

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes October 18, 2017

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Having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met for a Study Session on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, in room 1245 of the West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Those present for the study session were: President Michael Thorner, Mike Meyer, Mike Carey, Jeffrey Smith, Mike Brophy, Peter Finch, Richard Pryor, Heidi Sutton, Eva Lust, Nick Hartman, Russ Tuman, Ben McMurry, Tim Critchlow, Chris Nesmith, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Call to order: At 6:30 a.m. President Michael Thorner called the meeting to order.

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

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

Communications: There were no new communications.

Study Session/Special Meeting:

The purpose of meeting/items discussed:

A. Facilities Plan

Superintendent Mike Brophy presented Board members a handout that listed "Current Facility Recommendations". This list was developed from a meeting held with the eight principals and Facilities Director, Tim Critchlow. Additions for Ahtanum and Wide Hollow were listed as considerations, but the formula for matching funds are unknown. Board Member Mike Carey commented that he has asked and hasn't received a response in regards to his question, "If under the current rules, would adding an addition to a school remove the entire building from state matching funds." Mike Meyer noted things could change when the state budget is approved. Dr. Brophy explained there are several factors. It is a formula determined by the state that includes the entire district, not single building.

Tim Critchlow talked about the best locations of possible portables and the requirements being different depending on the portable being dry and if the use is for a library or a classroom. Mr. Critchlow said an architect is needed to determine actual costs.

During the following discussion, Board members asked principals questions and expressed their personal preferences. A concern throughout the meeting was the growing population in West Valley and meeting the needs of students with long-term solutions.

Mike Carey presented a proposal. He suggested changing the elementary schools to house grades K-5 and converting the Middle School into a K-5 elementary school. Grades 6 and 7 would be at the Junior High. Grade 8 would move to the Freshman Campus. Freshmen would move to the High School. Mr. Carey also suggested adding a CTE Building to the High School, adding classrooms to Wide Hollow Elementary, obtaining dry portables for libraries at Apple Valley and Summitview, and

repurposing the boiler room at Summitview Elementary into a classroom. This would require re-boundary for all elementary schools. Mike Meyer suggested that impact fees be placed upon the developers as done by other counties in the state. Jeffrey Smith stated a long-term plan needs to be solidified. Mr. Carey noted that his plan is a longer term plan, but not a long-term plan. Mike Meyer thinks this plan would allow the Board time to work on a long-term plan.

The Board requested Administration to determine a comfortable capacity number of students for each of their buildings as they now are with current portables. This will be a discussion item on Monday, October 23, 2017. The goal is to determine a timeline to develop a plan that could be provided to the community for feedback by February 2018.

Items Arising: There were no items arising.

Adjournment was declared at 8:00 a.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President