West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 25, 2019

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 25, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the library of Wide Hollow Elementary School, 1000 S. 72nd Avenue, Yakima, WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: President Mike Meyer, Dave Jaeger, Mark Strong, Barb Gilbert Smith, Michael Thorner, and Student Representatives Sidra Yousaf, Faith Sullivan, and Grant Pickett.

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Angela VonEssen, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

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

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

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

Communications: Dr. Brophy said the Bond to build and replace Apple Valley and Summitview Elementary Schools had passed. He thanked all those involved. Assistant Superintendent Angela VonEssen provided the Board a draft construction timeline.

Recognitions: Dr. Finch explained the opportunities for students with the Washington State College Bound Scholarship Program. He then recognized the West Valley Junior High team that was committed to informing students and parents by signing up 90% of eligible students. The sign-up rate placed West Valley School District as one of the top-performing districts in the state.

High School Student Report: The student representatives updated the Board on the High School activities including dates and times of the musical, “Fiddler on the Roof”. They also reported on winter sports and JROTC competition results, and noted that spring sports began today which were held indoors due to the weather.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:
Visitors present were Linh Tran, Luay Rodriguez, Aliyal, Jenna Stratton, David Blethew, Ricardo Vasquez, Refogio Vasquez, Michael Moore, Becky Goodlake, Jeff Goodlake, Susan Olden, Wendy Clark, Matt Lovelass, Jerry Prescott, Thomas Hull, Jill Armstrong, Cadet James O’Shea and Ryan Mathews.

At 7:14 p.m., President Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience.

Matt Loveless, parent, provided the Board with information packets about the JROTC Program. Cadet James O’Shea and Cadet Dakotah Goodlake reported on recent events, placements in competitions, and their community services.

Michael Moore, member of the Citizens for Better Schools Committee read a letter in reference to the passage of the Bond.

Mike Meyer closed the public forum at 7:24 p.m.
Host School Presentation/Program:
Principal Rick Ferguson began his presentation with a welcome and then recognized students and staff with certificates and pins signifying their outstanding commitment and service. Three students demonstrated Personalized and Blended Learning through a playlist model. Mr. Ferguson spoke about Wide Hollow’s demographics, the SBAC Data, iReady Math and Reading Data, the importance of attendance, the PBIS Program, activities, and next year’s goals for Wide Hollow.

Approval of Consent Agenda:
A. Approval of Minutes
   1. January 28, 2019 Study Session
   2. January 28, 2019 Regular Meeting
   3. February 20, 2019 Special Meeting

B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll
   1. General Fund - Checks 225503-225619; 225638-225769
   2. Capital Projects Fund - Checks 225637-225637
   3. ASB Fund - Checks 225620-225636; 225770-225796
   4. Payroll
   5. ESD 105 Payment Detail
   6. Procurement Card Detail

C. Financial Reports
   2. January, 2019 Budget Status Report

D. Approval of Employment Contracts
   1. Employment Overview
   2. Braswell, Cody Volunteer Wrestling Coach @ West Valley High School
   3. De Leon, Melissa School Psychologist @ West Valley Junior High (2019-2020)
   4. De Wet, Stacey Half Year Pilot Program: Tier 2/Tier 3 Interventionist @ Wide Hollow Elementary
   5. Hert, David Custodian @ Facilities
   6. O’Brien, Jill Volleyball Coach @ West Valley High School
   7. Villegas, Nathan IT Specialist 1 @ IT Department

E. Approval of Resignations/Retirements
   1. Brennan, Kevin Track Coach (.5) @ West Valley High School
   2. Dunham-Wheeler, Holly Health Teacher @ West Valley Middle School
   3. Fendall-Sutphen, Patricia SLP @ Summitview Elementary
   4. Hamett, Christine Humanities Teacher @ West Valley Middle School
   5. MacDermid, Elizabeth Paraprofessional @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
   6. Persson, Linda Secretary @ Child Nutrition
   7. Raphoon, Jamie Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach @ West Valley High School
   8. Simpson, Lynn Bus Driver @ Transportation

F. Approve of Leaves of Absence
   1. Kipperman, Barbara April 9, 2019 - June 13, 2019
   2. Krienke, Tonya Feb. 11, 2019 - TBD

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. MC 5-0.
Discussion Items:
A. Highly Capable Program
West Valley's AVID/Highly Capable Coordinator Wendy Clark presented a Power Point on the Highly Capable Program. It included the key steps to identifying gifted children, professional development for staff, and the Highly Capable Program goals. She described the process: See Me, Equitable Identification, Teach Me, Professional Development, Challenge Me, Monitoring Progress, and Understand Me. She showed examples of a non-clustered and a clustered classroom.

B. Data Summit
Dr. Brophy reviewed the 5 Steps to Student Success Data Dashboard provided in the Board packet. This information is aligned with the OSPI Performance Indicators - Data and Analytics. Dr. Finch spoke about the Student Growth measured by the iReady Diagnostic Assessments in Reading and Math. Dr. Finch also reviewed the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Development Skills (WaKIDS) report. Dr. Finch presented data on the Jump Start summer school program and stated that it is time to re-evaluate the program and change the model.

Action Items:
A. Approval of Travel Requests
1. Kayla Rice, District Qualifying Competition, Lakewood, WA, February 15-16, 2019
2. Kellye Holder, NAFME Northwest Music Conference, Portland, OR, February 15-17, 2019
3. Jamie Zeller, LifeSmarts Competition, Olympia, February 20-21, 2019
4. Kayla Rice, Dance Competition, Camas, February 22-23, 2019
5. Tim Sorenson, Manufacturing Assembler State Competition, Everett, February 22-23, 2019
6. Rick Beck, German Immersion Camp, Carnation, March 22-23, 2019
7. Angela VonEssen, Oklahoma ASBO Annual Conference, Norman, OK, April 16-19, 2019
8. Angela VonEssen, Ohio ASBO Annual Conference, Columbus, OH, April 23-26, 2019
9. Volleyball Coaches, Sheridan Volleyball Classic, Spokane, September 27-29, 2019
10. Leanne Morse, PCHP Annual Conference, Uniondale, NY, April 28-May 04, 2019
11. Jennifer Sanderson / Julie Copeland, Trainer of Trainer for LETRS, Dallas, TX, June 24/28, 2019

Dr. Brophy explained that the last school board meeting was canceled due to weather. Some of the dates of these travel requests have passed.

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve the eleven travel requests as presented. MC 5-0.

B. Approval of Policy Additions/Revisions
1. WSSDA Policy & Legal News (attached)
2. Policy 3141 Nonresident Students (attached)
3. Policy 3143 District Notification of Juvenile Offenders (attached)
4. Policy 3144 Release of Information Concerning Student Sex & Kidnapping Offenders Responsibilities (attached)
5. Policy 3231 Student Records (attached)
6. Policy 3520 Student Fees, Fines, Charges (attached)
7. Policy 6210 Purchasing Authorization and Control (attached)
8. Policy 6220 Bid Requirements (attached)

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the second reading of the seven policies listed above. MC 5-0.

Items Arising: Michael Thorner requested time set aside at a future meeting to review the draft construction timeline presented by Angela VonEssen. A Study Session will be scheduled for March 11, 2019.

Mike Meyer shared a story of his friend who is in the hospital and received a card from a class at Cottonwood Elementary School.
Administrative Reports:
A. Enrollment Report
B. Safety Report
C. Travel Log Report

Superintendent’s Report: Dr. Brophy’s report was in the packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings and Study Session topics. Dr. Brophy said that the admin team is working on next year’s financial challenges.

Board Reports/Board Development: Michael Thorner expressed his appreciation to the staff, Facilities Department, Custodians, and the Transportation Department for all they have done in dealing with the weather challenges.

Executive Session: At 9:12 p.m. the Board went into an Executive Session to discuss the performance of an employee expected to last forty (40) minutes with no action to follow. At 9:55 p.m. the Board reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment followed at 10:00 p.m.

Mike Brophy, Superintendent

Mike Meyer, President