

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes Monday, March 25, 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 Monday, March 25, 2019, in room 1245 of the West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Those present for the study were: President Mike Meyer, Dave Jaeger, Michael Thorner, Mark Strong, Barb Smith Gilbert, Innovation and Futures Directory Christopher Nesmith subbing for Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Special Services Director Lucas Jaeger, Autism Coordinator Season Almason, Assessment Coordinator/ Mental Health Liaison Judi Lewis, Instructional Coordinator Michelle Siguenza, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Call to order: At 6:00 p.m. President Mike Meyer called the meeting to order.

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

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

Communications: None.

Study Session/Special Meeting:

The purpose of meeting/items discussed:

A. Special Services

Special Services Director Lucas Jaeger spoke about the department's vision and goals. Research supports inclusion in general education classroom as much as possible with the least restrictive environment.

Autism Coordinator Season Almason explained the BCBA (Behavior Analyst Certification Board) requirements. Ms. Season is overseeing two West Valley staff members pursuing the BCBA. She also described some of her duties and Dr. Finch stated that Season attends the monthly West Valley Administration meetings providing training to principals and directors.

Judi Lewis, Assessment Coordinator and Mental Health Liaison, said that licensed therapists from Catholic Charities will be coming to West Valley twice per week to serve the middle level and high school campuses. A student is more apt to work with a clinician that is in the school than seeking help outside of school. Lucas Jaeger said that West Valley High School has a class that teaches students about their disabilities. Educating them and their parents empowers the students.

Michelle Siguenza, Instructional Coordinator, spoke about the co-teaching that is happening at Mountainview and Wide Hollow Elementary Schools and at the Freshman Campus. Students are actively engaged and benefit from the inclusion. The goal is to have more schools next year.

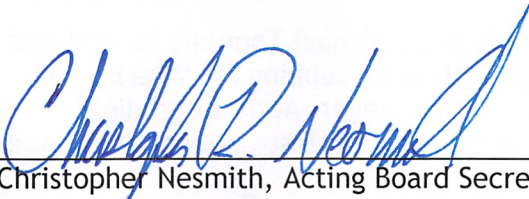
B. State and Federal Programs

Lexi Tyler, Director of State and Federal Programs, described each of the following areas in her department: Title 1 Part A - Improving Academic Achievement, Parent Child Home Program, Family Engagement, McKinney Vento, Title 1 Part C - Migrant Education, Transitional Bilingual Instructional Program and Title III, Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment, and LAP (Learning Assistance Program).

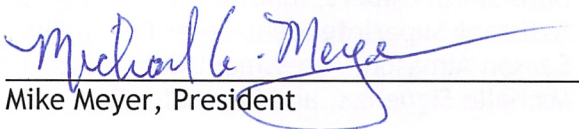
Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch ended the program stating that the Chromebooks, small groups, and online instruction are an outstanding blend of services to the West Valley students and provide the opportunity for personalized learning.

Items Arising: None.

Adjournment was declared at 6:59 p.m.



Christopher Nesmith, Acting Board Secretary



Mike Meyer, President