

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, April 9, 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, April 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the library at Mountainview Elementary School, 830 Stone Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen, Principal Rick Ferguson, Principal Russ Tuman, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Call to Order: At 7:00 p.m., President Michael Thorner announced a 5-minute recess due to the preceding Study Session ending at 7:00 p.m. At 7:05 p.m. President Thorner called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted at the Study Session.

Changes to the Agenda: Mike Brophy requested adding an Executive Session to the end of the meeting to discuss negotiations on performance of publicly bid contract with no action to follow.

Communications: None

High School Student Report: None

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:

Visitors present were Shelly O'Neill, Abby Stuck, Amber Caffrey, Sara McGuire, Jesse Golbek, Ryan Mathews, Jerry Prescott, and Caleb Miller.

At 7:10 p.m., Michael Thorner opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience. Cadet Caleb Miller reported on the current activities of the JROTC Program at the High School.

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

Host School Presentation/Program:

Mountainview Elementary School Principal, Nick Hartman introduced Sara McGuire who gave a presentation on Mountainview's WA Kids Assessment. WA Kids is a tool used to assess a child's development in six different areas. Ms. McGuire discussed the standards for each of these areas. She shared charts from Washington State, ESD 105, and West Valley School District that indicated the percentages of students who demonstrate Kindergarten readiness. Her presentation addressed what we are doing well and the areas we could do better. Principal Hartman expressed appreciation for the Mountainview teachers' collaborative efforts and hard work to meet the needs of their students and for providing them a good education.

Discussion Item: 2018-2019 Budget

Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen reviewed the handout provided to the Board. Topics discussed and explained were a four-year comparison of Levy and Levy Equalization, Staff Funding Levels, and Certificated Staffing.

WVSD Personnel Commitments/Plans Handout

Ms. Von Essen provided the Board a handout listing the 2017-18 Prior Commitments. She explained the 2018-19 Funded by enrollment increase/categorical programs and provided a list of other considerations for next year. She explained the process for developing the list of positions that included the Administration Team meeting individually with principals and directors to determine the needs at each of the buildings.

The Board discussed how new positions have been added in prior years by having them be presented to the Board for discussion prior to their posting. The Board asked that the three Special Education Coordinator positions listed under Other Considerations be put on hold until after the Special Education Director, Lucas Jaeger presents his plan and background information for each position, scheduled for April 23, 2018.

Action Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. March 26, 2018 Study Session (attached)
 - 2. March 26, 2018 Regular (attached)
 - 3. March 29, 2018 Community Forum (attached)

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. MC 3-0.

- B. Approval of Travel Requests
 - 1. Jeremy Freisz, Music Festival in the Parks, Hayden Lake, ID, May 11-12, 2018
 - 2. McCausland/Balderston, Construction in Geometry, Contextual Algebra, Redmond, OR, June 17-22, 2018
 - 3. Angela Von Essen, ASBO Board and Affiliate Executive Director Conference, Colorado Springs, CO, June 18-22, 2018
 - 4. Kaitlyn Smith, Leadership Conference, Washington DC, June 19-24, 2018
 - 5. Rick Ferguson, National "Get Your Teach On Conference", San Diego, CA, June 24-27, 2018
 - 6. Leaverton/Rosie/Kipperman, AMPED-Contextual Algebra, Corunna, MI, August 5-10, 2018
 - 7. Brian James/Jesus Lopez/Caleb Miller, Nationals Drill, Daytona Beach, FL, May 3-7, 2018

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the travel requests as presented. MC 3-0.

Items Arising:

Mike Meyer stated his concern for no concessions available during baseball and softball games. Dr. Brophy will inquire and report back to the Board.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was in the packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings and Study Session topics. The Spring Data Summit has been moved to Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Also, Dr. Brophy's blog has an average hit of 3,000 times per month.

Board Reports/Board Development:

Michael Thorner said he appreciated Dr. Brophy and the administration for facilitating the Safety and Security Community Forum. Ryan Mathews was thanked for providing the meeting notes. The forums are a good form of communication and dialog with the patrons.

Executive Session: At 8:39 p.m. the Board moved into an Executives Session to last 20 minutes to discuss negotiations on performance of a publicly bid contract with no action to follow. At 8:55 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment followed at 8:56 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President