

West Valley School District #208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, October 9, 2017

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, October 9, 2017, in the gym of Summitview Elementary School, 6305 West Chestnut Avenue, Yakima, WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: President Michael Thorner, Mike Carey, Mike Meyer, Jeffrey Smith, and Student Representatives Chloe Williams and Korie Wyckoff.

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Michael Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Angela Watts, Human Resources Director Randy Souers, and Recording Secretary Lori Jones.

Call to Order: At 7:00pm., 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 reviewed the following handouts given to Board members: WASA Hotline, Acceptance Notification to join the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools, Current Facility Recommendations, 2017-18 West Valley School Board Schedule, and Superintendent Evaluation framework.

High School Student Report: Chloe Williams reported the coffee shop has been approved by the Child Nutrition Department and the ASB will be moving forward. Homecoming week was a success.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:

Visitors present were Eva Lust, Ryan Mathews, Jerry Prescott, Mark Strong, Stephen Robertson, Tim Critchlow, Russ Tuman, Heidi Sutton, Rebekah Olden, Susan Olden, Tori Brennan, Sara McGuire, Pam Wyatt, Cindy Lacey, Megan Prkut, Lori Moore, Tara Wyckoff, Heidi Mochel, Russ Tuman, Kim Seal, Linh Tran, Megan Brown, and Amanda Gaskill.

At 7:02 p.m., Michael Thorner opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience.

Amanda Gaskill, Cottonwood parent, expressed her concerns to the letter she received from the District's Special Education Director, Lucas Jaeger. The letter stated the District's Special Education students will not participate in the Special Olympics as a result of multiple reasons. Mike Thorner provided her with contact information to discuss parent support of the activity. Mike Carey commended Lucas Jaeger for his hard work with Special Olympics and homecoming for our special needs students.

Michael Thorner closed the public forum at 7:10.

Host School Presentation/Program:

Principal Eva Lust welcomed everyone to Summitview Elementary and led a classroom visit. Mrs. Ketzenberg and three students spoke about i-Ready and AR Reading. Mrs. Brennan presented on how they are utilizing PBIS Rewards. Mrs. McGuire discussed the MindUP Curriculum and how it is used.

Action Items:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Study Session September 25, 2017
 - 2. Regular Meeting September 25, 2017

Jeffrey Smith reiterated his request for the Highly Capable information.

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the minutes. MC 4-0

B. Approval of Travel Request

1. Johnson/Lacy/Berreman/Kobie-Rosie/Woolman/Eldridge, Portland School Culture Summit, Portland, OR, November 13-15, 2017

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the travel request. MC 4-0.

Michael Thorner made a motion to excuse Dave Jaeger from the meeting. MC 4-0.

Discussion Items:

A. Highly Capable Program

Rebekah Olden, Middle School teacher, and Kim Seal, parent, serving as members of the Highly Capable Committee, presented the progress of their committee work and update to the springboard proposal. They recommend improving the communication at each school between the staff and parents. At this time, no action is needed.

B. West Valley Facilities Committee Recommendation

Ryan Mathews, Facilities Committee Chair, provided a Power Point presentation on the District's enrollment and its future growth. The Committee recommends considering long-term goals and expectations for West Valley School District facilities. Currently, they recommend revising the elementary school's boundaries and purchase portables.

Items Arising: Jeffrey Smith reminded administration of his previous request for Highly Capable enrollment and test scores.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was included in the packet. The report included important School Board meetings and Study Session topics and dates. He also provided the board with the West Valley Virtual Academy and the Graduation Success student numbers for each of the programs.

Board Reports/Board Development: None reported.

Closed Session: At 8:38 p.m., the Board moved into a Closed Session expected to last 20 minutes to discuss a collective bargaining update. At 8:59 p.m., the Board reconvened in regular session.

Adjournment followed at 9:00 p.m.



Dr. Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President