West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 26, 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, August 26, 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, Mark Strong, Barb Smith Gilbert, Michael Thorner

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow, Human Resource Director Randy Souers, Human Resource Specialist Traci Cox and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

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: Dr. Brophy reported on the District staff’s opening day activities.

Dr. Brophy invited Board members to tour all of the District school buildings on the first day of school, August 27, 2019, at 7:30 a.m.

Mike took this opportunity to point out to the Board and publicly thank several individuals for their hard work and crucial roles in making the Freshman Campus, Apple Valley and Summitview transitions possible. Ben McMurry, Eva Lust, Heidi Sutton, Tim Critchlow, Jaimi Schmidt, Jeremy Cox as well as their staff, went above and beyond to help make this transition successful.

WV Child Care Director, Janet Knutson announced that as of 6:20 p.m., the permit for child care at the Freshman Campus had been approved. Mike thanked Janet for her hard work in making this happen.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:
Visitors present were Bradley Liebrecht, Rob Gross, Peter Marinace, Ben McMurry, Kristin Johnson, Kory Voldman, Susan Voldman, Renee D., Laura V., Kristi Miles, Aaron Eickmeyer, Jake Eickmeyer, Antonia DiMeo, Joseph DiMeo, Heidi Sutton, Rebekah Olden, Susan Olden, Eva Lust, Melissa Vicente, Nicole Donegan, Ryan Mathews, Melissa Robertson, Jerry Prescott, Tia Thornton, Pam Milford, Jake Johnson and Loghan Thorn.

At 7:09 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience.

Antonia DiMeo a West Valley High School senior presented the Board with a petition in regards to the senior portraits changes for the yearbook.

Jack Johnson, a senior in the yearbook class, gave a brief explanation as to why the senior portraits change was initiated by the yearbook students.

Melissa Vicente, Kristi Miles, Susan Voldman, Nicole Donegan and Joe DiMeo, parents of current West Valley High School students, expressed that they did not agree with the changes to senior portraits for the yearbook.

Loghan Thorn, a West Valley High School senior, expressed that she disagreed with the decision made by the yearbook class as well. She addressed the Board and asked that they take all the comments/concerns made...
by the students and parents into consideration. At this time, Mike Brophy explained the School Board will not take action, because this was a building level decision.

Michael Meyer closed the public comments at 7:32 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:
A. Approval of Minutes
   1. August 12, 219 Study Session Minutes (attached)
   2. August 12, 2019 Regular Minutes (attached)

B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll
   1. General Fund - Checks 227562-227639; 227695-227778; 227792-227877
   2. Capital Projects Fund-Checks 227642-227648; 227788-227791; 227889-227893
   3. ASB Fund - Checks 227640-227641; 227779-227787; 227878-227888
   4. Payroll
   5. ESD 105 Payment Detail
   6. Procurement Card Detail

C. Financial Reports
   1. July 2019 Financial Reports
   2. July 2019 Budget Status Report
   3. WVSD Financial Health Indicators

D. CPF-Project Expenditure Reports
   1. July 2019 CPF Project Summitview
   2. July 2019 CPF Project Apple Valley

E. Approval of Employment Contracts
   1. Employment Overview
   2. Adams, Vickie Paraprofessional (SPED PreK) @ Wide Hollow Elementary
   3. Clark, Elizabeth LAP/TBIP Paraprofessional @ Ahtanum Valley & Apple Valley Elementary
   4. De Wet, Stacey 4th Grade Teacher @ Mountainview Elementary
   5. Elkey, Victoria Office Paraprofessional @ Summitview Elementary
   6. Greene, Melanie Paraprofessional (SPED PreK) @ Wide Hollow Elementary
   7. Hales, Jennifer Computer Lab Paraprofessional @ Apple Valley Elementary
   8. Healy, Tracy Music Teacher @ Apple Valley Elementary
   9. Klein, Kathleen Registrar/Counseling Secretary @ West Valley High School
  10. LaHue, Jayme Humanities Teacher @ West Valley Middle School
  11. McKinney, Megan 3rd Grade Teacher @ Apple Valley Elementary
  12. Plath, Amanda Behavior Specialist Paraprofessional @ West Valley School District
  13. Scott, Jodi English Language Arts Teacher @ West Valley Junior High
  14. Serrano, Valeria Attendance/ASB Secretary @ West Valley Freshman Campus
  15. Swanson, Rebecca Paraprofessional (SPED) @ West Valley Junior High
  16. Tipton, Jocelyn Elementary PBIS Tier 2 Behavior Specialist @ West Valley School District
  17. Whitfield, Jana Business Education & Photography @ West Valley Freshman Campus

F. Approval of Resignations/Retirements
   1. Buffington, Alyssa 3rd Grade Teacher @ Apple Valley Elementary
   2. Gifford, Debbie SPED Paraprofessional @ Cottonwood Elementary
   3. Hoff, Theresa Paraprofessional @ West Valley Junior High
   4. Klein, Kathleen Registrar/Counseling Secretary @ West Valley High School
   5. Leker, John Electrician/Head Maintenance @ Facilities
   6. McAskill, Kelley Custodian @ Facilities
G. Approval of Leave Requests
1. Ellis, Larry Aug. 1, 2019 - TBD Leave of Absence

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. MC 5-0.

2019-20 Public Budget Development-2nd Hearing
Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen gave a brief overview of the 2019-20 budget that had been publically advertised, reviewed by ESD 105, and presented to the Board for 1st Hearing on July 22, 2019. Angela addressed comments and concerns from the Board.

At 8:07 p.m., Mike Brophy opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience. President Meyer closed the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

Discussion Items:
A. Long-Range Facility Planning
Angela Von Essen gave a brief explanation of the memo presented to the Board to complete our work on the Long-Range Facility Planning. She stated that we plan to extend our existing contract with CBRE Heery and work with the Bond Oversight Committee, Citizen’s for Better Schools Committee and Facilities Committee to create a short and long-range facility plan. David Beaudine will present us with a timeline and scope of work to proceed.

Michael Thorner requested property inventory be added to the list for consideration. The Board discussed the importance of community involvement and unity for this process and for the success of the future Bond campaigns.

B. Superintendent Standards and Strands Evaluation Focus for 2019-20
The Standards and Strands were included in the Board packet. Printed copies were also provided to the Board at the August 12, 2019 Board Meeting. The Board requested additional time to review the Standards and Strands before providing feedback. Mike Meyer requested an Executive Session prior to the next Board meeting on September 10, 2019 to discuss the Superintendent Standards and Strands Evaluation Focus for 2019-20.

Action Items:
A. Approval of Travel Requests
1. Mike Brophy, AASA National Conference on Education-San Diego, CA-February 12-16, 2020
2. Chris Nesmith, Ben McMurry, Justin Wright, Redefining Ready! National Summit 2019 Chicago, IL-September 29-October 4, 2019
3. Angela Von Essen, ASBO Annual Conference and EXPO National Harbor, MA-October 23-28, 2019
4. Tyler Jones / Jeremy Freisz, NWAPA Championships-Eugene, OR- November 1-3, 2019
6. Jeannie Martin-Turner, WCTsMA Annual Spring Symposium and Competition-Spokane, WA April 24-25, 2020

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve travel requests as presented. MC 5-0.
B. Approval of Ready-to-Serve Pizza Bids

Mark Strong made the motion to approve the Ready-to-Serve Pizza Bids. MC 5-0.

C. Approval of Resolutions

1. Approval of Resolution # 19-08-697 Adoption of 2019-20 Budget

Several Board members voiced their concerns about approving an unbalanced budget and using fund balance. It’s not fiscally responsible and the district cannot sustain it. Mike Meyer stated the Board would not approve a budget next year if it’s presented to the Board unbalanced. Mike Brophy said the Board’s directive provides administration ample time this next year to plan and present a balanced budget.

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve Resolution # 19-08-697 Adoption of 2019-20 Budget. MC 4-1. (Voting Yea: Mike Meyer, Mark Strong, Barb Smith Gilbert and Dave Jaeger. Voting Nay: Michael Thorner)

Items Arising: There were no items arising.

Reports:

A. Enrollment Report
B. 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.

BOC Report:
The BOC report was included in the Board packet.

Board Reports/Board Development: The Board thanked the community for being respectful during the public comment section. Michael Thorner thanked Jack, Antonia and the other students for their thoughtful presentations to the School Board. He recognized that it’s hard to speak in front of a group. The Board likes to hear students speak about what is important to them and why.

Dave Jeager commented on a great article by Chris Nesmith in the WSSDA Magazine.

Mike Brophy mentioned that the League of Education Voters will be conducting an interview on West Valley’s dual credit program. Everyone will have the chance to register online to participate in the webinar.

Adjournment followed at 8:31 p.m.

[Signatures]

Mike Brophy, Superintendent

Mike Meyer, President