

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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, February 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the library of Wide Hollow STEAM Elementary School, 1000 S. Wide Hollow Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: President Mike Meyer, Mark Strong, Dave Jaeger, Melissa Robertson, and Student Representative Grant Pickett.

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Futures and Innovations Director Chris Nesmith, Richard Ferguson, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 7:13 p.m., President Mike Meyer called the meeting to order following a ten-minute recess after the Community Forum.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted at the beginning of the Community Forum.

Mike Meyer made the motion to excuse Michael Thorner and Madisyn Ross from the meeting. MC 4-0

Changes to the Agenda: Mike Brophy stated the Board received notice earlier today that an Executive Session had been added to the agenda.

Communications: Dr. Brophy encouraged everyone to follow his Superintendent's Blog, Friday 5, and the WVSD Connection for District communication. He thanked Anjerie Nemrow, District Communications Director for continually informing the community on what's happening in the District.

High School Student Report: Grant Pickett reported on the current activities at the High School: Lani Makalii finished 14th in State for girls bowling, wrestling went to State, boys and girls basketball are both headed to the playoffs, Spring sports are starting, DECA had an excellent turnout for the Father-Daughter Dance, and the Mother-Son Social will be held on March 7, 2020.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment Non-Discussion/Agenda Items:

Visitors present were: Ryan Mathews, Jill Armstrong, Steve Ashbrooks, Jed Watters, Roger McCausland, Tony Farina, Hasan Tahat, Tracy Hill, Emily Sutliff, Jaime Whittum, and Brian Van Dyke.

At 7:17 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions, and concerns from the audience. With no comments made by the public, President Meyer closed the public forum at 7:17 p.m.

Host School Presentation/Program:

Mike Brophy introduced Richard Ferguson, Principal of Wide Hollow STEAM Elementary School. Mr. Ferguson presented a PowerPoint on Wide Hollow's instructional focus, PBIS, and what's next for Wide Hollow. The presentation was followed by a visit to the new STEAM Lab to watch Emily Sutliff's kindergarten students: Emma Chapula, Levi Lynch, and Kennedy VanTighem demonstrated coding with Bee-Bots and Ozobots which are connected to ELA standards. Jaime Whittum and Brian Van Dyke's PAL students: Hyrum Jensen, Rebecca Garriques, and Nora Rodriguez presented Micronations Project-Based Learning with STEAM Elements. Students had the opportunity to answer questions and interact with the Board and community members.

Discussion Items:

West Valley School District Open Doors - School Improvement Plan

Chris Nesmith, Director of Innovations and Futures, explained that the District provides an Open Doors program for students that are disengaged from the traditional high school setting. The Program assists students by providing career and college readiness skills.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) under WAC 180-16-180 requires District approval of the Open Doors program for the school year.

Chris introduced Roger McCausland, Instructor of the Open Doors program. Roger gave a brief overview of the program and the positive impact it has on the students. Roger addressed questions and comments from the Board.

West Valley Virtual Academy (WVVA) - School Improvement Plan

Chris Nesmith explained that the West Valley Virtual Academy (WVVA) is an online, fully accredited, alternative education program offering core subjects, foreign languages, fine arts, computer science, career planning, and other electives.

On August 22, 2016, the Board approved Resolution 16-08-649, authorizing the creation of an Alternative Learning Education (ALE) program.

Public Comments - Discussion Items:

At 8:05 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions, or concerns from the audience. With no comments made, President Meyer closed the public forum at 8:05 p.m.

Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. January 28, 2020 Study Session
2. January 28, 2020 Regular Meeting
3. February 4, 2020 Community Forum

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve the minutes, as presented. MC 4-0

B. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Heidi Sutton, National Leadership Conference/AWSP, Washington D.C., March 21-26, 2020
2. Angela Von Essen, Disney Institute, Portland, OR-May 19-20, 2020
3. Chris Nesmith, Disney Institute, Portland, OR-May 19-20, 2020
4. Bob Altshuler, Lady Husky Invite, Othello/Moses Lake, WA-January 17-18, 2020
5. Bob Altshuler, Girls Wrestling Districts, Wenatchee, WA-February 7-8, 2020
6. J Golbek / S De Wet / A Stuck / H Urquhart, SDE National Conference, Las Vegas, NV-July 05-10, 2020
7. Nick Hartman, Innovative Schools Summit, Las Vegas, NV-June 23-28, 2020
8. Adam Eldridge, NCTM Conference, Chicago, IL-April 1-4, 2020
9. T Whitehead / J Sanderson, SEIS Facilitator Training, Eugene, OR-March 10-13, 2020
10. M Brophy / P Finch / S Drake, Office of Head Start-Public Collaboration Project, March 3-5, 2020

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve travel requests, as presented. MC 4-0

C. Approval of Resolutions

Resolution #20-02-701-2020 Excess Levy Tax Collections

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve Resolution #20-02-701-2020 Excess Levy Tax Collections. MC 4-0

D. Approval of School Improvement Plans

1. West Valley Open Doors Program-School Improvement Plan
2. WVVA-School Improvement Plan

Melissa Robertson made the motion to approve the School Improvement Plans, as presented.

Items Arising: No items arising.

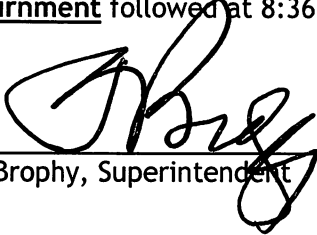
Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was included in the Board packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings, and Study Session topics.

Board Reports/Board Development: Dave Jaeger said he appreciated the District addressing the issue of increased taxes by making the public aware of the situation in advance.

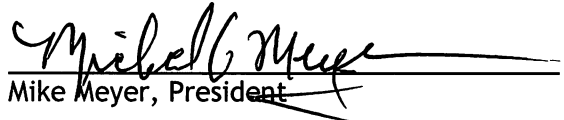
Melissa Robertson shared a letter received by the Board from Tricia Dennison regarding West Valley Special Education Preschool. The Board also received a letter from a sixth-grade student regarding the grade configuration.

Executive Session: At 8:10 p.m., the Board moved into an Executive Session to discuss the performance of a public employee, expected to last (30) thirty minutes with no action to follow. At 8:36 p.m., the Board reconvened into the regular session.

Adjournment followed at 8:36 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Mike Meyer, President