

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, September 11, 2017

After having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the library of Cottonwood Elementary School, 1041 S. 96th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: President Michael Thorner, Mike Carey, Dave Jaeger, Mike Meyer, Jeffrey Smith, and Student Representatives Korie Wyckoff and Chloe Williams.

Administrative Staff present: Dr. Mike Brophy, Dr. Peter Finch, Randy Souers, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Call to Order: At 7:00 p.m., President Michael Thorner called the meeting to order.

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

Changes to the Agenda: Remove Action Item 9.B.3.

Communications: Dr. Brophy shared a handout with the Board. Dr. Brophy provided the Board with copies of a note from English teacher, Elizabeth Chicken, regarding the High School English Department travel request listed under Action Items.

High School Student Report: Korie Wyckoff and Chloe Williams provided updates on activities at the High School. Chloe reported the ASB is preparing to open a morning coffee shop.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:

Visitors present were Scott and Jamie Raphoon, Sherry Adams, Jackie Wantland, Heidi Mochel, Mark Strong, Tori Brennan, Emily Andersen, Itiyana Chavira, and June Lally.

At 7:05 p.m. President Michael Thorner opened the public forum. With no comments made by the public, President Thorner closed the public forum at 7:05 p.m.

Host School Presentation: Principal Sherry Adams led the Board and visitors to Karen Atterberry's LAP Classroom to watch paraeducators work with students on the development of reading skills. Ms. Atterberry and her team have had great success in working with students on a daily basis.

Action Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting August 28, 2017 ([attached](#))

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the August 28, 2017 minutes. MC 5-0.

B. Travel Requests

1. Jake Kessler, Swim & Dive Mukilteo Invite, Federal Way, September 22-23, 2017
2. Jamie Nordstrom, Northwest Math Conference, Portland, OR, October 13-14, 2017
3. ~~Michelle McKimmy / Jenneifer Komstadius, Ron Clark Academy, Atlanta, GA, October 25-28, 2017~~ Stricken per Changes to the Agenda.
4. Tom Robinson, Fall Leadership Conference, Bellevue, October 29-31, 2017
5. Nordstrom/Swanson/Glacier, State X-Country, Pasco, November 3-4, 2017
6. Jake Kessler, Swim & Dive, Federal Way, November 9-11, 2017
7. Chicken/Murphy/Fletcher, National Council of Teacher of English, St. Louis, MO, November 16-19, 2017

Mike Meyer made a motion to approve travel requests #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, & 7. MC 5-0.

Items Arising:

Board members agreed to take the Washington State School Directors Association Self-Assessment Survey.

President Thorner invited a board member to attend the upcoming Agenda Prep Sessions. Jeffrey Smith will attend September 19, 2017 and Dave Jaeger will attend October 19, 2017.

Dave Jaeger asked how the schools are doing with the poor air quality as a result of the fires in the state. Dr. Brophy explained the District is working with Yakima County. Principals and secretaries are notified daily with a chart indicating the quality of air.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was provided in the packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings and Study Session topics. The first Labor Management meeting will be September 19, 2017.

Board Reports/Board Development:

Mike Meyer said he will be attending the legislative assembly for Washington State School Directors Association.

On the first day of school Michael Thorner and superintendents visited the buildings. President Thorner was impressed with the students he observed in the classrooms.

Closed Session:

At 7:50 p.m., the Board moved into a closed session to last 20 minutes to discuss collective bargaining with no action to follow. At 8:10 p.m., President Thorner announced 20 minutes more was needed. The Board exited the Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

Executive Session:

At 8:32 p.m., the Board moved into an executive session to discuss the performance of a public employee to last 30 minutes with no action to follow. At 9:02 p.m., President Thorner stated 25 minutes more was needed. At 9:27 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment followed at 9:28 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President