

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes July 10, 2017

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, July 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in room 1245 at West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: President Michael Thorner, Dave Jaeger, Mike Meyer, and Jeffrey Smith.

Administrative Staff present: Mike Brophy, Angela Watts, Peter Finch, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Michael Thorner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Communications: A letter from Superintendent Reykdal was included in the packet congratulating the West Valley Transportation Department for their outstanding school bus inspection results.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:

Visitors present were Ryan Mathews, Gretchen Thorner, Lucas Jaeger, and Rick Ferguson. At 7:01 p.m., Michael Thorner opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience.

Ryan Mathews gave an update on the activities of the Facilities Committee. Members of the committee have visited the elementary schools and a presentation was given at their last meeting. Committee members will visit the Middle School and Junior High next with a program following. Committee member Michael Moore facilitates these productions and places the videos on the committee's website.

Michael Thorner closed the public forum at 7:04 p.m.

Michael Thorner moved to excuse Board Member Mike Carey from the meeting. MC 4-0.

President Thorner requested the June 27, 2017 Study Session Minutes be revised to include a statement, "Those who attended the meeting were given a tour by Tim Critchlow of the Central Office Campus and Facilities."

Approval of Minutes:

- A. June 27, 2017 Study Session (attached)
- B. June 27, 2017 Regular Meeting (attached)
- C. June 28, 2017 Study Session (attached)

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the minutes as amended by President Thorner for June 27, 2017 Study Session Minutes. MC 4-0.

Discussion Items:

A. 2017-18 Budget Development
Superintendent Mike Brophy and Assistant Superintendent Angela Watts are in the process of gathering information made by the Legislature regarding the 2017-2018 budget. Ms. Watts reviewed

with the Board a Brief Summary of K12 Basic Education Program Allocations that included Fiscal Year Funding Changes.

Dave Cook, Yakima County Assessor, provided a detailed explanation on how the legislative changes will impact the District taxpayers and the affect it will have on future bonds and levies.

Board members discussed the West Valley Levy ending in 2018, state taxes, local taxes, stipulations placed on spending, and other issues affecting the budget. Ms. Watts recommended to the Board to extend the dates into August for the Board and the public to have ample time to provide input. It was agreed that at the July 24, 2017 meeting, the Board will determine if there is the need to add a Board meeting on August 7, 2017. This would allow more time for discussion before finalizing the budget.

- B. Behavior Specialist Paraprofessional Position
- C. Behavior Specialist Contract

Lucas Jaeger spoke about this last year performance of Special Services Paraprofessional, Mark Bailey. Principal Rick Ferguson also provided comments as to Mr. Bailey's work performance.

Lucas Jaeger discussed in general the different applicants who applied for the Behavior Specialist position. Board members expressed their concerns of the procedures and the expediency of the hiring. Mr. Jaeger explained that it has been difficult to find qualified people for this position. After much discussion the Board agreed to move forward with the Behavior Specialist Paraprofessional position. The Behavior Specialist Contract will be discussed at the July 24, 2017 meeting.

Action Items:

- A. Employment Contracts Approval
 - 1. Bailey, Mark Behavior Specialist Paraprofessional @ West Valley School District

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve the employment contract of Mark Bailey. MC 3-0.

Mike Meyer recused himself from the discussion and the approval because of his relationship with Mr. Bailey.

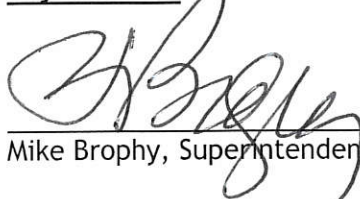
Items Arising: There were no items arising.

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 reported on the following: 1) The number of 9th graders who had an "F" grade dropped significantly by the end of the year, 2) He reminded the Board of the Board Retreat at Apple Tree on August 3, 2017, and 3) The Admin Retreat will be held on August 8 and 9, 2017 at the Arboretum. Board members, West Valley Citizens for Better Schools Committee, and local legislators are invited to different sessions of the retreat.

Board Reports/Board Development:

President Thorner reported on the recent Facilities Meeting which was well attended by parents and the presentation was great. Mr. Thorner suggested the first board meeting of the month should include a tour of that school which could be held before or during the meeting. He also suggested holding the boundary review meeting in September at the Summitview Elementary School gym.

Adjournment followed at 8:30 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President