

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met for a Study Session on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, in the library of the West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Those present for the study session were: President Mike Meyer, Michael Thorner, Dave Jaeger, Mark Strong, Barb Smith Gilbert, Student Representatives Grant Pickett, Sidra Yousaf, and Faith Sullivan, Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendents Angela Von Essen and Peter Finch, Principals Eva Lust, Heidi Sutton, and Ben McMurry, Finance Director Sheilah Wood, Transportation Director Jaimi Schmidt, IT Director Jeremy Cox, Athletic Director Jeff Jamieson, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow, Nicole Donegan, Matt Lewis, Kristin Williams, Traci Cox, Alicia Holemen, Alicia Egan, DeAndra Gonzalez, Melissa Brunz, Alishia Owens, Marcel Brunz, Suzanne Joldman, Kory Vondman, Shawna Estef, Joe Estef, Tiffany Williams, Rebekah Olden, Angela Carrick, Erika Vestad, Sabin Hogue, Brenda & David Severson, Ryan Mathews, Hailey McCaffrey, Peter Marinace, Jerry Prescott, Susan Olden, Brooke Malorey, Mike Saunders, Steve Ashbrooke, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Call to order: At 6:00 p.m. 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: An invitation was sent to the Citizens for Better Schools Committee, Bond Oversight Committee, and up to two board members for the quarterly Bond Planning lunch on June 20, 2019. Dr. Brophy requested an RSVP for those planning to attend.

Study Session/Special Meeting:

The purpose of meeting/items discussed:

A. Bond Construction Movement

Dr. Brophy recapped the activities that have taken place since the Bond passing in February 2019. A project manager and architect have been hired and it has been recommended to vacate both properties, Apple Valley and Summitview Elementary Schools, for two years for the demolition and building of the new schools. Students will relocate to the Freshman Campus and the freshmen will move to the High School. There are still challenges and they will be addressed at the weekly meetings. The selling of the bond will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2019.

Communications Director, Anjerie Nemrow, explained the planning involved with building the schools on their current locations. It will require a team effort for the staff and students of these schools.

The information surrounding the project is housed and regularly updated on this website:

<https://wvbuildingourfuture.org/> .

Board members asked questions regarding the Latch Key Program (West Valley Child Care). The director, Janet Knutson, is in the process of submitting her application for a license at the new location.

Transportation Director Jaimi Schmidt explained her department's tentative plan of routes, bus stops, and centralized stops for students who currently walk to school.

Board members were given information in response to their questions about the movement of portables, High School scheduling for 2019-20, and clarification of the Transportation Department is replacing buses, not purchasing buses to add to the fleet.

Community members Ryan Mathews, Raquel Martinez, Michael Moore, and other community members, shared their concerns about the day care availability, which portables will be used, where will unused portables be stored, the open bus pass policy, recess activities, and isolated bus routes for schools.

Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen provided the reasons why the two schools must remain as separate schools (entities). Dr. Brophy said Apple Valley's portables will be moved and used at the Freshman Campus. Principal Heidi Sutton addressed parents' concerns regarding appropriate activities for all students during recess. Dr. Brophy said he will follow-up on the child care license application process. Transportation Director, Jaimi Schmidt, said the open bus policy will remain in effect.

Rachel Martinez, parent, asked about a Plan B if the portables are not moved in time for school and will the District re-boundary. Dr. Brophy stated we have a timeline in place for the portables being moved and the District will not re-boundary.

Michael Moore, parent, suggested the District work with Yakima County and the Fire Station to install a flashing light with the 20-mile per hour speed zone in effect near the school at appropriate times.

Another concern of a parent was the Library at the Freshman Campus. Eva Lust explained that checking out books will look different, however, most books will be in class libraries with student access to options for higher level reading.

Ryan Mathews, parent and member of the West Valley Citizens for Better Schools Committee, asked about completing the long-term planning process and when will the community have an opportunity to provide input on the ed specifications and design. He stated the community should be able to provide input on the buildings.

Due to the time, President Mike Meyer, closed the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a five-minute recess before the regular meeting scheduled.

Items Arising: None

Adjournment was declared at 7:01 p.m.


Mike Brophy, Superintendent


Mike Meyer, President