Regular School Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 13, 2018

After having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the library at West Valley Junior High School, 7505 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: President Michael Thorner, Mike Meyer, Dave Jaeger, Mark Strong, Barb Smith Gilbert, Student Representatives Sidra Yousaf, Faith Sullivan, and Grant Pickett.

Administrative Staff present: Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Innovations and Futures Director Christopher Nesmith, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was held during the Study Session.

Appointment of Board Director and Oath of Office
Board President Michael Thorner introduced Barb Smith Gilbert who was appointed on October 8, 2018 by the Board of Directors to fulfill Director District #4. She is replacing Jeffrey Smith who is now a teacher at Wide Hollow Elementary.

Angela Von Essen administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Gilbert.

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

Communications: A copy of the WASA Hotline November 2018 was provided to the Board members. It had an article featuring West Valley School District hosting the first Superintendent Regional Blended Learning Walks in the ESD 105 region.

The 2018 WSSDA Annual Conference is this week, November 14-17, 2018 in Spokane.

High School Student Report: The student representatives updated the Board on the following activities at the High School: The Drama Club finished their first play; tryouts for Fiddler on the Roof are happening now; they raised $750 for the North Star Lodge; they are adopting families for the holidays; they had a great ROTC Veterans’ Assembly; they are doing a canned food drive for veterans; and the school dance raised $1,000. Mr. Thorner said a thank you to Ms. Johnson for the Facebook posts that highlighted the Veterans Assembly.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:
Visitors present were Madeline McDonald, Jordan Lambert, Ryan Mathews, Bradley Liebrecht, Charles Ferguson, Seth Panattoni, Isabella Ferguson, Harshetha Mandava, Sjoisha Bodempudi, and Crystal McDonald.

At 7:03 p.m. Michael Thorner opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience. Ryan Mathews thanked all who participated in the four community meetings to discuss the Facilities of the District. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Facilities long-range planning for the District.

Michael Thorner closed the public forum at 7:06 p.m.

President Thorner deviated from the agenda and requested Angela Von Essen give the Superintendent Report as presented in the Board packet. Ms. Von Essen provided the Board with an overview of the recent District Facilities meetings held with key stakeholders and community members of West Valley. The
discussions have focused on the facility needs of the District and how to fund those needs. The group came to consensus on supporting a bond in the amount of $59M with state matching funds of $11.9M to replace Apple Valley Elementary and Summitview Elementary schools at their existing sites with the capacity of 550 students at each building. The bond amount estimated to generate a tax rate of $.95/$1,000. The Citizens for Better Schools Committee will present their recommendation to the Board on November 26, 2018. The Administration will present a resolution for Board approval based on the committee’s recommendation.

Host School Presentation
Middle Level Campus Principal Russ Tuman introduced Teacher Mary Ellis. Ms. Ellis teaches “Animation” through the program, “Wonder Media Storymaker” at the Middle School. Students Nina Parsons and Maham Khan defined the four jobs required to produce a video followed by a presentation of their video.

Isabella Ferguson and Marshetha Mandava, students from Mrs. Kahn’s Inspiring Girls Now In Technology Evolution (IGNITE) Club shared with enthusiasm the activities and mentorship they have experienced from those in local businesses. They are also receiving experience and knowledge on the relevance of STEM and how things are applied in the world. Some upcoming club activities include a field trip to Facebook, and the club will be hosting a student-directed STEM Fair on December 6, 2018 at the Junior High.

Board members and meeting attendees toured the Junior High’s Pre-Engineering lab. Christopher Nesmith explained how the new lab and its technology will provide opportunities for our students.

Mr. Tuman said they continue to make the Middle School and Junior High School one campus by using common themes, language, and the utilization of the Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) program. He concluded with comments of the fantastic staff he works with, and he invited the Board members to visit the middle level schools anytime.

Discussion Items:
A. President Thorner informed the Board that Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) needs Board approval for an inter-district athletic agreement with East Valley for Girls Bowling. This request came from Athletic Director Jeff Jamieson. Board members agreed with the proposed athletic agreement and they gave their approval for Mr. Thorner to sign the agreement.

B. Revenue Forecast/Capital Projects Updates
Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen provided a revenue forecast and capital projects update. She informed the Board that January, 2019 all employees and the District will be required by Washington State to pay into a Family Leave Program. Effective January 2020, the state will require district employees to participate in the state’s SEBB Health Care Program, which will eliminate third party agencies.

Action Items:
A. Approval of Minutes
   1. Study Session October 22, 2018
   2. Regular Meeting October 22, 2018

Mike Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. MC 5-0.

B. Travel Requests
   2. Maegan Ley, Western International Band Clinic - Seattle, November 16-19, 2018
   3. Brad Cramer, State Bowling - University Place, January 30-February 2, 2019
   4. Dave Stai / Roger McCausland - Districts Wrestling - Moses Lake, February 1-2, 2019
   5. Dave Stai / Roger McCausland, Regionals Wrestling - Tacoma, February 8-9, 2019
   7. Heidi Sutton, AWSP/ESPAW Zone 9 Meeting - Boise, ID, February 18-21, 2019

Mike Meyer made a motion to approve the travel requests as presented. MC 5-0.

**Items Arising:** The Yakima Herald Republic will be printing a story on Thursday, November 15, 2018, covering the proposed Bond for the District.

Mike Meyer reported a high school student is being bullied and the bullying issue continues in the District.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Dr. Brophy’s report was in the packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings and Study Session topics.

**Board Reports/Board Development:** Michael Thorner stated Ms. Von Essen reported on the meetings with CBRE/HEERY, administration, and community members during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Mr. Thorner is pleased with the diverse group of people that participated in the Facilities Committee meetings. A lot of work has been done with more to come.

**Adjournment** followed at 7:56 p.m.

[Signatures]
Angela Von Essen, Assistant Superintendent
Michael Thorner, President