

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 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, February 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/39tnPQr7_8Y?feature=share.

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Joe Connolly, Executive Director of Innovation Jed Watters, Director of Special Education Lucas Jaeger, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

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

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

Changes to the Agenda: Travel Request for MaryRose Tahat was added as Approval Item A.8. An Executive Session was added as Item #15, to discuss the Performance of a Public Employee. Adjournment was moved to Item #16.

Communications:

- A. Response to Public Comment - There was no response to public comment.
- B. Department of Ecology - Dr. Finch shared that the District received a letter from the Department of Ecology that stated that all remediation was completed for soil containment at the Apple Valley site and no additional remediation was needed.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:03 p.m., President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. There was a comment regarding the conflict of interest policy and there was a separate comment requesting information about library books.

With no further requests, President Thorner closed the public forum at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. February 13, 2023 Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll
 - 1. General Fund - Check #239945-240117; 240154-240279
 - 2. Capital Projects Fund - Check #240129-240132; 240287-240290
 - 3. ASB Fund - Check #240118-240128; 240280-240286
 - 4. Payroll - January & February 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. Berndt-Davis, Alexis Assistant Track Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
3. Gifford, Zacery Instructional Paraprofessional (SPED) @ West Valley High School
4. Groenenberg, Calvin Instructional Paraprofessional (Itinerate) @ West Valley Special Education Department
5. Hernandez, Sarahi Paraprofessional for English Learners @ West Valley High School
6. Huizar, Maria instructional Paraprofessional (Itinerate) @ West Valley Special Education Department
7. Johnson, Tiffany Transition Kindergarten Paraprofessional @ Cottonwood Elementary
8. Jones, Michelle Temporary SLP Paraprofessional @ Cottonwood Elementary
9. Magallon, Cady Instructional Paraprofessional (SPED) @ Apple Valley Elementary
10. Maib, Rick Assistant Track & Field Coach (Distance) @ West Valley High School
11. Matczak, Stephen Non-Continuing Welding Teacher @ West Valley High School
12. McDonald, James Assistant Baseball Coach @ West Valley High School
13. Mitchell, Haylee Instructional Paraprofessional (SPED) @ West Valley High School
14. Osburn, Vanessa Server @ Child Nutrition Department
15. Pearce, Joshua Assistant Baseball Coach @ West Valley High School
16. Powers, Kegan Assistant Track & Field Coach (Throws) @ West Valley High School
17. Preciado, Angel IT Specialist III @ IT Department
18. Sanchez, Maria Instructional Paraprofessional (SPED) @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
19. Scott, Ryan Head Football Coach @ West Valley High School

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

1. Chavez, Orlando Track & Field Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
2. McCausland, Roger OIC Teacher @ West Valley Innovation Center
3. Norvell, Chelsea Server @ West Valley Child Nutrition
4. Philp-Mata, Cole Track Coach @ West Valley High School
5. Pleake Petre, Lisa 1st Grade Teacher @ Cottonwood Elementary
6. Porter, Greg 3rd Grade Teacher @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
7. Roinestad, Timothy Asst. Baseball Coach @ West Valley High School
8. Sorenson, Timothy Shop Teacher @ West Valley Innovation Center
9. Timm, Jason Girls' Soccer Coach @ West Valley High School
10. Webster, Jonathan Custodian @ West Valley Facilitates Department

F. Approval of Leave Requests

1. Boss, Ambria Leave of Absence Jan. 12 - Feb. 28, 2023
2. DeRosier, Deanna Leave of Absence Jan. 18 - Feb. 1, 2023
3. Marshall, Michael Leave of Absence April 10 - June 13, 2023
4. Sowder, Mindy Leave of Absence Jan. 18 - Feb. 3, 2023

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the consent agenda, as presented. MC 5-0.

Discussion Items: Proposed Projects to be Funded by the Remaining Bond Funds

The Board discussed the use of the remaining bond funds. The Board set the date for a Community Forum to receive input from the community about the proposed list of projects. The Community Forum is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 7:00 pm, at the High School Auditorium. In the discussion about the list of projects, it was suggested to add the press box to the High School field/bleachers/track project to be in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act.

Public Comment of Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:37 p.m., President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. There was additional public comment about the conflict of interest policy, the use of the bond funds, and a “thank you” to the District for adding bleachers for fans at the Mid-Level Campus baseball/softball fields. With no further requests, President Thorner closed the public forum at 7:45 p.m.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Tom Robinson, International DECA Competition, Orlando, FL-April 22-25, 2023.
2. Russ Tuman / Joseph Melton / Audeen Smart / Jed Watters, Competency-Based Education Conference, Centennial, CO- June 19-23, 2023.
3. Magieline Benedicto, School Nutrition Association National Conference, Denver, CO- July 8-12, 2023.
4. Kendal Bjerke, School Nutrition Association National Conference, Denver, CO- July 8-12, 2023.
5. Eric Curnutt, Competency-Based Educational Conference, Centennial, CO- June 19-23, 2023.
6. Tyson Whitfield, Postseason Basketball Game, Vancouver, WA- February 24-25, 2023.
7. Richard Pryor & Team of 9 TBD, Competency-Based Educational Conference, Centennial, CO- June 19-23, 2023.
8. MaryRose Tahat, Knowledge Bowl State Competition, Wenatchee, WA- March 10-11, 2023.

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the presented travel requests, including the one additional request that was added during Changes to the Agenda as #8. MC 5-0.

B. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) SECOND READING

1. 3510 Associated Student Bodies
2. 1220 Board Officers and Duties of Board Members
3. 1610 Conflicts of Interest (Districts with 2,000 or More Students)
4. 2411 High School Equivalency Certificate
5. 3230 Searches of Students and Student Privacy
6. 3421 Child Abuse and Neglect
7. 5004 Infection Control Program
8. 2140 Comprehensive School Counseling Program
9. 4311 School Safety and Security Service Program (new policy)

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the SECOND reading of policies: 3510,1220, 2411, 3230, 3421, 5004, 2140, and 4311, as presented. MC 5-0.

After the Board reviewed policy 1610 Conflicts of Interest, Michael Thorner motioned to approve the SECOND reading of policy 1610, as presented. MC 4-0. Mark Strong abstained from voting.

C. Approval of RFP - Network Electronics Bid Award

Mark Mochel motioned to approve RFP - Network Electronics Bid Award, 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

Superintendent's Report: Was included in the Board packet.

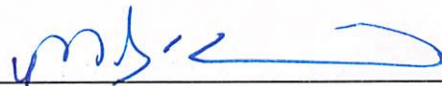
Board Reports/Board Development: Dave Jaeger recognized the many years of service of Greg Porter, teacher at Ahtanum Valley Elementary. Mark Mochel recognized the HS Boys Basketball team for their recognition as the Academic State Champions for the 4A Division for the 2022/23 school year. Mr. Mochel also shared that he attended the Father/Daughter Dance at the high school and there was a great turn-out of parents with their kids.

Executive Session: At 7:57 p.m., the Board moved into an Executive Session to discuss the Performance of a Public Employee, expected to last twenty-three (23) minutes with no action to follow. At 8:09 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President