 be added as Action Item 11.D.

Communications: Dr. Brophy thanked and introduced the Bond Oversight Committee.

Pacific Power Energy Savings Certificate was awarded to West Valley School District recognizing our work with the solar panel program at the West Valley Junior High.

High School Student Report: The student representatives reported on the current activities occurring at the High School including ASB elections; revision of the ASB constitution; safety summit attendance at ESD 105; the senior project completion of country flags hanging in the commons; upcoming yard sale; staff appreciation is May 6-10, 2019; and the boys’ soccer team is undefeated.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:

At 7:08 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience. With no comments from the patrons, President Meyer closed the public comment session.

West Valley Education Association
Heidi Mochel, President of WVEA, addressed the Board with concerns from the association regarding reductions for the 2019-2020 school year. The following staff members stated their opinions: Mark Riniker, Kim Casteel, Elizabeth Chicken, Tiffany Williams, Ryan Delozier, and Kristin Johnson. Ms. Mochel stated she looked forward to working with the district to make sound educational decisions for students and to retain the programs we have worked so hard to get.

Approval of Consent Agenda:
A. Approval of Minutes
   1. April 8, 2019 Regular Minutes (attached)

B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll
1. General Fund - Checks 226223-226405
2. Capital Projects Fund - None
3. ASB Fund - Checks 226406-226427
4. Payroll
5. ESD 105 Payment Detail
6. Procurement Card Detail - None

C. Financial Reports
1. March, 2019 Financial Reports
2. March, 2019 Budget Status Report

D. Approval of Employment Contracts
1. Employment Overview
2. Blakney, Myles - Asst. Freshman Football Coach @ West Valley High School
3. Chavez, Orlando T- rack Coach @ West Valley Junior High
4. Edwards, Jameson - Bus Driver @ Transportation
5. Jennings, Megan - Behavior Specialist Paraprofessional @ Special Services Department
6. Stone, Connie - SLP (0.8 FTE) @ Elementary Levels

E. Approval of Resignations/Retirements
1. Chrisman, Corey - Custodian @ Wide Hollow Elementary
2. Keeling, Jared - Science Teacher @ West Valley Middle School
3. Perez, Delores - Bus Driver @ Transportation
4. Rehfield, Chelsea - DLC Pre School Paraprofessional @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary

F. Approval of Leaves of Absence
1. Chapple, Tracy - March 4, 2019 - Est. April 8, 2019

Mark Strong made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. MC 4-0.

Mike Meyer moved to excuse Dave Jaeger from the meeting. MC 4-0.

Discussion Items:
A. Project Manager Selection
Superintendent Mike Brophy reviewed the steps that have taken place and brought West Valley to the point of contracting the Project Manager for the construction of the two elementary schools approved with the passing of the Bond. He introduced David Beaudine, Sr. Representative of Construction Management with CBRE Heery. Mr. Beaudine introduced Rob Gross who will be the onsite construction manager for the West Valley projects.

B. Goal - Foster Greater Parental Involvement
C. Goal - Emphasis Reduction of Absences
Dr. Brophy combined the two goals and asked the following people to present the strategies they have implemented in their schools and departments to increase parental involvement and reduce student absences: Nick Hartman, Jesenia Larios, Russ Tuman, Luke Jaeger, and Minerva Pardo. Each speaker addressed different tactics, but a common theme was the personal connection with students and families.

Action Items:
A. Approval of Travel Requests
1. Track Coaches / Students, Bill Harris Invitational, Federal Way - April 26-27, 2019
   (Previously approved one-day trip, however, event times changed.)
3. Roger McCausland, HBI PACT Carpentry Training, Schenectady, NY - May 5-11, 2019
4. Angela VonEssen, ASBO Annual Conference, Whitefield, NH - May 14-17, 2019
5. Devina Khan, IGNITE Worldwide Annual Gala, Seattle - May 4-5, 2019
Barb Smith Gilbert made the motion to approve the travel requests as presented. MC 4-0.

B. Approval of Policy Additions/Revisions, Second Reading
   1. Policy 2409 - Credit for Competency - Proficiency (attached)

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the second reading of Policy 2409. MC 4-0.

C. Approval of Project Manager

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve CBRE Heery as Project Manager. MC 4-0.

D. Approval of Resolution 19-04-684

Barb Smith Gilbert moved to approve Resolution 19-04-684 as presented. MC 4-0.

Items Arising: Mike Meyer asked members to consider moving board meetings from Monday to Tuesday nights. Dr. Brophy said this will be a discussion at the Board Retreat in August, 2019. It would require a policy change.

Administrative Reports:
   A. Enrollment Reports
   B. Safety Report
   C. Travel Log Report

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

Dr. Brophy asked Peter Finch to explain the changes made to the College in the High School Program. It is now more equitable for our students. The House and Senate unanimously approved scholarship assistance for students to earn college credit by passing the college-level courses taken at the high schools.

Board Reports/Board Development: None.

Executive Session:
At 8:07 p.m., the Board moved into an Executive Session to discuss the performance of an employee to last twenty (20) minutes with no action to follow. At 8:27 p.m., Mike Meyer stepped out of the room to announce an extension of twenty-five (25) minutes was needed. At 9:52 p.m. the Board reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment followed at 9:53 p.m.

Mike Brophy, Superintendent

Mike Meyer, President