Regular School Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 8, 2019

After having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the library of West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: President Mike Meyer, Dave Jaeger, Mark Strong, and Barb Smith Gilbert.

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow, Human Resource Specialist Traci Cox, Innovations & Futures Director Christopher Nesmith, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance during the Study Session.

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

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

Communications: Dr. Brophy reminded Board members of the Board Retreat on August 1, 2019 at Apple Tree. August 6-7, 2019, the Administration Leadership Team Retreat is at Yakima Valley Technical Skills Center.

Dr. Brophy gave the Board members the book, Beyond Reform. He reported that Principals Richard Pryor and Stacey Drake have initiated a program from this book for all upcoming Kindergartners to know the standards before Kindergarten begins. This program will be implemented in all West Valley elementary schools this school year.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:  
Visitors present were Steve Ashbrooks, Weston Hilton, Ryan Mathews, Kristin Johnson, Rob Gross, and Jerry Prescott.

At 7:06 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience. It is recommended that BOC be on the Board business meeting agendas.

Mike Meyer closed the public forum at 7:07 p.m.

Discussion Items:  
A. Communication Plan  
Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow gave a Power Point presentation covering five different areas of communication within the department: Internal Communication, Community Engagement, Marketing, School Bond/Construction, and Safety/Crisis Management. Ms. Nemrow spoke about each area’s current year projects and described her future goals for 2019-2020 and beyond. Her presentation included many examples.
B. 2019-2020 Fee Schedule

Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen provided the Board a 2019-2020 Fee Schedule illustrating the District’s fees proposed for the next school year. The 2019-2020 Fee Schedule will be an Approval Item on a future agenda.

C. Fund Balance

The Board packet included the following attachments: Fund Balance Trend, Fund Balance Detail, and Fund Balance Explanation. Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen addressed each one in detail for the Board in order to provide direction for budget planning. Dr. Brophy stated that at the July 22, 2019 Board meeting the consideration of land acquisition will be discussed. Board members discussed the importance to maintain an adequate fund balance and to look for ways to save money now.

Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes
   1. June 24, 2019 Study Session (attached)
   2. June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting (attached)
   3. June 26, 2019 Study Session (attached)

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

B. Approval of Policy Additions/Revisions
   1. First Readings (Memo)
      a. Policy 5253 - Maintaining Professional Staff Student Boundaries (attached)
      b. Policy 6220 - Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements (attached)

Mike Meyer made a motion to approve the first reading of Policies 5253 and 6220. MC 4-0.

2. Second Reading
   a. Policy 2030 - Service Animals in Schools (attached)
   b. Policy 3200 - Rights and Responsibilities (attached)
   c. Policy 3205 - Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited (attached)
   d. Policy 5281 - Disciplinary Action and Discharge (attached)
   e. Policy 6020 - System of Funds and Accounts (attached)
   f. Policy 6100 - Revenues From Local, State, and Federal Sources (attached)

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the second reading of Policies 2030, 3200, 3205, 5281, 6020, and 6100. MC 4-0.

Items Arising: There will be a Community Forum on July 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the library of West Valley High School to review the schematic designs for the building of two new elementary schools.

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

Board Reports/Board Development:
Dave Jaeger appreciated the article on Junior High School Teacher Brad Liebrecht in the Yakima Herald.
Adjournment followed at 8:21 p.m.

Mike Brophy, Superintendent

Mike Meyer, President