

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 28, 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, March 28, 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/I6FboxKMOGk?feature=share>.

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Student/Family/Community Engagement Coordinator Minerva Pardo, Director of Special Education Lucas Jaeger, State and Federal Programs Director Jerilyn Ashbaugh, Student and Family Engagement Liaison Jill Hendricks, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 7:05 p.m., President Michael Thorner called the meeting to order.

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

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

Communications:

- A. Response to Public Comment - Dr. Peter Finch provided a response to public comments, questions and concerns that were raised by the public during the March 14, 2023 School Board meeting. A response was provided regarding additional security cameras at the middle school. Staff are reviewing the feasibility of adding cameras to the common areas for each wing at the middle school. A response was provided regarding the curriculum for fifth grade sexual health. Parents can review the curriculum and “opt out.”
- B. Asset Preservation Program - In compliance with Washington Administrative Code, the Board was provided with an assessment of the condition of the high school facility. The assessment was that the facility has maintained a rating of “good” during the past year. The next assessment to be conducted by a certified assessor will be completed in 2024.

School/Program Presentation:

- A. Family Engagement & Migrant Education - Minerva Pardo shared information about multiple strategies to support Family Engagement. She shared that staff have increased the identification of students who are eligible for services for the Migrant Education Program. The recent Resource Fair for Migrant and Bilingual Families had over 100 participants.
- B. Students Experiencing Homelessness - Jerilyn Ashbaugh, Director of State and Federal Programs, provided information about the rules and regulations for the program. The number of students identified for services has increased each year for the past four years, from 34 students in 2019/20, to 76 students in 2020/21, to 112 students in 2021/22, and, to 125 students in

2022/23. Jill Hendricks, Family Engagement Liaison, provided information about Ram Landing and all of the support that the program has received from students, staff, and community members. Board President, Michael Thorner, recommended that everyone should follow “Ram Landing” on Facebook. Jill said that it is amazing, whenever she posts a need, the community fills the need, sometimes the very next day. Jill was recognized last year as the Classified Employee of the Year for the ESD105 region.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:52 p.m., President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment, and with none, Mr. Thorner closed the public forum at 7:53 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. March 14, 2023 Study Session
2. March 14, 2023 Board Meeting
3. March 20, 2023 Special Board Meeting
4. March 20, 2023 Community Forum

B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll

1. General Fund - Check #240291-240428; 240469-240589
2. Capital Projects Fund - Check #240601-240603
3. ASB Fund - Check #240429-240443; 240590-240600
4. Payroll - March 2023
5. Procurement Card Detail

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. Backes, Bradley Volunteer Boys Golf Coach @ West Valley High School
3. Fortin, Molly Spanish Teacher @ West Valley High School
4. Gallegos, Daniel Volunteer Soccer Coach @ West Valley High School
5. Martinez, Cristina Instructional Paraprofessional (SPED) @ Cottonwood Elementary
6. Martinez, Tina Business and Marketing Teacher @ West Valley High School
7. Shelton, Jason Assist. Football Coach @ West Valley High School
8. Stromme, Austin Volunteer Soccer Coach @ West Valley High School
9. Vader, Elizabeth Transition DLC Paraprofessional @ West Valley High School

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

1. Ellis, Larry Head Custodian @ West Valley Facilities Department
2. Goodall, Erika Head Cheer Coach @ West Valley High School

3. Gutierrez, Andrea Transitional Bilingual Program Specialist @ West Valley School District
4. Terry, Mark Server @ West Valley Child Nutrition Department

F. Approval of Leave Requests

1. Bolin, Teena Leave of Absence Feb. 27 - March 15, 2023
2. Brickey, Tracy Leave of Absence March 1 - April 17, 2023
3. Mellander, Ellen Leave of Absence March 15 - March 31, 2023
4. Robinson, Kayla Leave of Absence April 10 - June 13, 2023

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the consent agenda, as presented. MC 5-0.

Discussion Items: Remaining Bond Funds

The Board discussed the decision-making process for making a decision regarding the remaining bond funds. Three Board Members (Dave Jaeger, Mark Strong, and Mike Meyer) expressed interest in having the administration work with bond counsel to develop a resolution for the use of some of the funds for capital projects with a focus on health and safety, and, to consider defeasing some of the funds. Two Board Members (Michael Thorner and Mark Mochel) expressed interest in defeasing all of the funds. The Board recognized that the majority (3-2) would like to move forward with the use of some of the funds for capital projects. The administration will contact bond counsel to schedule a Study Session where the administration and School Board members can hear the advice of counsel on how to structure the resolution. Once the resolution is developed, there will be a Public Hearing for the School Board to hear public comment regarding the resolution. After the Public Hearing, at a subsequent Board Meeting, the School Board will vote on the resolution.

Public Comment of Discussion Agenda Items: At 8:26 p.m., President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment, two community members commented regarding the use of the remaining bond funds.

With no further requests, President Thorner closed the public forum at 8:38 p.m.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Jeannie Martin-Turner - Washington Career & Tech Medicine Symposium Competition, Spokane, WA- April 28-29, 2023.
2. Jeff Weeks - Boys Golf State Tournament, Spokane, WA- May 22-24, 2023.
3. Kim Scacco, Danette Griffiths - Tennis State Tournament, Richland, WA- May 25-27, 2023.
4. Jenifer Kobe Rosie, Jenna Leaverton, Amber Johnson, Amy Mills - Art of Coaching Volleyball Clinic, Portland, OR- April 28-30, 2023.
5. Jamie Nordstrom - Track State Tournament, Tacoma, WA- May 24-27, 2023.
6. Mary Lewis, Nicole Thornton - Camp Dudley, Naches, WA-June 6-7, 2023.

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the travel requests, as presented. MC 5-0.

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

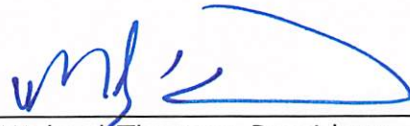
Superintendent's Report: Dr. Finch shared information about the potential financial impact of the legislative session. It appears that regionalization will be reduced for West Valley. Currently, the District receives 3% regionalization. The Senate budget eliminates regionalization for the 2023/24 school year. This translates to a reduction in funding of approximately \$1 million. The House budget reduces regionalization by 1.5% in the 2023/24 school year and then eliminates regionalization in the 2024/25 school year. The administration will monitor this issue as it progresses through the legislative process.

Board Reports/Board Development: None reported.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President