

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 21, 2022

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Valley High School Library, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via YouTube Livestream: <https://youtu.be/ILdCA3xWsi4>.

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Joe Connolly, Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake, Executive Director of Innovation Jed Watters, Director of Special Education Lucas Jaeger, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 7:06 p.m., President Mark Strong called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mark Strong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Meyer motioned to excuse Mark Mochel from tonight's meeting. MC 4-0.

Changes to the Agenda: Executive Session, Performance of a Public Employee was added from the Study Session, as Item # 13. Adjournment was moved to Agenda Item #15.

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 November 8, 2022. Ram Strong is graded Pass/No Pass. The high school principal reviews teacher grading practices with the expectation that there is at least one assignment in the grade book per week. Just like other classes at the high school, there is not an expectation of a daily assignment to be included in the grade book.
- B. Staff Retirement Recognition - The Board recognized Cincy Cook for 26 years of service to the West Valley School District.

Program Presentation(s): Early Literacy Screener/Risk Factors for Dyslexia

Jerilyn Ashbaugh, Coordinator for State and Federal Programs, provided information regarding the Early Literacy Screener and risk factors for dyslexia. Jerilyn explained how West Valley uses multi-tiered systems of support to provide academic intervention. The focus for the early literacy screener are students in Grades K-1 as well as students in Grade 2 who are new to West Valley.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:23 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment, and with none, Mr. Strong closed the public forum at 7:23 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 1. November 8, 2022 Study Session
 2. November 8, 2022 Board Meeting

- B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll

1. General Fund - Check #239043-239172; 239187-239307
2. Capital Projects Fund - Check #239321-239324
3. ASB Fund - Check #239173-239186; 239308-239320
4. Payroll - October 2022
5. Procurement Card Detail

C. Financial Reports

1. Budget Status Report
2. General Fund Balance by Month and Year
3. General Fund Monthly Revenue and Expenditure
4. Fund Balance Detail
5. Capital Projects Fund - Balance Recap

D. Approval of Employment Contracts

1. Employment Overview
2. Crider, Nevin Assistant Wrestling Coach @ West Valley High School
3. Dickinson, Alicia LAP Instructional Paraprofessional @ Summitview Elementary
4. Garcia, Ernesto Instructional Paraprofessional @ West Valley School District
5. Gephardt, Philip Volunteer Wrestling Coach @ West Valley High School
6. Hyde, Kaniesta Sever @ Child Nutrition
7. Makalii, Lester Volunteer Bowling Coach @ West Valley High School
8. Mattingley, Sophia LAP Paraprofessional @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
9. Osmonson, Stephen Marching Band Visual Coordinator Assistant @ West Valley High School
10. VanDeVenter, Gerilee Instructional Paraprofessional @ Summitview Elementary
11. Weeks, Christopher Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach @ West Valley High School
12. Wise, Bernadette SLP Paraprofessional @ West Valley Secondary Schools

E. Approval of Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)/Separation(s)

1. Cantwell, Garrisan JV Baseball Coach @ West Valley High School
2. Eyman, Daniel Head Football Coach @ West Valley High School
3. Guzman-Gutierrez, Alejandra Family Liaison Paraprofessional @ West Valley School District
4. Olsufka, Debbie Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
5. Quarterman, Linda SLP Paraprofessional @ West Valley High School
6. Robinson, Thomas Business & Marketing Teacher @ West Valley High School
7. Roth-Trepanier, Vanessa Paraprofessional @ West Valley Innovation Center

F. Approval of Leave Requests

1. McLean, Chloe Leave of Absence Jan. 3 - April 10, 2022
2. Pettingill, Katie Leave of Absence April 10 - June 13, 2023
3. Quarterman, Linda Leave of Absence Oct. 31 - Nov. 30, 2022

Michael Thorner motioned to approve the consent agenda, as presented. MC 4-0.

Action Items

A. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Timm / Arias / Ferguson / Jamieson / Martin-Turner, Girls State Soccer Tournament, Puyallup, WA- November 17-19, 2022.
2. Stacey Drake / Minerva Pardo / Debbie Cameron, AASA Learning 2025 National Summit, Washington DC- June 25-29, 2023.

Michael Thorner motioned to approve the travel requests, as presented. MC 4-0.

Items Arising: Dr. Finch gave the Board members their certificates from the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) for their recognition as a Board of Distinction for 2022.

Reports: The following reports were included in the Board packet:

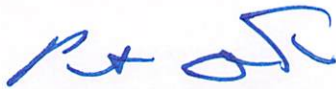
- A. Admin Reports
- B. Enrollment Reports
- C. Safety Report
- D. Travel Log Report
- E. High School ASB Report

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Finch's report was included in the Board packet.

Board Reports/Board Development: Dave Jaeger said that he was impressed with the student presentations at the WSSDA Annual Conference and he looked forward to the School Board reinstating student representatives in the future for authentic engagement and student voice. Dave said that he was encouraged to see that both WSSDA and WASA have identified special education funding as the top priority for the upcoming legislative session.

Executive Session: At 7:36 p.m., the Board moved into an Executive Session to discuss the Performance of a Public Employee, expected to last fifteen (15) minutes with no action to follow. At 7:51 p.m., Mr. Strong announced an additional ten (10) minutes was needed with no action to follow. At 8:05 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Mark Strong, President
MICHAEL T. THORNER