

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 11, 2022

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in the Ahtahum Valley Elementary School Library, 3006 S. Wiley Road, Yakima, WA 98903, and Via YouTube Livestream: <https://youtu.be/ISjmfWgKPP0>

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

Administrative Staff present: Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake, Student/Family/Community Engagement Coordinator Minerva Pardo, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 7:05 p.m., President Mark Strong called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mark Strong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Communications:

Response to Public Comment - Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake provided a response to public comments, questions and concerns that were raised by the public during the September 27, 2022, School Board meeting.

School Presentation: Ahtahum Valley Elementary Principal Nick Hartman, invited all of last year's 4th graders and their families the Board meeting and spoke about their amazing growth in recent state test scores. Mr. Hartman gave all the students pop-streamers, and at the end of his presentation, they all celebrated together.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:33 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment.

Community member, Ryan Mathews stated that remaining bond funds are not the result of any one person, but the outcome of a process that involved an entire team. He outlines the work done by the Bond Oversight Committee.

Another community member asked that Dr. Finch provide further clarification on federal funding for the school lunch program, specifically questioning if the Federal Government require School Districts to teach Critical Race Theory curriculum as a condition for students to receive assistance for free and reduced meals.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 7:39 p.m.

Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. September 27, 2022 Board Meeting
2. October 4, 2022 Community Forum

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the minutes, as presented. MC 5-0.

B. Approval of Travel Requests

1. COL James/MSG Bynum, JROTC Drill Meet, @ Lebanon OR- November 4-6, 2022.
2. Tyson Whitfield/Zo Juarez/Dale Curfman, Boys Basketball Game @ Tacoma, WA- December 21-23, 2022.
3. Jeff Weeks/Carly Davis, Girls Basketball Game @ Mill Creek & Mukilteo, WA- December 28-29, 2022.

Michael Thorner motioned to approve the travel requests, as presented. MC 5-0.

C. Approval of Distributed Antenna System (DAS) for Apple Valley and Summitview

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the Distributed Antenna System (DAS) for Apple Valley and Summitview, as presented. MC 5-0.

Items Arising: Dave Jaeger asked if other schools would be receiving funding for the Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) if cell phone coverage was limited in their buildings. Stacey Drake stated that it was on the Capital Projects list for consideration.

Superintendent's Report:

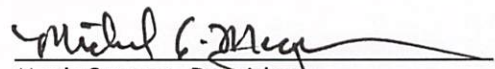
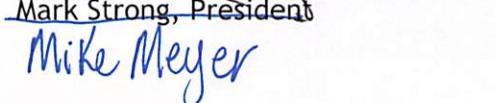
Dr. Finch's report was included in the Board packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings and Study Session topics.

Board Reports/Board Development: Michael Thorner shared that Representative, Chris Corry acknowledged receiving the District's letter requesting funding to implement RCW 28A.642.080 to remodel bathrooms in our schools from common bathrooms to single use bathrooms. Representative Cory shared that he will be meeting with the budget team in Olympia in the next few weeks.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent

Mark Strong, President
Mike Meyer