

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 13, 2022

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, in the Summitview Elementary School Multipurpose Room, 6305 W. Chestnut Ave, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via YouTube Livestream: <https://youtu.be/jz3hpHKM6ro>.

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake, Principal Eva Lust, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 6:06 p.m., President Mark Strong called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Strong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Communications:

- A. Response to Public Comment - There was no response to public comment.
- B. Staff Retirement Recognition- The Board recognized Debbie Olsufka and Linda Quarterman for their years of service to the West Valley School District.

Election of Officers - Reorganization of the Board:

- A. President - Mark Strong nominated Michael Thorner to serve as President. MC 5-0.
Mr. Thorner accepted his position as President and led the remainder of the meeting.
- B. Vice President - Mike Meyer nominated Dave Jaeger to serve as Vice President. MC 5-0.
- C. Legislative Representative - Michael Thorner nominated Mark Strong to serve as the Legislative Representative. MC 5-0.
- D. WIAA School Board Representative- Michael Thorner nominated Mark Mochel to serve as the WIAA School Board Representative. MC 5-0.

All positions will hold office for two years.

School Presentation: Summitview Elementary

Eva Lust, Jennifer Sanderson, and Cassie Oravetz presented information about the work that Summitview staff members have been doing to move to a more inclusive environment for students with disabilities. They shared that their goal is to support students in relationships, social skills, and community building while also targeting academic growth. They pointed out that inclusion does not mean that all students are doing the same things. It means that all students are expected to demonstrate learning. Eva shared how restorative justice is a key component to inclusion so that students are provided education for behavior management based on their individual needs. All of this work is supported by professional development on Universal Design for Learning so that students' strengths and needs are addressed in the regular education classroom.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:36 p.m., President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment and with none, Mr. Thorner closed the public forum at 7:36 p.m.

Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. November 21, 2022 Study Session
2. November 21, 2022 Board Meeting

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the minutes, as presented. MC 5-0.

B. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Season Almason / Megan Jennings Behavior Analysis Convention, Denver, CO- May 26-30, 2023.
2. Dave Stai / Nevin Crider / Phil Gephardt Girls Wrestling Match, Tacoma, WA- January 20-21, 2023.
3. Dave Stai / Nevin Crider / Phil Gephardt Boys Wrestling Match, Tacoma, WA- January 20-21, 2023.
4. Jeff Weeks / Carly Davis / Jeff Jamieson / Jeannie Martin Girls Basketball, Seattle, WA- December 28-29, 2022.

Mark Mochel motioned to approve the travel requests, as presented. MC 5-0.


Items Arising: Board members discussed next steps for the decision on what to do with the remaining funds from the construction projects.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Finch highlighted that all staff members, families, students, and community members are welcome to attend the "Winter Wonderland" celebration, after school, on Friday, December 16, from 4 pm - 7 pm, at the High School Commons. The purpose of this activity is to provide an inclusive, fun event.

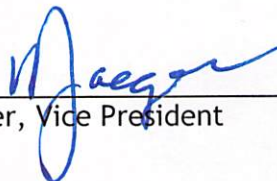
Board Reports/Board Development: Mr. Thorner requested a presentation in the future that focused on the work of the instructional coaches and the coaching cycle training that they have undertaken this school year.

Mr. Strong requested that a date be set for a Study Session to review an initial draft of capital projects

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Dave Jaeger, Vice President