

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, January 8, 2018

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, January 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the library of Ahtanum Valley Elementary School, 3006 S. Wiley Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

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

Administrative Staff present: Dr. Mike Brophy, Dr. Peter Finch, Angela Watts, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

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

Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Communications

Dr. Brophy presented the Board a copy of an article published in the January 2018 edition of the District Administration Magazine.

High School Student Report

Student Representatives were unable to attend due to school commitments.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment

Visitors present were Bradley Liebrecht, Kristal Graham, Carter Graham, Ben McMurry, Devina Khan, Tarig Khan, Sara Khan, Brandi VanDeBrake, Russel Tuman, Ryan Mathews, Kristin Johnson, Jerry Prescott, Launa Olney, Ambria Boss, Tiffany Williams, Heidi Mochel, Trinidy Vocana, Phebe Vocana, Brian Vocana, Sarah Newman, Lexi Catlin, and Toni Paganelli.

President Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. Ryan Mathews, Chairman of the Citizens for Better Schools Committee, spoke on Levy related items. He explained the following: 1) Guardian Angels outreach program, 2) phone call rallies, 3) signs, 4) door hangers, 5) volunteer sign up, 6) letters to the editor, and 7) school events flyer distributions.

Kristin Johnson, Secretary of the West Valley Education Association (WVEA), provided the Board the results from a survey given to the West Valley teachers. WVEA is planning another survey on a 10-year plan. Ms. Johnson said the WVEA will be communicating with the West Valley Facilities Committee.

Michael Thorner closed the public forum at 7:09 p.m.

Host School Presentation

Ahtanum Valley Elementary Principal Richard Pryor introduced Julie Chacon, Intervention Teacher. Ms. Chacon recognized two students, Ector Mendoza and Paisley Paul for their growth in academics. It was noted both students work very hard.

Ms. Chacon and Paraprofessionals, Launa Olney, Sarah Newman, and Trinidy Vocana, shared why they love their job and working at Ahtanum Elementary School. A slide/video production was presented of the LAP Program activities in the classrooms. Mr. Pryor added that among many other things, Ms. Chacon works with other teachers developing programs for their students.

The Board asked questions about PBIS, Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. Mr. Pryor stated it is ongoing implementation being reinforced at all times. Students know the expectations.

Discussion Items - Board Goal - Implementation of AVID for 2018-19 School Year

Dr. Brophy reported AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, will be implemented in the fall of 2018. Dr. Peter Finch said West Valley has a good team and Principal Russ Tuman doing has been doing research on AVID. A team will be going to the workshop in Seattle, July 10-12, 2018.

Action Items

- A. Approval of Minutes December 20, 2017

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the December 20, 2018 minutes as presented. MC 5-0.

- B. Approval of Policy Revision 1st Read
1. Policy 6220 Bid Requirements

Assistant Superintendent Angela Watts explained the changes and asked the Board to approve the first reading of Policy 6220 reflecting the new state and federal dollar amounts.

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve the first reading of Policy 6220. MC 5-0.

- C. Travel Request
Jeff Parks, 2018 US Army National Junior Air Rifle Championship, Ft. Benning, GA, January 31-February 4, 2018

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the travel request as presented. MC 5-0.

Items Arising

Michael Thorner requested a follow up on the possibility of expanding the Virtual Academy catalog.

Jeffrey Smith previously requested the upcoming Community Forums be held at Summitview Elementary. Dr. Brophy explained the gym would not be conducive for these meetings.

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

No reports were presented.

Adjournment followed at 8:12 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President