

## West Valley School District No. 208

### Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 26, 2022

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Valley High School Auditorium, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via Zoom Webinar ID# 846 9347 8447.

**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, Executive Director of Innovation Jed Watters, Director of Student and Family Support Lucas Jaeger, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

**Call to Order:** At 7:30 p.m., President Mark Strong called the meeting to order.

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

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

Michael Thorner motioned to excuse Mark Mochel from attending the meeting. MC 4-0.

#### **Communications:**

##### **A. Community Recognition - Bond Oversight Committee (BOC)**

The Board recognized the following members of the Bond Oversight Committee: Steve Ashbrooks, Peter Marinace, Natalie Shirzad, and Kory Voldman.

##### **B. Staff Retirement Recognition**

The School Board recognized the following staff members for their years of service in West Valley: Michael Hamel and Doris Stultz.

##### **C. Response to Public Comment**

Response to Public Comment - Dr. Peter Finch provided a response to public comments, questions and concerns that were raised by the public during the June 28, 2022, School Board meeting. The community member had questioned whether teachers were prohibited from displaying rainbow symbols, such as a rainbow flag, in their classroom. Dr. Finch explained that staff members are prohibited from political activities during the school day - staff members are not prohibited from displaying rainbow symbols.

**Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items:** At 7:33 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. Community members spoke in favor of Mr. Thorner's position regarding the use of the remaining funds from the construction projects, and concerns regarding rainbow flags being allowed in classrooms.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 7:45 p.m.

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

##### **A. Approval of Minutes**

1. July 12, 2022 Study Session
2. July 12, 2022 Board Meeting
3. July 13, 2022 Special Board Meeting

##### **B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll**

1. General Fund - Check# 237896-237980; 238013-238127
2. Capital Projects Fund - Check# 237988-237988; 238133-238139
3. ASB Fund - Check# 237981-237987; 238128-238132
4. Payroll - June 2022
5. Payroll - July 2022
6. 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
6. Capital Project Fund - Project 1701 Summitview
7. Capital Project Fund - Project 1702 Apple Valley

#### D. Approval of Employment Contracts

1. Employment Overview
2. Barnes, Tiana 5th Grade Teacher @ Summitview Elementary
3. Beck, John Football Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
4. Chapple, Tracy Art Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
5. Ferguson, Anabelle LAP Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
6. Francis, Amanda 5th Grade Teacher @ Cottonwood Elementary
7. Gonzales, Brittney Computer Lab Paraprofessional @ Mountainview Elementary
8. Holmes, David Custodian @ Facilities Department
9. LaHue, Jayme English Language Arts Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
10. Maib, Rick Assistant Cross Country Coach @ West Valley High School
11. Olden, Crystal 5th Grade Teacher @ Summitview Elementary
12. Ortiz, Gustavo Head Custodian @ Facilities Department
13. Ortiz, Mellissa 5th Grade Teacher @ Summitview Elementary
14. Ramynke, Chesney 5th Grade Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
15. Springer-Mundell, Jennifer 8th Grade History Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
16. Statler, James Pre-Engineering Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
17. Talbot, Christina Humanities Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
18. Thompson, Adam Special Education Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
19. Thornton, Nicole 5th Grade Teacher @ Mountainview Elementary
20. Webster, Benjamin Computer Science & STEAM Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus

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

1. Cooper, Darren Math Teacher @ West Valley High School
2. Dye, Larry Bus Driver/Mechanic @ Transportation Department
3. Gibson, Brian Groundskeeper @ Facilities Department
4. Nelson, Ashley Special Education Paraprofessional @ West Valley High School
5. Schoen, Kieran One-to-One Paraprofessional @ Cottonwood Elementary
6. Traplsi, Denise 5th Grade Teacher @ Cottonwood Elementary
7. Wall, Lynda Music Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary

#### F. Approval of Leave Requests

1. Bowden, Tina Leave of Absence August 24, 2022 - November 1, 2022
2. Olsufka, Debbie Leave of Absence August 24, 2022 - November 23, 2022
3. Thobois, Mark Leave of Absence August 2, 2022 - September 6, 2022

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

**Discussion Items:**

**A. 2022/23 Budget - Second Public Hearing**

The first reading of the budget was presented on July 12, 2022 by Finance Director, Sheilah Wood. The Board had no additional comments for the second reading.

**B. Presentation - All-Inclusive Bathrooms by Tara Cobia**

Tara Cobia, parent of West Valley students, presented information that she had researched about All-Inclusive Bathrooms that have been constructed as a part of school remodel projects across the nation. With an All-Inclusive Bathroom, each person has an individual private stall and there is a common area where people wash their hands. She visited Grant High School in Portland that completed a remodel and she shared information that she gained from the site visit. She talked with the custodian, assistant principal, and other staff. She said that their comments were very positive. She presented to the School Board the signatures of over 400 community members who would support a change to All Inclusive Bathrooms. She estimated the cost would be from \$1.2 million to \$2 million to remodel the high school bathrooms. The School Board asked the administration to check with an architect to review the cost estimate for the high school. The School Board asked the administration to check how a remodel would impact the modernization timeline for the District facilities.

**Public Comment of Discussion Items/Public Hearing:** At 8:29 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the public hearing for the second reading of the budget. There were no comments on the budget. A community member said that he supported All-Inclusive Bathrooms. A teacher expressed concerns about elementary students feeling “boxed-in” with a private stall that would be from floor-to-ceiling.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 8:33 p.m.

**Action Items:**

**A. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) FIRST READING**

1. 1400 Meeting Conduct, Order of Business, and Quorum
2. 1410 Executive or Closed Sessions
3. 1420 Proposed Agenda and Consent Agenda
4. 2110 Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program
5. 3116 Students in Foster Care
6. 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences
7. 3432 Emergencies
8. 4210 Regulation of Dangerous Weapons
9. 4218 Language Access
10. 5001 Hiring of Retired School Employees
11. 5011 Sexual Harassment of District Staff Prohibited
12. 5610 Substitute Employment
13. 5612 Temporary Administrators
14. 6112 Rental or Lease of District Real Property
15. 6700 Nutrition, Health, and Physical Education

*Dave Jaeger motioned to approve FIRST reading of policies listed. MC 4-0.*

**B. Approval of Resolution(s)**

1. Resolution #22-07-742 Adoption of the 2022/23 Budget and Four-Year Forecast
2. Resolution #22-07-743 Surplus Personal Property
3. Resolution #22-07-746 Redistricting Director Districts

*Dave Jaeger motioned to approve resolution #22-07-742 Adoption of the 2022/23 Budget and Four-Year Forecast, as presented. MC 4-0.*

*Dave Jaeger motioned to approve resolution #22-07-743 Surplus Personal Property, as presented. MC 4-0.*

Michael Thorner motioned to approve resolution #22-07-746 Redistricting Director Districts, as presented. MC 4-0.

C. Approval of Rescind and Replace of Resolution

1. Rescind Resolution #22-07-744 and Replace with Resolution #22-07-747

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve Rescinding Resolution #22-07-744 and Replacing it with Resolution #22-07-747, as presented. MC 3-1. (Voting Yeas: Mike Meyer, Mark Strong, and Dave Jaeger. Voting Nay: Michael Thorner.

D. Approval of the 2022/23 Fee Schedule

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the 2022/23 Fee Schedule, as presented. listed. MC 4-0.

E. Approval of Child Nutrition - Fresh Baked Goods Contract Renewal

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the Fresh Baked Goods Contract Renewal. MC 4-0.

**Items Arising:** The Board asked the administration to provide an update for the cost of the various outstanding Capital Projects that are needed in the West Valley School District. This information will be needed for the Community Forums that are scheduled for October.

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

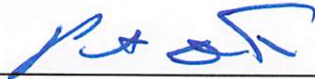
A. Travel Log Report

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Finch called attention to the District's partnership with OIC Washington. There was a nice article in the Yakima Herald-Republic over the weekend about the work of our students in the "Open Doors" program and West Valley teacher, Roger McCausland. OIC Washington hosts the program on their site in Yakima.

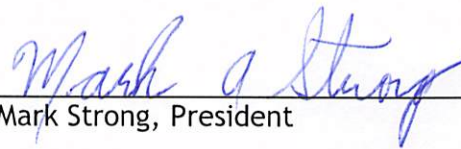
**Board Reports/Board Development:** None reported.

**Executive Session:** At 8:45 p.m., the Board moved into an Executive Session to discuss the Performance of a Public Employee, expected to last (30) thirty minutes with no action to follow. At 9:13 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Mark Strong, President