

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 8, 2019

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, October 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of West Valley Freshman Campus, 9206 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: President Mike Meyer, Dave Jaeger, Michael Thorner, Mark Strong, Barb Smith Gilbert, Student Representative Grant Pickett.

Administrative Staff present: Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Principal Eva Lust, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 7:01 p.m., President Mike Meyer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Communications: Angela Von Essen provided the Board and audience with a handout, listing the Apple Valley and Summitview Construction-Future Meeting Dates.

Angela began with providing options for moving the three portables currently sitting on the Apple Valley and Summitview construction sights. She stated they need to be moved before the demolition process can begin next month. She also stated that the District learned today, the cost and physical move of these three portables was not included in the original construction demolition abatement bid.

Michael Thorner asked that Communication item-moving portables, be moved to a Discussion item.

High School Student Representative(s) Report: Grant Pickett gave updates on the High School activities.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:

Visitors present were: Steve Ashbrooks, Melissa Robertson, Megan Swanson, Rikki Cooper, Rebecca Olden, Susan Olden and Manuel Rangel.

At 7:11 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience.

Rikki Cooper, District parent, expressed that she was there for a second time to request the option of West Valley becoming a dual language district.

Mike Meyer closed the public forum at 7:13 p.m.

Host School Presentation/Program: Eva Lust thanked her staff for all of their hard work and dedication in making the Freshman Campus look and feel like a happy elementary school. She expressed that both schools have worked well together through the transition and the students have adjusted nicely. She also thanked the Facilities Department for all of their hard work making this transition happen as smoothly as possible.

Jennifer Sanderson gave a slideshow presentation on how Summitview and Apple Valley schools are adjusting to working together. Being the RTI Coach, Jennifer provided information about the current intervention programs Summitview is using. These programs include LAP, Math Intervention and ELL.

Discussion Items: Angela continued her discussion for moving the three existing portables, one on the Apple Valley site and two on the Summitview site, they were was not included in the original construction demolition abatement bid. Angela discussed possible options for moving the portables to a temporary location, such as storing them at the Transportation Center so the demolition process is not delayed. The District recognizes that enrollment is increasing and these portables will eventually be needed to meet the increase in student enrollment. After a lengthy discussion, Angela asked that the District be given more time to gather additional information and possibly look into other options for storing these portables.

Action Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. September 24, 2019 - Study Session ([attached](#))
 - 2. September 24, 2019 - Regular Meeting ([attached](#))
 - 3. October 1, 2019 - Special Study Session Meeting ([attached](#))

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. MC 5-0.

- B. Approval of Travel Requests
 - 1. Tom Robinson, DECA Fall Leadership Conference, Bellevue, WA-November 3-5, 2019.
 - 2. J. Nordstrom / T. Swanson, STATE for Cross Country, Pasco, WA-November 8-9, 2019.
 - 3. Jake Kessler, STATE for Swim, Federal Way, WA-November 14-16, 2019.
 - 4. K. Scacco Morton / D. Griffiths, Tennis Jamboree, Kona, HI-April 04-11, 2020.

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

Items Arising: None.

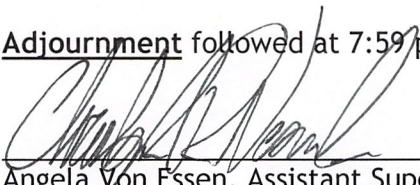
Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was included in the Board packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings and Study Session topics.

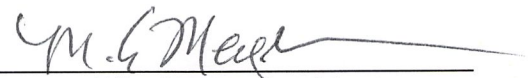
Board Reports/Board Development: Michael Thorner thanked the District for including himself and Barb Smith Gilbert in the Superintendent's Blended Learning Walks. Barb agreed, they both feel that this was valuable to our District as well as sister district's that attended. They reported that despite the different teaching styles in various classroom, all students were fully engaged in their learning. They hope to participate in these again.

Barb thanked Anjerie Nemrow for creating the online survey. In doing so, feedback was immediately available to discuss during the debrief session.

Angela Von Essen let the Board know that the District holds monthly Learning Walks and they are welcome to join those anytime.

Adjournment followed at 7:59 p.m.


Angela Von Essen, Assistant Superintendent
Business and Operations


Mike Meyer, President