

**West Valley School District No. 208
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes**

September 13, 2016

After having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the library of Ahtanum Elementary School, 3006 S Wiley Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

Executive Session: At 6:30 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session expected to last 30 minutes to review the performance of a public employee with no action to follow. At 7:01 p.m. the Board moved into regular session.

Board of Directors present: President Michael Thorner, Dave Jaeger, Mike Meyer, and Student Representatives Jasmine Almaguer and Chloe Williams.

Administrative Staff present: Dr. Michael Brophy, Angela Watts, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Call to Order: At 7:02 p.m., President Michael Thorner called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Michael Thorner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda: Dr. Brophy requested two travel requests be added for approval as items:
9.A.4 - Lacy and McMurry to Longview, WA, AWSL Leadership Conference October 14-16, 2016.
9.A.5 - Horowitz, Forrest, Etc. - Special Education and the Law Conference, Portland, OR, October 4-5, 2016.

Communications: No new communications were brought to the table.

High School Student Representative Report

Jasmine Almaguer said they are using Google Docs and Google Drive at the High School. The IT Department is working on making the internet more efficient.

Chloe Williams reported that Houston Kraft will speak to the High School students on September 20, 2016 on "Being Kind".

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:

Visitors present were Stephen Robertson, Toni Paganelli, Alexandria Patrick, Roberta McConnehey, Michael McConnehey, Taylor Stormo, and Coy Stormo.

At 7:04 p.m., Michael Thorner opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience. Steven Robertson, parent of a Summitview student addressed his concern on the location of a bus stop. Dr. Brophy stated that he and Ms. Watts will speak to the Transportation Department and get back to Mr. Robertson.

Michael Thorner closed the public forum at 7:08 p.m.

Host School Presentation

Dr. Brophy introduced Richard Pryor, Principal of Ahtanum Elementary School who reported it has been a very good start this school year. Students recognized by Principal Pryor were second grader, Emma Keller and fourth grader, Coy Stormo. President Thorner honored them with a West Valley lunch bag.

Mr. Pryor's presentation included a comparison of the 2015 to the 2016 Spring Smarter Balance test scores. His breakdown by grade showed the number of students at each of the four levels. He acknowledged the areas that need attention and the ongoing goal to improve. Mr. Pryor recognized teachers who had

substantial growth, Mr. Klippert and Mrs. Stover in Math, and Mrs. Burnett in Reading. He attributed the growth to understanding what needs to be done.

Mr. Pryor showed the SBAC scores in comparison to the STAR results. The STAR test is changing to become more aligned with the Smarter Balanced standard. Mr. Pryor ended his presentation with Ahtanum's areas of focus: new ELA curriculum, data evaluation, Blended Learning, and PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports).

The presentation concluded with Mr. Pryor answering questions from Board members.

Action Items:

A. Travel Requests

1. Jake Kessler & Keely Hausken, Mukilteo Invitational, Federal Way, September 30-October 1, 2016
2. Elizabeth Chicken, NCTE Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 17-20, 2016
3. Tabor, Balderston, Sutliff, Love & Logic Training, Portland, OR, October 17-18, 2016
4. Lacy, McMurry, AWSL State Leadership Conference, Longview, WA, October 14-16, 2016
5. Horowitz, Forrest, Durbin, Gaidos, Hays, etc., Special Education & the Law Conference, Portland, OR, October 4-6, 2016.

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve the travel requests as presented. MC 3-0.

Michael Thorner made the motion to excuse Mike Carey and Chris Brewer. MC 3-0.

Items Arising: There were no items arising.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was in the packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings and Study Session topics. He noted there will not be a Patron Tour this year. Dr. Brophy referred to the Superintendent Evaluation information provided and asked Board members to narrow it down to two standards or to one standard that has two strands. President Thorner requested this be a topic of discussion at a Study Session.

Board Reports/Board Development:

Dave Jaeger attended the Jeff Utecht presentation August 29, 2016.

Michael Thorner toured many of the buildings the first day of school.

Adjournment followed at 7:50 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President