

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 14, 2021

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, in the West Valley High School library, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via Zoom Webinar ID# 831 4061 8258.

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, Assistant Superintendent Joe Connolly, Executive Director of Innovation Jed Watters, Director of Student and Family Support Lucas Jaeger, Family Engagement Coordinator Minerva Pardo, Michelle Gaberman, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Meeting attendees: Chris Brewer, Barbara Borton, Misty Roinestad, Tim Roinestad, Bill Huibregtse, Mary Huibregtse, Jill Armstrong, Mary Weber, Barb Kinloch, Kathy Jamieson, John Borton, Greg Kinloch, Katie Birley, Andy Birley, Michelle Sevigny, Alisha Copeland, Christy Lovestrand, Janelle Brownell, Tom Dahl, Anna Jackson, Matt Lindner, Larry Swift, Sue Swift, Naydne Sniees, Dan Sniees, Tressa Shockley, Kate Loeb, Bradley Liebrecht, Laurie Miller, Craig Anderson, Patty Anderson, Jason Kinloch, Tia Kinloch, Kristin Johnson, Raquel Martinez, Cynthia Whitediemand, Megan Mauch, Ryan Mathews, Lauren Speer, Bruce Thompson, Ilene Thompson, Breck Obermeyer, Karly Almon, Michael Moore, Jamie Trenkenschuh, Lynnea Schlieman, Marla Borton, Boomer Gaskill, Amanda Gaskill, Rebecca Flynn, Trisha Dennison, Eric Borton, Amanda Rodriguez, Nikara Melius, Megan Foster, Max Foster, Jennifer Amos, Dan Lovestrand, Spencer Lovestrand, James Kelly, Ann Snipes, Jerrod Sessler, Nicki Sessler, and Cooper Hill. A list of the virtual attendees is attached to the minutes.

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

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

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

Communications: There was no communication to report.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:02 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment.

Barb Borton, Rebecca Flynn, Kate Loeb, Chris Brewer, Alisha Copeland, Boomer Gaskill, Megan Foster, Dan Lovestrand, Jerrod Sessler, Karly Almon, Laurie Miller, Anna Jackson, and Rick Hassett, expressed concern about various topics including: mask requirement, Critical Race Theory, Sexual Health, the Mid-Level Campus Yearbook, Chromebooks being issued to students.

Jenneifer Komstadius and S. Lewis shared their support for the School Board, students and staff.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 7:56 p.m.

Discussion Items:

A. Equity and Inclusion

Minerva Pardo, Family Engagement Coordinator and Lucas Jaeger, Director of Student and Family Support, provided the following information for the School Board to learn about the work that has been done in the past in our district and our plans for the future.

EQUITY VISION: Success for All Students,

EQUITY MISSION: Proactively remove systemic barriers and create opportunities for student success.

- Build resilience among our students, families, and communities
- Build leadership skills for parents as the first and most important teachers and advocates for their child
- Support our school staff to lead family-friendly schools and culturally-responsive classrooms

INCLUSION VISION: Access for All Students

INCLUSION MISSION: Provide access for all students to content, peers, and opportunities in an inclusive environment.

- Increase the percentage of students who are served in the general education setting for 80% or more of their school day
- Increase implementation of Universal Design for Learning
- Include staff members in goal setting, identifying supports, and addressing barriers

Board members and staff were invited to join the various work groups by contacting Minerva Pardo or Kevin Brennan.

Public Comment of Discussion Items: At 8:05 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment.

Barb Borton referred to previous mention of the Intercultural Developmental Inventory (IDI), stating that it sounded similar to “Critical Race Theory” and requested more information.

Chris Brewer, Megan Mauch Jerrod Sessler commented on topics such as: Equity, Equality and Inclusion.

Cynthia Whitediemand expressed her support in the Equity and Inclusion programs.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 8:28 p.m.

Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. August 24, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. September 2, 2021 Special Board Meeting

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the minutes, as presented. MC 5-0.

B. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Tyler Jones/HS Marching Band, Marching Band Competition, Spokane, WA-

October 8-9, 2021.

2. Dr. Peter Finch, AASA National Conference of Education, Nashville, TN-
February 15-19, 2022.

3. Jill O'Brien / Jen Rosie, Linda Sheridan Volleyball Classic Tournament, Spokane,
WA-September 24-25, 2021.

Michael Thorner motioned to approve the travel requests, as presented. MC 5-0.

C. Approval of

1. WVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the WVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, as presented.
Mark Mochel recused his vote, due to potential conflict of interest. MC 4-0.

2. Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement

Michael Thorner motioned to approve the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement, as
presented. MC 5-0.

Items Arising: No items were reported.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Finch's report was included in the Board packet.

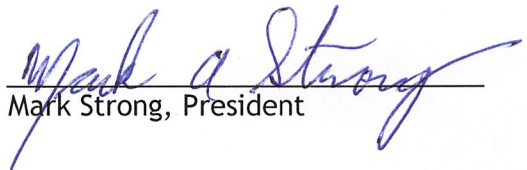
Board Reports/Board Development: None reported.

Closed Session: At 8:34 p.m., the Board moved into a Closed Session to discuss Collective
Bargaining, expected to last twenty-five (25) minutes with no action to follow. At 8:59 p.m.,
Mr. Strong announced an additional fifteen (15) minutes was needed with no action to follow.
At 9:13 p.m., the Board reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Mark Strong, President