

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, February 12, 2018

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, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the library at Wide Hollow Elementary School, 1000 S. 72nd Avenue, Yakima, WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: President Michael Thorner, Mike Meyer, and Mark Strong.

Administrative Staff present: Career and Technical Education (CTE) Director Christopher Nesmith, Assistant Superintendent Angela Watts, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

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

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

Changes to the Agenda: Board members were notified before the meeting of two additional travel requests: Action Items B.2 and B.3.

Communications: None

High School Student Report: The Student Representatives were not present.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:

Visitors present were Rick Ferguson, Debbie Cameron, Heidi Sutton, Ryan Matthews, Jerry Prescott, Brooks Hale, and Madeline McDonald.

Chairman of the Facilities Committee, Ryan Mathews said Angela Watts would be reporting tonight on the recent meeting held regarding capital projects. His committee is using Facebook and Twitter to inform the community of their activities.

At 7:08 p.m. President Thorner closed the public comment section.

Host School Presentation/Program

Christopher Nesmith introduced Richard Ferguson, Principal of Wide Hollow Elementary School. Mr. Ferguson welcomed the Board of Directors and introduced Debbie Cameron, Response to Intervention Teacher. Ms. Cameron's Power Point presentation on the Wide Hollow LAP Program Push-In Model identified benefits of the program, the classroom configurations, and how the data indicates targeted growth and areas of concern requiring more focus. It is also used individually by the students to develop personal goals of growth. Mr. Ferguson closed with remarks on the funding that supports this program and that Debbie makes it more effective.

Mike Meyer made a motion to excuse Dave Jaeger. MC 3-0.

Discussion Items:

1. Capital Projects Update

Angela Watts, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the Capital Projects Fund Report that included a list from Facilities Director, Tim Critchlow. Ms. Watts explained the rationale for determining the projected 2018-19 Elementary Class Counts by Building and Grade Report. With those numbers, she recommended the Board consider purchasing a portable for Apple Valley Elementary School.

Board members discussed current unknown factors, the Board directive to shuttle students in new neighborhood developments to schools with capacity, efforts to keep class sizes as low as possible, the lack of available bus drivers, and the lack of buses needed for shuttling.

A map was provided indicating a current construction development on South 64th Avenue. This neighborhood is identified for attendance in Ahtanum Valley Elementary School.

Angela Watts reported that she is working with the Facilities Committee to determine the vendor to work with West Valley as a Boundary Consultant.

2. Cottonwood Flood Plan

Angela Watts provided a map showing the proposed Shaw Creek Relocation Project from Yakima County. If this project is completed, it would prevent students from walking to and from school in the adjacent neighborhood. These students would need to be bused.

3. 2018-19 Enrollment Projections

Ms. Watts explained the 2018-19 enrollment projections and how they were determined. With the new K-3 funding model, administration will be adding staff to maximize funding and create smaller class sizes.

Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Study Session January 22, 2018 ([attached](#))
2. Regular Meeting January 22, 2018 ([attached](#))
3. Study Session January 24, 2018 ([attached](#))
4. Study Session January 31, 2018 ([attached](#))
5. Study Session February 7, 2018 ([attached](#))

Mark Strong made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. MC 3-0.

B. Travel Requests

1. Tom Robinson, DECA State Competition, Bellevue, March 1-3, 2018
2. E Chicken / M Tahat, Knowledge Bowl State Competition, Arlington, March 16-17, 2018
3. Jeremy Freisz, Regional Music for All, Vancouver, March 22-23, 2018
4. Devina Khan, US News STEM Solutions Workforce, Washington D.C., April 4-7, 2018
5. Angela Watts, SASBO Annual Conference, Memphis, TN, April 16-20, 2018
6. Kaitlyn Smith, WA FFA State Convention, Pullman, May 9-13, 2018
7. King / Johnson / Crawford, National Get Your Teach On Conference, San Diego, CA, June 24-26, 2018
8. K Hinckley / J Raphoon, Durango Fall Classic, Las Vegas, NV, September 13-16, 2018

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve travel requests 1-8 as presented. MC 3-0.

Items Arising:

Mark Strong requested time at a future meeting to discuss in detail how the Highly Capable Committee was developed.

Michael Thorner shared his personal expectations to become fully informed and crystal clear of future bond funding and verbage. All options need to be decided ahead of time with all the various contingencies; need to foresee as much as possible and have a clear understanding.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was in the packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings and Study Session topics.

Board Reports/Board Development: None

Adjournment followed at 8:29 p.m.


Christopher Nesmith, CTE Director


Michael Thorner, President