

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Community Forum Minutes  
Tuesday, October 18, 2022

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met for a Special Community Forum on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at the Harman Center, 101 N 65<sup>th</sup> Ave, Yakima, WA. 98908 and Via YouTube Livestream: <https://youtu.be/ul84ZUrDkts>

**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 Joe Connolly, Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

**Call to order:** At 7:00 p.m. President 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.

**Community Forum:**

The purpose of meeting/items discussed: In 2019, taxpayers funded bonds to replace two elementary schools: Apple Valley and Summitview. With strategic use of resources, WVSD completed the project with approximately \$19 million in funds remaining. The purpose of this meeting is to gather community feedback to inform its decision as it evaluates options like reinvestment and defeasance. The Board provided a list of options and asked the community to tell them which option they are in favor of, from the list of the following options:

- Option 1: Defease \$19.0 Million in Bonds
- Option 2: Defease some funds and retain some funds.
- Option 3: No Defeasance - Retain resources for future projects
- Option 4: Community Feedback - Other Options

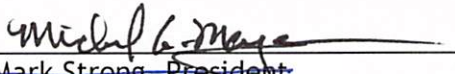
Options 1 & 3 were the most chosen by community members. There was no consensus.

At 8:36 p.m., the Board took a five (5) minute recess. The meeting resumed at 8:43 p.m.

**Items Arising:** No items were reported.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

  
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Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent

  
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Mark Strong, President  
