

West Valley School District No. 208

**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 22, 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 22, 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, Barb Smith Gilbert and Michael Thorner

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

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.

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

Michael Thorner moved to excuse Mark Strong from attendance. MC 4-0.

Communications: Rob Gross of CBRE/HEERY reviewed the Capital Bond Program Monthly Report for June 2019, which was included in the Board packet, available on the District website, and copies provided at the meeting. CBRE/HEERY will provide the updates each month. Rob stated they are moving forward with the GC/CM interviews on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

Peter Marinace stated that the Bond Oversight Committee held their first public meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. At this time, Election of Officers took place. Peter Marinace was elected as Chairperson and ^{SJS} Hasan ^{Korie} Tahat was elected as Vice Chairperson. Peter gave a brief summary of the meeting; notes and minutes were provided and included in the Board packet. He thanked Michael Thorner for helping get the Bi-Laws drafted. Peter stated that taking minutes at the meeting was a problem and they were hoping the District provide someone to help with this. They requested that CBRE Heery provide a copy of the Updated Monthly Report by the 5th of each month so they have time to review it before the next Board Meeting. They would also like the District to provide them with an option on how to get their information out to the public.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:

Visitors present were Ryan Mathews, Peter Marinace, Jerry Prescott, Suzanne Voldman, Kristin Johnson, Rob Gross and Kory Voldman.

At 7:20 p.m., President Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience. Mr Meyer closed the public forum at 7:43 p.m.

Ryan Matthews provided the names of elected officers for West Valley Citizens for Better Schools (WVCFBS). Tony Farina-President, Ricky Lynn-Vice President, Michelle Muler-Secretary and Jerry Prescott-Treasurer. Ryan commented on having the opportunity to speak with Rick Ferguson about the STEAM Program at Wide Hollow, saying Rick appears to be excited about the program and very thankful to Anjerie for all of her work on the branding for the STEAM Program. Ryan expressed that he would like the Board to make sure we maintain Program consistency with all our elementary schools. Ryan also stated that he would like the Board Goals to be posted on the District website.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. July 8, 2019 Study Session
2. July 8, 2019 Regular Minutes
3. July 9, 2019 Community Forum

B. Approval of Vouchers

1. General Fund - Checks 227414-227533
2. Capital Projects Fund - Checks 227557-227561
3. ASB Fund - Checks 227534-227556
4. ESD 105 Payment Detail

C. Financial Reports

1. June, 2019 Financial Reports
2. June, 2019 Budget Status Report

D. Approval of Employment Contracts

1. Employment Overview
2. Baker, Patricia SPED/PBIS Tier 2 Behavior Specialist Paraprofessional @ Summitview
3. Coder, Kayla Custodian @ Wide Hollow Elementary
4. Dufault, Michelle Special Education PreSchool Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
5. Edgar, Gregory Music Teacher @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
6. Heary, Katie First Grade Teacher @ Summitview Elementary
7. Lawson, Tammy Secretary @ State & Federal Programs
8. Leaverton, Jenna Green Energy/Material Science Teacher @ West Valley Junior High
9. Lee, Arin CTE Computer Essentials Teacher @ West Valley Junior High
10. Letcher, Teri DLC Teacher @ West Valley Middle School
11. Mitchell, Timothy CTE Digital Media Teacher @ West Valley High School
12. Weeks, Jeff Language Arts/History Teacher @ West Valley High School
13. Wells, Heather ASB/Counseling Secretary @ West Valley Junior High

E. Approval of Resignations/Retirements

1. Goldsmith, Holly Computer Lab Paraprofessional @ Apple Valley Elementary
2. Rikard, Heidi ELA Teacher @ West Valley Junior High

F. Approval of Leaves of Absence

1. Antles, Megan August 27 - Est. October 1, 2019
2. Davenport, Brock July 1 - July 12, 2019
3. Diaz, Maria July 15 - October 1, 2019

President Meyer made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. MC 4-0.

2019-20 Public Budget Development-1st Hearing

Director of Finance Sheilah Wood and Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen gave a preliminary summary of the 2019-2020 Budget and addressed questions from the Board. A handout was provided, giving clear detail to the following five key points; General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Debt Service Fund, ASB Fund and Transportation Vehicle Fund.

Dr Brophy reminded everyone that this is a public hearing, once the Board if done asking questions, it will open to the public for questions.

At 8:03 p.m., Michael Brophy opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience. President Meyer closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Discussion Items:

A. Board Goal-Consideration of Property Acquisitions

Michael Brophy read from his Board notes stating the district is experiencing growth and we owe it to our community to be seeking opportunities to purchase property in order to provide for future school sites. He explained that this will have to be a carefully thought out decision, possibly placing a fair sum in a reserve account for future purchasing of property. He also stated that this is a difficult time, due to purchasing at the height of the market. Dr Brophy invited County Assessor, Dave Cook, to talk about the current purchasing market in West Valley.

Dave Cook stated that market prices are high right now, 6-8% increase across the county. Prices in West Valley are ranging anywhere from \$5,000 to \$130,000 an acre. His recommendation is for the district to contact a realtor when they are ready to start actively looking for property.

The Board discussed the two pieces of property, currently not being used. One is at the Transportation Center and the other at Cottonwood. The Board requested Dr. Brophy obtain additional information on these two pieces of property, addressing the need to utilize or possibly sell them if it's not in the Districts long term plan to use them, as well as water rights and availability.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Michael Brophy, Futures Institute, Scottsdale, AZ. October 6-10, 2019.

President Meyer made the motion to approve the travel requests as presented. MC 4-0.

B. Approval of Policy Additions/Revisions Second Readings

1. Policy 5253 - Maintaining Professional Staff Student Boundaries
2. Policy 6220 - Bid or Request for Proposal

Michael Thorner asked that we table Policy 5230 until the next meeting for further review.

President Meyer made the motion to approve second reading of policy 6220. MC 4-0.

C. Approval of Resolution:

1. Approval of Resolution #19-07-693 Surplus Property

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve Resolution #19-07-693. MC 4-0.

D. Approval of Bond Services for the Apple Valley and Summitview Projects

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve services as listed. MC 4-0.

E. Approval of West Valley School District Bond Oversight Committee By-Laws

Michael Thorner stated that he worked with the BOC on the By-Laws, which two changes were made. Those changes being; if the messages become too big or too much from the community, they will be addressed internally. If there becomes a need for a special meeting, the School Board will decide if there is a need for a special meeting.

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the BOC By-Laws. MC 4.0.

F. Approval of Child Nutrition Bids

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the Child Nutrition Bids. MC 4-0.

Items Arising: There were no items arising.

Reports:

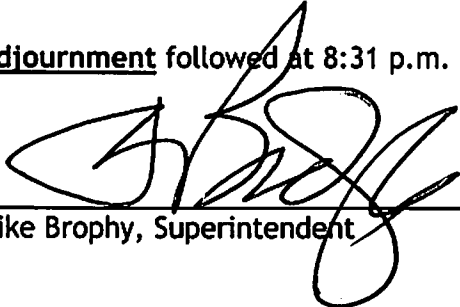
A. Travel Log Report- Included in the Board Packet.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was in the packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings and Study Session topics. Mike reminded the Board of the Board Retreat on August 1, 2019 at Apple Tree and the Administration Leadership Team Retreat, August 6-7, 2019 at Yakima Valley Technical Skills Center. Mike mentioned what a great job our Graduation Success Coordinator is doing to help our students succeed. He stated that the Freshman drop out rate remained at 12% at the end of both, first and second semesters. The current State drop out rate for Freshman is 10%.

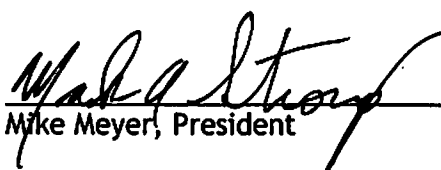
He pointed out and thanked Kristin Johnson for her amazing work with these students as well.

Board Reports/Board Development: There were no reports or updates.

Adjournment followed at 8:31 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Mike Meyer, President