

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, January 14, 2019

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, January 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Cottonwood Elementary School, 1041 S. 96th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: President Mike Meyer, Mark Strong, Dave Jaeger, Michael Thorner, Barb Smith Gilbert, Student Representatives Grant Pickett, Sidra Yousaf, and Faith Sullivan.

Administrative Staff present: Mike Brophy, Angela Von Essen, Christopher Nesmith, Richard Pryor, Stacey Drake, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda: A second travel request was attached to the Board Packet for the Middle Level Students traveling to Portland, OR (Item 11.B.5). One was for the Middle School students and one was for the Junior High School students.

Communications:

Dr. Brophy reported on the following:

- 1) Bond overview
- 2) Superintendent mid-year evaluation is Wednesday, January 16, 2019
- 3) Parent Partnership series is January 16 and 18, 2019
- 4) Agenda prep with President Mike Meyer and another board member will be Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Recognition: Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen was honored to be able to recognize Sheriff Brian Winter for his years of dedication and service to the West Valley School District. She presented him a "Certification of Appreciation".

High School Student Report:

The three student representatives gave an overview of the High School activities listed below:

- 1) This week is finals
- 2) Ram Fest Basketball game followed with a dance this weekend
- 3) Martin Luther King Assembly Tuesday, January 22, 2019
- 4) High School Closet - supplies available for students in need
- 5) Leadership Camp occurred before Winter Break
- 6) DECA Father-Daughter Dance will be in February

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:

Visitors present were Ryan Mathews, Jerry Prescott, Jaise Smith, Brianna Smith, Darren Smith, Brandi Ulery, Nayna Duran, Enrique Duran, Madeline McDonald, Manal Hajaj, Edgar Rosales, Haley Haubrich, and Heidi Mochel.

At 7:09 p.m. Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions, and/or concerns from the audience.

Student Representative Sidra Yousaf explained to Parent Brianna Smith that items for the High School Closet can be donated and delivered to your child's school counselor.

Cottonwood Teacher Maddie McDonald said that the Bond is to replace Apple Valley and Summitview Schools. Each school would house 550 students at a cost to the community of \$.95/\$1,000 of assessed

property value. "Guardian Angels" is an organized effort of the West Valley Citizens for Better Schools Committee to provide patrons the details of the Bond. Individuals choose people they know to share the Bond information.

Ryan Mathews gave a general update on the Citizens for Better Schools Committee activities. Signs are now displayed at the schools and throughout the community. Yard signs are available for anyone to pick up at the Bond headquarters located in the Chalet Shopping Center. Mr. Mathews encouraged people to become involved and attend the meetings at the West Valley Citizens for Better Schools Committee headquarters each Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.

Mike Meyer closed the public forum at 7:15 p.m.

Host School Presentation/Program

Fourth grade students from Ms. Keller's and Ms. Atterbery's Reading Class provided a presentation using the Constitution of the United States.

Principal Stacey Drake presented a Power Point on Cottonwood Elementary School's Initiatives/Goals: Increase Student Achievement, Data Driven Instruction, Personalized Learning, Social Emotional Learning, and Meaningful Partnerships with Families. In each category, Ms. Drake gave examples of how staff are working with students, involving them with their data, creating ownership in their learning, and ultimately reaching personal goals of achievement. Teachers look for possible gaps where students need to focus for their continued learning experience.

Discussion Items:

A. Digital Convergence Team

Dr. Brophy updated the Board on how the District is working to integrate all phases of our Digital Transformation. Consideration of the five focus areas will be reviewed at bi-monthly planning sessions.

B. Personalized Learning Design Team

Dr. Brophy provided the Board with the names of the Design Team with two parent positions still open. This team will be meeting monthly to plan and strategize the implementation of a personalized learning environment for the students of West Valley. The team will assess where we are and determine our next steps. The District is using guidelines from the book "Pathways to Personalization".

C. School Calendar

Dr. Brophy said elementary principals recommended having parent conferences the first week of school, August 27-30, 2019. This would require half days for the elementary schools. It would be an opportunity for parents and students to connect with their school and teachers. Principal Richard Pryor stated this idea came from the Mental Health Symposium. Heidi Mochel addressed the Board as a parent, teacher and as President of the West Valley Education Association. She listed her concerns and offered some suggestions. Board members stated their opinions and Dr. Brophy thanked all for their comments, concerns and questions. He will continue to work with the building principals on the plan and specific issues.

D. 2nd Grade Device Deployment

Dr. Brophy said that the 1:1 Chromebook deployment will include 2nd graders in March, 2019. The second graders will not be taking the Chromebooks home, but will have a dedicated device in the classroom. This will provide more opportunities for personalized learning. Michael Thorner requested clarification of the funding. Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen explained what funds would be used per Board approval.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. December 19, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes (attached)
2. December 21, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes (attached)

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. MC 5-0.

B. Travel Requests

1. Angela Von Essen, ASBO Board Meeting & Leadership Forum, San Diego, CA, February 12-17, 2019
2. Ambria Boss/Shannon Davies, NafME Music Conference, Portland, OR, February 14-17, 2019
3. Megan Goranson, All-Northwest Music Conference, Portland, OR, February 14-17, 2019
4. Mike Brophy, Ben McMurry, Eva Lust, AASA Personalized Learning Cohort, Philadelphia, PA, March 17-20, 2019
5. Middle Level Campus (MS & JH) Students, WMEA Junior All State Youth Choir, Portland, OR, February 16, 2019
6. Dave Stai, Wrestling Tournament, Silverdale, January 25-26, 2019

Michael Thorner made a motion to approve the six travel requests as presented. MC 5-0.

C. IT Department Desktop Replacements

Mike Meyer made a motion to approve the IT Department Desktop Replacements request as presented. MC 5-0.

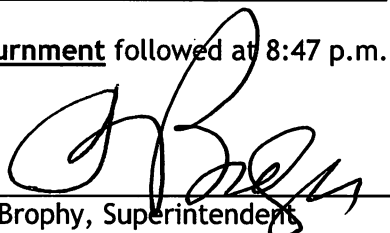
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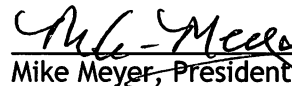
Michael Thorner was asked to participate in a Bond informational interview along with the Citizens for Better Schools Committee. Board members encouraged and support his participation.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was in the packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings and Study Session topics. Angela Von Essen, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations, provided an overview of the financial forecast for 2019-2020.

Board Reports/Board Development: None

Adjournment followed at 8:47 p.m.


Mike Brophy, Superintendent


Mike Meyer, President