

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 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, August 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom Webinar ID# 991 8640 2198.

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen, Futures and Innovations Director Chris Nesmith, Human Resource Director Randy Souers, Finance Director Sheilah Wood, Facilities Director Tim Critchlow, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 7:02 p.m., President Mike Meyer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Communications: Dr. Brophy explained the Re-Boundary Proposal schedule had been modified to allow extra time for parents to start the new school year. The parents will have an opportunity to participate in a virtual meet and greet with the principal, and later, if they choose, they may arrange a tour of the school.

The modification is planned as follows:

Letters out to affected parents: Monday, October 12, 2020

Study Session to Review Rational: Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Principal Zoom Invitational Meetings: Tuesday, October 19, 2020, and Wednesday, October 20, 2020

Study Session for Public Comment: Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Approval of Re-Boundary Recommendation: Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Melissa Robertson requested the modified schedule be posted on the District website. Mike Brophy agreed as soon as the new school year starts to avoid confusion.

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

Attendees present for the webinar were: Katie Heary, Peter Marinace, Stacey Drake, Rob Gross, Jill Armstrong, Wendy Clark, Heidi Mochel, Ryan Mathews, Eva Lust, Michelle Siguenza, Heidi Sutton, Michael Moore, Linda Von Essen, Lucas Jaeger, Chris Jolley, Jeff Jamieson, Tanya Hoff, Minerva Pardo, Scott Dray, Season Almason, Karen Riomondo, Kimberly Henning, Yolanda Lemarr, Kerri Button, Ben McMurry, Amy Osborn, Mark Mochel, Susan Olden, Robert Fawcett, Jaimi Schmidt, Kristin Johnson, Adam Eldridge, Lessi and Tiffany Williams.

At 7:09 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions, and concerns from the audience.

A parent asked about the District's plan for SPED students. Mike Brophy asked her to email him and Lucas Jaeger with any questions.

Michael Meyer closed the public forum at 7:12 p.m.

2020-21 Public Budget Development - 2nd Hearing:

Angela Von Essen discussed the 2020-21 Budget and Four-Year Forecast that was included in the Board packet. Angela stated she was pleased to present a balanced budget, as directed by the Board.

At 7:14 p.m., President Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions, and concerns from the audience.

Michael Thorner stated he has spent a lot of time thinking about the Budget and had several conversations with Ms. Von Essen and Dr. Brophy about it. He feels that the administration made the best efforts to present the Budget during these extraordinary times and is fully confident of the work. He shared that he will be voting in support of the Budget.

Ms. Von Essen addressed comments and questions from the Board.

Dave Jaeger asked what cuts are being made to Special Ed. Ms. Von Essen stated the staffing cuts are reflected in the presented Budget, and there are no additional cuts.

Mike Meyer closed the public forum at 7:24 p.m.

Discussion Items:

A) 2020 - 21 Budget Efficiencies:

Angela Von Essen stated that to move forward with the Board Directed Goal regarding Budget Efficiencies, we need to have a series of meetings such as Study Sessions or possibly Community Forums. At this time, Angela asked the Board for direction on how they would like to move forward.

After a brief discussion between Board members, the direction from the Board is to hold Study Sessions so all Board members can hear the same information.

B) Portables Moving to Ahtanum and Mountainview:

Tim Critchlow referred to the Board memo that was included in the Board packet and addressed questions and comments from the Board.

Dave Jaeger and Mike Meyer questioned if the portables should be wet versus dry.

After discussion, the Board agreed to continue with the original plan as previously approved by the Board to keep the portables dry.

Public Comments - Discussion Items:

At 7:41 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions, and concerns from the audience.

Kristin Johnson, a District teacher, stated her rational and support for the portables to be wet.

Michael Meyer closed the public forum at 7:42 p.m.

Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. July 28, 2020 Regular Meeting
2. July 30, 2020 Study Session
3. August 3, 2020 Study Session/Work Session

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the minutes, as presented. MC 5-0

B. Approval of Resolution #20-08-710 Adoption of 2020-21 Budget

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve Resolution #20-08-710, as presented. MC 5-0

Angela Von Essen thanked Sheilah Wood and Candy Parmentier for their work on the Budget.

C. Change Order Approval - JH Access Control Project

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the JH Change Order, as presented. MC 5-0

Items Arising:

Chris Nesmith shared that the Long-Range Facilities Committee requested additional meetings regarding the following three topics:

- 1) Jr. High
- 2) Performing Arts
- 3) Community Health Centers

Superintendent's Report:

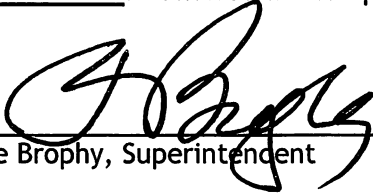
Dr. Brophy's report was included in the Board packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings, and Study Session topics. Mike reminded the Board of the upcoming Quarterly Bond Meeting on August 20, 2020, via Zoom.

Board Reports/Board Development:

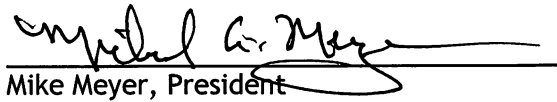
Dave Jaeger shared that he was very impressed with Minerva Pardo and the group from Heritage for the recent training they provided.

Michael Thorner and Mike Meyer thanked Peter Finch and Michael Brophy for the continued communication from administration.

Adjournment: Followed at 7:51 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Mike Meyer, President