

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes December 4, 2017

Having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met for a Study Session on Monday, December 4, 2017, in room 2225 of the West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Those present for the study session were: President Michael Thorner, Jeffrey Smith, Mike Meyer, Mark Strong, Dave Jaeger, Stephen Robertson, Michael Moore, Jeffrey Jamieson, Linh Tran, Steve Ashbrooks, Kristen Kegley, Amy Osborn, Rebekah Olden, Susan Olden, Brooks Hale, Brian Piippo, Brandi VanDeBrake, Jerry Prescott, Cheryl Timothy, Tony Farina, Russ Tuman, Danielle Crawford, Joe Bolin, Della Bolin, Heidi Mochel, Sherri Adams, Ben McMurry, Amanda Rodriguez, Eva Lust, April Heiser, Tausha Stapleton, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Call to order: At 6:30 p.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: Dr. Brophy read a letter received from a Mead School District parent that complimented the West Valley Girls' Basketball Team and Coach Tyler Whitfield for their behavior and actions at a recent game when a Mead student was injured.

Study Session/Special Meeting:

The purpose of meeting/items discussed:

A. Facilities Plan Y

President Thorner said Plan Y is the same as Plan X, but without the purchase of two portables for Apple Valley Elementary and Summitview Elementary. It includes remodeling the boiler room at Summitview Elementary and redistributing students to schools with available space requiring specific neighborhoods to move to another school.

Board members discussed: 1) a compromise of X and Y plans, 2) portables could be wet or dry and their use would be as a library or classroom, 3) a cost-benefit analysis addressing the needs noting the least expensive is not always the best, 4) placement of portables, and 5) how much time would portables provide for growth in the district.

At 6:56 p.m., President Thorner opened the meeting to the audience for questions and comments. Staff and community members shared their thoughts including: 1) timing of levy, bond and redistricting, 2) use of current facilities, 3) long-term planning, land acquisition, current land

possibilities, 4) adding a wing to Wide Hollow Elementary, 5) state funding, and 6) communication to patrons.

President Thorner said the first portion of the next Study Session to be held on December 6, 2017 will be a philosophical discussion on Plan Z which was proposed by a board member. Plan Z will help with the long-term facility planning. Afterwards, the board will share their preference of the plans and then take comments from visitors. The results of the discussion will provide a springboard proposal where the public will be given an opportunity to participate in the community forums in January 2018.

President Thorner thanked everyone for coming and their participation.

Items Arising: There were no items arising.

Adjournment was declared at 8:22 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Mike Meyer, Vice-President