

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Community Forum Minutes Monday, March 20, 2023

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met for a Special Community Forum on Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Valley High School Auditorium, 8902 Zier Road, Yakima, WA. 98908 and Via YouTube Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/MMssG93Mi80?feature=share>

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Joe Connolly, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

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

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

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

Community Forum:

The purpose of meeting/items discussed: In 2019, taxpayers funded bonds to replace two elementary schools: Apple Valley and Summitview. With strategic use of resources, WVSD completed the project with approximately \$19 million in funds remaining. The purpose of this meeting is to gather community feedback to inform its decision as it evaluates options like reinvestment and defeasance. Assistant Superintendent, Joe Connolly, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining a Capital Project List and Next Steps for the remaining bond funds.

17 Community members provided input to the School Board, the responses:

- 9 - Retain funds for projects
- 4 - Defeasance the funds
- 3 - Ask the community for an advisory vote
- 1 - Other comments

There was no consensus.

Items Arising: No items were reported.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President