

## **West Valley School District No. 208**

### **Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, in the West Valley High School Library, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via YouTube Livestream: <https://youtu.be/sM0Cup1YSJU>.

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

**Administrative Staff present:** Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake, Executive Director of Innovation Jed Watters, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

**Call to Order:** At 7:00 p.m., President Mark Strong called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mark Strong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Changes to the Agenda:** Travel Requests for Jill O'Brien/Jen Rosie-Kobie, and Richard Pryor/three undetermined MLC teachers were added as Action Items B.8 and B.9.

#### **Communications:**

- A. Response to Public Comment - Dr. Peter Finch provided a response to public comments, regarding the implementation of Policy 3211 Gender-Inclusive Schools. He explained that the Facilities Department has ordered signs for all schools that state, "A private restroom is available in the office." Principals report that they have worked individually with students and families to provide the private restroom and to provide a private changing area as needed for students in PE classes. Principals have been directed to add this information to the student handbook for each school. The District will publicize the letter to legislators from the 14th Legislative District which was signed by all School Board members. The letter requests financial assistance to change public restrooms to single-use restrooms. The letter requests that any remodel of restrooms will not jeopardize the modernization funding schedule for schools.
- B. Staff Retirement Recognition - The School Board recognized Tina Bowden for 31 years of service to students and families in West Valley.

**School Presentation/Program:** Career and Technical Education Director Jed Watters, provided a presentation regarding Career and Technical Education and his work this year to lead the process for our staff and community to identify the key components the "Portrait of a Life Long Learner."

**Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items:** At 7:39 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. One grandparent gave recognition to Ahtanum Valley Principal, Nick Hartman, for his quick responsiveness to questions/concerns and asked a question about federal funds. Another parent had suggestions for ways to streamline the lunch line at the Mid-Level Campus.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 7:44 p.m.

**Action Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

1. August 23, 2022 Board Meeting

*Mike Meyer motioned to approve the minutes, as presented. MC 5-0.*

**B. Approval of Travel Requests**

1. Minerva Pardo, Flamboyant Foundation National Cohort, Washington DC- October 25-28, 2022.
2. Minerva Pardo, AASA Radical Family Engagement Site Visit, East Hartford, CT - October 12-14, 2022
3. Tom Robinson, DECA Sports & Entertainment Marketing Conference, Orlando, FL January 31 - February 5, 2023.
4. Tom Robinson, DECA Fall Leadership Conference, Bellevue, WA - November 6-8, 2022.
5. Dan Eyman, Ryan Scott, Angel Mata, Rick Bush, Jeff Jamieson, Jeannie Martin, HS Football Game, Hermiston, OR - September 29, 2022.
6. Dan Eyman, Ryan Scott, Jeff Jamieson, Jeannie Martin, HS Football Game, Hermiston, OR - September 30, 2022.
7. Brad Cramer, Craig Lacy, Jeff Jamieson, Jeannie Martin, HS Softball Game, Hermiston, OR- September 15, 2022.
8. Jill O'Brien, Jen Rosie-Kobie, Linda Sheridan Classic Volleyball Tournament, Spokane WA-September 22-24, 2022.
9. Richard Pryor, three MLC teachers (TBD), Marzano Competency Based Conference, Denver, CO- October 18-20, 2022.

*Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the above travel requests, including the two additional requests that were added during Changes to the Agenda. MC 5-0.*

**C. CTE Futures Strategic Plan 2021-2023**

*Michael Thorner motioned to approve the CTE Futures Strategic Plan 2021-2023, as presented. MC 5-0.*

**D. Approval of Resolution(s)**

1. Resolution # 22-09-748 Career and Technical Education Program Approval

*Dave Jaeger motioned to approve Resolution #22-09-748, as presented. MC 5-0.*


**Items Arising:** Mike Meyer asked for an update on the status of improving cell phone service inside the new schools. Michael Thorner asked for an update on enrollment. Dave Jaeger asked for an update on the bus capacity in the new school year and Mark Strong asked for an update on the revenue generated by High School parking pass fees.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Finch's report was included in the Board packet.

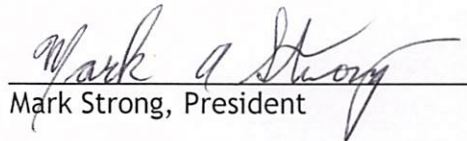
**Board Reports/Board Development:** Dave Jaeger noted that, during a recent statewide board development session, West Valley was the only school district that had all five School Board Members attend, the Zoom session was an overview for the Inclusive Practices Project with the national consultant, Katie Novak. Dr. Finch thanked the School Board Members for their commitment to inclusive practices, including Universal Design for Learning, and said that it was great for our staff to see the consistency in our school district "from the Board Room to the Classroom."

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



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Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



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Mark Strong, President