

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2017

Having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met for a Study Session on Wednesday, December 11, 2017, in room 1245 of the West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Those present for the study session were: Vice-President Mike Meyer, Dave Jaeger, Mark Strong, Jeffrey Smith, Dr. Mike Brophy, Dr. Peter Finch, Student Representative Chloe Williams and Korie Wyckoff, Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister, Christopher Nesmith, Devina Khan, Elizabeth Chicken, Ryan Mathews, Russ Tuman, Stephen Robertson, Tim Reed, Abby Reed, Shannon MacLeod, Ruth Veselka, Renae Weedin, Susan Olden, Rebekah Olden, Tyler Jones, Laurie Jackson, Steve Jackson, Randy Souers, Rhonda Hutton, Julia Ericson, Michielle Stapleton, Ben McMurry, Heidi Sutton, Linh Tran, Stephanie Morehouse, Chris Treat, Bradley Liebrecht, Cindy Lacey, Robert Fawcett, Klayton Wyckoff, Marie Walker, Jerry Prescott , and via telephone Michael Thorner.

Call to order: At 6:00 p.m. Vice-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.

Communications: Dr. Brophy reviewed items listed in the Superintendent Evaluation Report provided in the packet. He said the Junior High Computer Essentials class with teachers Eric Curnutt and Devina Kahn was featured on KIMA News tonight.

Study Session/Special Meeting:

Program: Board Ongoing Examination - Gender equity throughout mostly-dominated CTE technical fields.

Christopher Nesmith, West Valley's Director of Career and Technical Education, said analyzing the data from his research regarding the gender equity in CTE classes produced more questions to study. In Mr. Nesmith's plan, Phase I is to eliminate barriers for female student enrollment into technical courses. Phase II is to review more data and he requested the Board schedule another study session to look at broader demographic data. The Board discussed the feasibility of modifying the curriculum to introduce technology to students at an earlier age.

Devina Khan, advisor and teacher at the West Valley Junior High, provided a slide presentation on IGNITE, Inspiring Girls Now in Technology Evolution. This program is in 80 different countries with the mission of introducing technology and engineering careers to girls in grades 6-12. Ms. Khan as Advisor and Deon Bartel, Counselor at West Valley Junior High, work

together encouraging girls to take Computer Science and Engineering classes. The West Valley Chapter will have guest speakers, field trips, college visits, conferences, and hands on activities to expose these girls to unlimited possibilities in the field of STEM Science.

Adjournment was declared at 6:56 p.m.

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Mike Brophy, Superintendent

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Mike Meyer, Vice-President