

## West Valley School District No. 208

### Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 23, 2023

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Valley High School Library, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via YouTube Livestream: <https://youtube.com/live/4qUaHjTJKKc?feature=share>

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

**Administrative Staff present:** Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake, Director of Special Education Lucas Jaeger, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

**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:** An Executive Session-Performance of a Public Employee(s) was added as Agenda Item #16.

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

#### **Communications:**

A. Response to Public Comment - There was no response to public comment.

B. Staff Retirement Recognition

The Board recognized Laura Barduhn, Joan Coomer and Robin Sills for their years of service to West Valley School District. Robin Sills, Middle School Head Custodian was recognized for 45 years of service.

**Program Presentation:** Instructional Coaching - Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake and Director of State and Federal Programs Jerilyn Ashbaugh, provided background information and instructional coaching principles. Research indicates that job-embedded professional development is the most effective way to improve instruction and student outcomes. Instructional Coaches from each level shared information including Kristin Williams, Apple Valley; Kimber Henning, Mid-Level Campus; and Jamie Nordstrom and Josh McKimmy, High School. Classroom teachers shared their positive experience having their instructional coach as a non-evaluative thought-partner. Classroom teachers who presented included Sonja Bossert, Apple Valley; and Kristin Johnson and Ranae Weedin, High School. Ben McMurry, High School Principal, shared how teachers at the high school participate in peer observations. Instructional coaches assist with debrief of the observations and identifying effective instructional strategies that can be used across content areas.

**Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items:** At 7:57 p.m., President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. Four staff members requested that the Board not accept the resignation letters listed as Agenda Item 8e- #9 and #10. A community member referred to the Capital Projects List, stating that the money is being spread too thin for the Single Use Bathrooms project. She asked that a Bathroom Oversight Committee be established to oversee this project.

With no further requests, President Thorner closed the public forum at 8:11 p.m.

## **Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

1. May 9, 2023 Study Session
2. May 9, 2023 Board Meeting

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

1. General Fund - Check #240919-241027
2. Capital Projects Fund - Check #241036-241037
3. ASB Fund - Check #241028-241035

### **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. Brown, Debra ESY Paraprofessional @ West Valley School District
3. Call, Robert Custodian @ West Valley Facilities Department
4. Cox, Denise CTE Science Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
5. Farias, Cesar JV Girls Soccer Coach @ West Valley High School
6. Gardner, Kendra CTE Math and Science Designer @ West Valley Innovation Center
7. Graham, Megan Special Education Resource Teacher @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
8. MacDonald, Heather 2nd Grade Teacher @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
9. Matczak, Stephen Construction/Welding Teacher @ West Valley High School
10. Moore, Jacob ESY Teacher @ West Valley School District
11. Ozuna-Sanchez, Maria Instructional Paraprofessional (SPED) @ Summitview Elementary
12. Palmer, Michelle Extended School Year (ESY) Supervisor @ West Valley School District
13. Paulsen, Lorena Server @ Child Nutrition Department
14. Rivera, Julianna Custodian @ West Valley Facilities Department
15. Rivera, Monica Special Education Teacher @ Summitview Elementary
16. Sadeddin, Michael Assistant Football Coach @ West Valley High School
17. Swanson, Tiffany Special Education Teacher @ Apple Valley Elementary
18. Walker, Jean Special Education Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
19. Wells, Jolene Head Secretary @ Apple Valley Elementary

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

1. Brennan, Kevin Special Education Instructional Coordinator @ West Valley School District
2. Chandler, Lee CTE Robotics/Agriculture Science Designer @ West Valley Innovation Center
3. Delp, Brenda Special Education Teacher @ Cottonwood Elementary
4. Dermond, Jeffrey Science Teacher @ West Valley High School
5. Fewkes, Tamra School Nurse @ Summitview Elementary
6. Miller, Shannon Bus Driver @ West Valley Transportation Department
7. Nagle, Shelly Volleyball Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
8. O'Brien, Kathleen Special Education Teacher @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
9. Olden, Crystal 5th Grade Teacher @ Summitview Elementary
10. Ortiz, Mellissa 5th Grade Teacher @ Summitview Elementary
11. Poston, Beth 3rd Grade Teacher @ Mountainview Elementary
12. Smeback, Brian School Nurse @ Apple Valley Elementary

13. Teske, Keely Volleyball Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
14. Thompson, Adam Resource Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
15. Vickers, Abigail Paraprofessional @ Apple Valley Elementary
16. Ward, Brynlee Paraprofessional @ WV Special Education Department

**F. Approval of Leave Requests**

1. Ketzenberg, Sarah Year Long Leave of Absence 2023-2024 School Year

*Mike Meyer motioned to approve the consent agenda, excluding Item 8e #9 and #10. MC 4-0.*

*Michael Thorner motioned to approve Agenda Item 8e #9 and #10. Mark Strong abstained from voting. Motion Failed 2-1. (Voting Yeas: Michael Thorner. Voting Nay: Mike Meyer and Dave Jaeger)*

**Discussion Items:**

- A. Administrative Recommendation for the Use of Remaining Bond Funds and State Matching Funds - During a previous Board meeting, Bond Council presented the legal process by which the Board has to follow to repurpose the excess bond proceeds. The Board discussed a resolution to set a Public Hearing for June 20, 2023.

**Public Comment of Discussion Agenda Items:** At 8:25 p.m., President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. Staff members spoke of concerns regarding proposed policy 5254 Staff Expression.

With no further requests, President Thorner closed the public forum at 8:31 p.m.

**Action Items:**

- A. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) FIRST READING
1. 4060 Distribution of Information (updated title)
  2. 4210 Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises
  3. 5001 Hiring of Retired School Employees
  4. 5254 Staff Expression (NEW POLICY)
  5. 6815 Advertising on District Property (NEW POLICY)

*Mike Meyer motioned to approve the FIRST reading of policy 4210, 5001, and 6815, as presented.*

*For Policy 4060 Distribution of Information, President Thorner requested a revision to be included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.*

*Policy 5254 Staff Expression was tabled for a future Board meeting. MC 4-0.*

- B. Approval of Resolution(s)

1. Resolution #23-05-755 Setting Public Hearing

*Dave Jaeger motioned to approve Resolution #23-05-755, as presented. MC 4-0.*

2. Resolution #23-05-756 Surplus of Personal Property (Technology Equipment)

*Michael Thorner motioned to approve Resolution #23-05-756, as presented. MC 4-0.*

- C. Approval of Travel Request(s)

1. S. Creasy, K. Button, T. Paikuli, T. Paganelli, D. Turley, C. Bailey - Get Your Teach On Conference, Dallas, TX-June 24-29, 2023.

*Mark Strong motioned to approve the travel request, as presented. MC 4-0.*

**Items Arising:** No items were reported.

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

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

**Superintendent's Report:** The report was included in the Board packet.

**Board Reports/Board Development:** Mr. Thorner shared that he recently participated in a Podcast with other school board members from across the nation. He enjoyed the opportunity to share information about West Valley and his favorite teacher, Ron Galbreath.

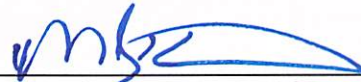
**Executive Session:** At 8:49 p.m., the Board moved into an Executive Session to discuss the Performance of a Public Employee, expected to last fifteen (15) minutes with no action to follow. At 9:05 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.



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Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



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Michael Thorner, President