

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

**Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

Having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met for a Study Session on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, in the library of West Valley Junior High School, 7505 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Those present for the study session were: President Michael Thorner, Mike Meyer, Dave Jaeger, Barb Smith Gilbert, Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Student Representative Faith Sullivan, Madeline McDonald, Jordan Lambert, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Call to order: At 6:00 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: None

Study Session/Special Meeting:

The purpose of meeting/items discussed:

A. DATA Summit / SBAC Results / Analysis

The Board packet included the "5 Steps to Student Success – Data Dashboard" Report. Dr. Peter Finch reviewed the District's 2018 Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC) scores and the data provided within the report. He pointed out areas of growth and described the teamwork used by the teachers to encourage and develop the growth in their students. Dr. Finch also noted areas of concern and stated that staff monitor the scores throughout the year to determine where they should focus their instruction.

Per the request from Michael Thorner, Dr. Finch reviewed West Valley's Jump Start Program. Dr. Finch and Dr. Brophy will provide a data analysis of the program at the February 25, 2019 meeting. Administration provides professional development for staff, tutoring for students, and is investigating ways to provide better internet service to outlying areas of West Valley to ensure continued student growth and improvement.

In closing, Dr. Finch acknowledged the work of administration, teachers, instructional coaches, and principals. West Valley has a good system for accountability.

Dave Jaeger commented on the outstanding job by Dr. Finch.

Adjournment was declared at 6:49 p.m.



Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President