

## West Valley School District #208

### **Community Forum Minutes Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

After having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 held a Community Forum, on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the library of West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

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

**Administrative Staff** present: Dr. Mike Brophy, Angela Watts, Dr. Peter Finch, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

**Community and Staff Members Present:** Jerry Prescott, Christ Treat, Nick Hartman, Sherry Adams, Jamie Paine, Rebekah Olden, Susan Olden, April Heiser, Chris Nesmith, Peter Marinace, Abby Stuck, Raquel Martinez, Michael Moore, Tausha Stapleton, Laurie Barber, Kristin Johnson, Ryan Mathews, Tim Goff, Steve Ashbrooks, Maegen Otterstein, Henri Otterstein, Jasne Mena, Kristin Williams, Stephanie Campbell, Mark Swanson, Heidi Mochel, Stephen Robertson, Heidi Sutton, and Casey Poor.

#### **6:30 p.m. Open House**

Principals were available to speak with parents and show the maps of the proposed Elementary Attendance Areas Recommendations. The maps displayed the neighborhoods affected by the proposed boundary changes.

**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:** There were no changes to the agenda.

#### **Welcome**

President Thorner outlined what has transpired since spring 2017 regarding plans to address the growing needs of West Valley schools. He thanked community members for their attendance and noted the meeting was for them to address the Board.

Dr. Brophy presented a video showing the proposed district boundaries. The redistribution between neighborhoods would help accommodate current and projected growth.

Community members Maegen Otterstein, Tim Goff, Casey Poor, Chris Treat, Raquel Martinez, and Stephen Robertson shared their stories, expressed their frustrations, and asked questions about the proposed boundary changes. Board members responded and discussed the issues with the visitors.

**Public Forum Summary**

President Michael Thorner thanked the parents for their time. The Board will work hard to make the best decision for the West Valley School District.

**Adjournment** followed at 8:09 p.m.

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Michael Brophy, Superintendent

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Michael Thorner, President