

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, March 11, 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, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Apple Valley Elementary School, 7 N. 88th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98908.

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Angela Watts, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow, 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 during the Study Session.

Changes to the Agenda: Dr. Brophy requested Item #9B and Item #14 be removed from the agenda.

Communications: Anjerie Nemrow read the Proclamation from Governor Jay Inslee proclaiming March 18-24, 2019 as the School Retirees Appreciation Week.

Superintendent Mike Brophy invited the West Valley Citizens for Better Schools Committee to lunch at his personal expense in his office on March 28, 2019, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. to discuss the new schools.

Dr. Brophy presented Heidi Sutton a certificate for her service as President of the Washington State Elementary Principals Association.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow read the following: "The West Valley School District Board hereby acknowledges and thanks West Valley Citizens for Better Schools for outstanding and essential efforts devoted to a successful February, 2019 bond passage and looks forward to working together as we continually improve the West Valley School District."

High School Student Report: The student representatives reported on the current activities at the High School. Spring sports have begun, sophomores and juniors are registering for classes, student representative interviews are taking place and they recently had a safety drill.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:

Visitors present were Michael Moore, Michelle Mueller, Keely Teske, Nick Hartman, Karla Farina, Ryan Mathews, Jerry Prescott, Jordan Lambert, Madeline McDonald, Gretchen Thorner, Peter Marinace, Helen Faringer, Wendy Clark, Amy Walker, Meghan Alderson, Elizabeth Clark, Lisa Mueller, and Brenda Severson.

Mike Meyer opened the public forum at 7:09 p.m. Citizen Jason Matson who lives at 501 N. 61st Avenue stated he is working on a petition to have the West Valley School District boundaries re-drawn to include his neighborhood.

Midge Yergen, Science teacher, invited everyone to attend the science show case from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Junior High School, Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Mike Meyer closed the public forum at 7:12 p.m.

Host School Presentation/Program:

Principal Heidi Sutton stated that the passing of the Bond reflected an entire community effort. She shared some history of Apple Valley by showing old pictures, hand-written notes, and artifacts from 1967-1969. Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Grothe then accompanied students playing horns and then singing a "Thank You" to the Board and West Valley citizens. Ms. Sutton presented the Board of Directors and the Citizens for Better School Committee framed posters of all of the students in their classrooms at Apple Valley.

President Meyer called for a break in the meeting and Principal Sutton invited all to the gym for refreshments provided by the Apple Valley Parent-Teacher Organization.

The Board meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

Discussion Items:

A. AVID

Wendy Clark, AVID Teacher / Site Coordinator, Highly Capable Coordinator did a Power Point presentation explaining that AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a program with goals to increase the number of students taking advanced classes and AP courses which will prepare students to attend a 4-year university. Ms. Clark reviewed various ways to accomplish this. Her presentation also included the expectations and requirements to sustain certification and what options are available.

In previous years, Dr. Brophy explained that West Valley tried the "Bridge Program" where students had to take the advanced classes in lieu of an elective. He said we are researching other ways to grow with the focus on career and college and ways to incorporate into regular core classes so students do not lose an elective. The skills addressed by Ms. Clark can still be reinforced in all of the classrooms.

B. Project Manager Responsibility

This item was removed from the agenda during Changes to the Agenda.

Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. February 25, 2019 Study Session ([attached](#))
2. February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting ([attached](#))

Barb Smith Gilbert made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. MC 5-0.

B. Travel Requests

1. Taylor Dale Vance, FCCLA State Competition, Wenatchee, March 13-15, 2019
2. Froula /Johnson / Cooper, Baseball Game, Mukilteo, March 15-16, 2019
3. Daily/Henning/Perez/Johnson, Invent Washington Convention, Spokane, March 22-23, 2019
4. Adam Eldridge, NCTM Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, April 3-6, 2019
5. Carly Woolman, The Ron Clark Academy, Atlanta, GA, April 17-19, 2019
6. Tom Robinson, DECA International Career Development Conference, Orlando, FL, April 25-May 1, 2019
7. Angela VonEssen, ASBO Board & AEDG Meeting, Cleveland, OH, June 17-21, 2019
8. Kristin Johnson, Mission Peak Leadership, Chewelah, WA, June 23-28, 2019
9. Angela VonEssen, ASBO Board Leadership Institute, West Point, NY, July 15-20, 2019
10. Kristin Johnson, Chewelah Peak Leadership Camp, Chewelah, July 29-August 2, 2019

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

Items Arising:

Faith Sullivan announced a Blood Drive on April 11, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the High School.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was in the packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings and Study Session topics.

Dr. Brophy announced that there will be a Study Session, Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1245 at the High School to continue the Study Session discussion.

Board Reports/Board Development:

Michael Thorner commented on the amazing talented students who performed in the musical, Fiddler on the Roof. He was impressed with the performances on stage, the orchestra, and those performing behind the scenes. This along with the recent High School Choir Concert Competition and other activities of West Valley School District provide a great learning environment with the addition of developing life skills.

Dave Jaeger attended the High School Leadership Class during the interviews for selecting the next Student Representatives for the Board of Directors.

Executive Session: Item was stricken from the agenda during Changes to the Agenda.

Adjournment followed at 8:46 p.m.

Mike Brophy, Superintendent

Mike Meyer, President