

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes Monday, May 13, 2019

Having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met for a Study Session on Monday, May 13, 2019, in the library of West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Those present for the study were: President Mike Meyer, Michael Thorner, Dave Jaeger, Mark Strong, Barb Smith Gilbert, Student Representatives Faith Sullivan, Sidra Yousaf, Grant Pickett, Angela VonEssen, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Human Resource Director Randy Souers, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow, Ryan Mathews, Sean McGeeney, Susan Olden, Brittany Butler, Teresa Orcott, Jennifer Garcia, Hailey McCaffrey, Jake McCaffrey, Brad Tangeman, Peggy Tangeman, Kiley Keller, Amie French, Kristin Johnson, Kira Baron, Kris Vestad, Danielle Crawford, Melissa Vicente, Melissa Brunz, Brenda Severson, Robyn Webster, Ben Webster, Jason Harris, Darlene harris, Chelsea Allen, Crystal Wade, Heather Matich, Terra Buechler, Toni Paganelli, Rebekah Olden, Tiffany Williams, Carter Williams, Olivia Meissner, Brooke Maloney, Mike Saunders, Will Krueger, Meghan Alderson, Peter Marinace, Jerry Prescott, Heidi Mochel, Jamie Zeller, Tausha Stapleton, Lydia Mears, Eva Lust, Mari Spencer and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Call to order: At 6:00 p.m. President Mike Meyer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Communications: None.

Study Session/Special Meeting:

The purpose of meeting/items discussed:

A. Bond Planning Update

Dr. Brophy outlined the preliminary plans to vacate both elementary schools for two years in order to allow complete access for the demolition of old schools and construction of the new schools. The students would be relocated at the Freshman Campus adding two portables (four classrooms) to provide the necessary classroom space. Dr. Brophy introduced David Beaudine, CBRE Heary Project Manager, and Matt Whitish and Brandon Wilm, Design West Architects who will be working on the Apple Valley and Summitview Elementary Schools Bond project. Principals Heidi Sutton and Eva Lust have been working extensively planning for the transition. The High School would absorb the freshmen students. Principal Ben McMurry addressed the changes to be made at the High School with the extra 450 students.

Board members asked questions and commented on team teaching, classroom numbers, portables' location, cost to run the Freshman Campus, scheduling recesses, transportation, traffic issues, safety concerns, and busing.

President Mike Meyer opened the meeting to public comments from the audience. The following visitors asked questions and voiced their concerns: Angela Carrick (traffic flow & parking), Kris Dennison (safety), Brittany Butler (PTA, individual school activities), Robin Webster (Middle School suggestion), Lou Kruger (class size, Latch Key program, playground), Natacia Sabala (facility concerns), and Tasha Stapleton (alignment with Bond campaign).

Dr. Brophy stated it will be uncomfortable for two years, but we are trying to do what is best for students, staff and the community by providing at or under budget in the proposed timeline two new schools with the least amount of disruption. Principal Heidi Sutton commented on Apple Valley's continued growth and views the two-year outcome is what is needed for our kids.

Items Arising: None

Adjournment was declared at 6:55 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Mike Meyer, President