

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

**Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes
March 26, 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 Wednesday, March 26, 2018, in room 1245 of the West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Those present for the study session were: President Michael Thorner, Mike Meyer, Mark Strong, Mike Brophy, Peter Finch, Ashley Lieberknecht, Jerry Prescott, Chris Nesmith, 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. West Valley Virtual Academy Expansion

Dr. Brophy gave a presentation on the West Valley Virtual Academy (WVVA). Enrollment is increasing and home school families are taking advantage of the Program. Dr. Brophy introduced Coordinator Ashley Lieberknecht, who shared life changing stories of students and the opportunities WVVA offers them. With the multitude of languages and advanced courses available, Ms. Lieberknecht recruits students from parochial schools to take WVVA courses they cannot offer. Dr. Brophy discussed the current West Valley Early Start program and credit retrieval opportunities for high school students. Administration will work with the West Valley Educators Association for the expansion of the WVVA Program during the 6-period day at the High School.

B. Reduction of Absences

Dr. Brophy shared the 5 Steps Data Dashboard showing the percentage of excused and unexcused absences for each school in West Valley. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) has changed the emphasis to Chronic Absenteeism which is defined as missing 10% or eighteen days out of the 180 days school year. Dr. Brophy has visited with all West Valley principals to develop strategies for dealing with students who are frequently absent.

Items Arising: There were none.

Adjournment was declared at 7:01 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President