

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 27, 2021

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 27 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Valley High School library, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via Zoom Webinar ID# 813 1280 3959.

Board of Directors present: Vice President Michael Thorner, Dave Jaeger, and Mike Meyer. President Mark Strong attended the meeting via Zoom.

Administrative Staff present: Acting Superintendent Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Joe Connolly, Executive Director of Innovation Jed Watters, Michelle Gaberman, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Meeting attendees: Barbara Borton, Adam Eldridge, Megan Mauch, Kirk Ehlis, and Ryan Mathews. A list of the virtual attendees is attached to the minutes.

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

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

Changes to the Agenda: Mr. Thorner added two potential Action Items, following Item # 16 Performance of a Public Employee.

Communications:

A. Construction Report

CBRE/HEERY's June, 2021 Construction Report was included in the Board packet. Rob Gross, Project Manager, stated construction for the school buildings at Apple Valley and Summitview remain on schedule. Estimated date for teachers to have access to their classrooms is Monday, August 16.

Dr. Finch announced the ribbon cutting ceremonies for both schools will be held Monday, August 30, 2021. Summitview will be first at 1:00 p.m., followed by Apple Valley at 2:00 p.m.

B. Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) had nothing new to report.

C. Long-Range Facilities Committee - New Assistant Superintendent Joe Connolly stated he will be working with Tim Critchlow to prioritize the list of needs and move forward working with the committee.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:12 p.m., Vice President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment, and with none, Mr. Thorner closed the public forum at 7:13 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. July 13, 2021 Regular Minutes

B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll

1. General Fund - Check #234330-234434; 234448-23540
2. Capital Projects Fund - Check #234442-234447; 234548-234561
3. ASB Fund - Check #234435-234441; 234541-234547
4. Payroll- June & July 2021
5. Procurement Detail

C. Financial Reports

1. June 2021, Budget Status Reports
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 Projects Fund - Project 1702 Apple Valley
7. Capital Projects Fund - Project 1701 Summitview
8. Forecast 5

D. Approval of Employment Contracts

1. Employment Overview
2. Arizmendez, Cristina Preschool Teacher @ Cottonwood Elementary
3. Caprile, Charity 4th Grade Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
4. Civello-Bossert, Sonja 2nd Grade Teacher @ Apple Valley Elementary
5. Curfman, Dale 5th Grade Teacher @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
6. Curnutt, Eric Computer Science Teacher @ West Valley High School
7. Delgado-Ruiz, Griselda Paraprofessional @ West Valley High School
8. Gonzales, Nicole 5th Grade Teacher @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
9. Hopkins, Jennifer Paraprofessional @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
10. Little, Andrea Paraprofessional @ Cottonwood Elementary
11. Lovelass, Gabriel Summer Help @ Facilities
12. Morford, Michelle Paraprofessional @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
13. Newsom, Natalie 4th Grade Teacher @ Summitview Elementary
14. Oesterling, Lorena HR Technician @ West Valley School District
15. Olden, Rebekah ELA Teacher @ West Valley High School
16. Ramos, Kristina Paraprofessional @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
17. Rosenthal, Nichole 5th Grade Teacher @ Apple Valley Elementary
18. Stewart, Adam Communications Director @ West Valley School District
19. Thobois, Mark Head Custodian @ West Valley Junior High School
20. Vera, Yvette Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary

E. Approval of Resignations/Retirements

1. Blakney, Myles Computer Science Teacher @ West Valley High School
2. Brennan, Kevin Assist. Track Coach @ West Valley High School
3. Brennan, Kevin Assist. Girls Basketball Coach @ West Valley High School
4. Kinloch, Jon Boys Basketball Coach @ West Valley High School
5. Ley, Maegan Band Teacher @ West Valley Middle School
6. Raphoon, Jamie Science Teacher @ West Valley High School
7. Sybouts, Nicholas Communications Director @ West Valley School District
8. Tejada, Madeline 3rd Grade Teacher @ Apple Valley Elementary

F. Approval of Leave Requests

1. Ellis, Larry Leave of Absence August 19 - Sept. 19, 2021

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the consent agenda, as presented. MC 4-0.

Discussion Items: 2021-22 Budget and Four-Year Forecast

Joe Connolly, Assistant Superintendent for Business Operations, answered questions from board members regarding the 2021/22 budget. The budget, as presented, currently includes funding a school nurse on-site for each school. In addition, the District will fund participation for each school to receive services for crisis management from the ESD105 School Safety Operations and Coordination Center.

Public Comment of Discussion Items: At 7:17 p.m., Vice President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment.

Peter Marinace stated he was not able to find the budget information posted to the District website and asked if that would be available soon.

With no further requests, Mr. Thorner closed the public forum at 7:19 p.m.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) First Reading

1. 3424 Opioid Related Overdose Reversal (NEW)

The Board asked if it was possible to add wording to include the Innovation Center, for the Second Reading of Policy 3424 Opioid Related Overdose Reversal.

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve first reading of policy 3424 Opioid Related Overdose Reversal, as presented, including the Innovation Center, if possible. MC 4-0.

B. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) Second Reading

1. 2409 Credit for Competency/Proficiency and Credit for Mastery
2. 2410 High School Graduation Requirements
3. 2413 Equivalency Credit for Career and Technical Education Courses
4. 3112 Social Emotional Climate (NEW)
5. 3200 Rights and Responsibilities (RETIRED)
6. 3241 Student Discipline
7. 3432 Emergencies
8. 4050 Data Sharing with Local Tribes (NEW)
9. 4200 Safe and Orderly Learning Environment
10. 5231 Length of Work Day

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the second reading of policies listed, as presented. MC 4-0.

C. Approval of Resolutions

1. Resolution #21-07-730 Adoption of the 2021-22 Budget and Four-Year Forecast

Mike Meyer motioned to approve Resolution #21-07-730 Adoption of the 2021-22 Budget and Four-Year Forecast, as listed. MC 4-0.

Items Arising: The Board scheduled a Study Session for Tuesday, August 10, at 6:00 p.m., to interview two candidates for the vacant position on the School Board.

The Board scheduled an additional Study Session for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., to develop a first draft of goals for the 2021-22 school year.

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

- A. Administrative Reports
- B. Enrollment Report

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Finch shared that Adam Stewart will begin, Monday, August 9th, as the District's new Communications Director. Adam has been on-staff at the Field Group in Yakima. In his work with the Field Group, he has been working closely with Jed Watters and Russ Tuman on brochures and information to communicate with families regarding the new Innovation Center.

Board Reports/Board Development: Dave Jaeger commented on the tri-fold newsletter that was mailed out to all West Valley community members thanking previous Communications Director, Nick Sybouts on a job well done.

Executive Session: At 7:28 p.m., the Board moved into an Executive Session to discuss the Performance of a Public Employee expected to last twenty (20) minutes with potential action to follow. At 7:48 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session.

Action Item: Approval of Mutual Separation/Retirement Agreement regarding Michael Brophy.

Michael Thorner motioned to approve the Mutual Separation/Retirement Agreement between Michael Brophy and West Valley School District. MC 4-0.

Action Item: Approval of Michael Brophy's Sick Leave Retroactive to June 8, 2021, for the terms of the Agreement.


Michael Thorner motioned to approve Michael Brophy's Sick Leave, Retroactive to June 8, 2021, for the terms of the Agreement. MC 4-0.

Executive Session: At 7:50 p.m., the Board moved into an Executive Session to discuss Qualifications of Candidate for Appointment to Elective Office expected to last thirty (30) minutes with no action to follow. At 8:15 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Peter Finch, Acting Superintendent



Michael Thorner, Vice President