

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 10, 2023

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, in the Cottonwood Elementary School Library, 1041 S. 96th Ave, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via YouTube Livestream: <https://youtu.be/uMi7WfMIFBQ>.

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

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

Call to Order: At 7:06 p.m., Vice President Dave Jaeger called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Jaeger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Strong motioned to excuse President Michael Thorner from the meeting. MC 4-0.

Communications:

A. Response to Public Comment - There was no response to public comment.

School Presentation: Cottonwood Elementary - Principal, Michelle Siguenza, welcomed the School Board members and visitors to the school. Joelle McMurry shared information about Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) systems at Cottonwood. Kate Womach shared information about the professional learning communities (PLCs) for elementary health and fitness teachers. Rachel Wood shared information about the Badge Book which is mastery-based and standards-based. The Badge Book is being implemented this school year in PreK, Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2. Heidi Mochel shared information about science education and demonstrated a lesson on soil erosion for second grade.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:44 p.m., Dave Jaeger opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. Several students, parents, and a staff member expressed concerns about the process for senior photos for the high school yearbook, and requested that the District provide picture re-takes for the senior class. With no further requests, Mr. Jaeger closed the public forum at 8:32 p.m.

Approval Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
1. December 20, 2022 Board Meeting

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the minutes, as presented. MC 4-0.

B. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Minerva Pardo / Stacey Drake Flamboyan National Fellowship, Convening, Washington DC- February 26 - March 2, 2023.
2. Davi Stai / Nevin Crider / Phil Gephardt Girls Wrestling Match, Othello, WA- January 20-21, 2023.
3. Jed Watters AASA Redefining Ready, Cedar Rapids, IA- April 22-26, 2023.

Mark Mochel motioned to approve the travel requests, as presented. MC 4-0.

Items Arising: No items were reported.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Finch's report was provided in the Board packet.

Board Reports/Board Development: The Board thanked the students and families for coming to the meeting and sharing their concerns.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President