

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, April 10, 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, April 10, 2017, in the library of Mountainview Elementary School, 830 Stone Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: President Michael Thorner, Mike Carey, Dave Jaeger, Mike Meyer, Jeffrey Smith, and Student Representatives Chloe Williams and Jasmine Almaguer.

Administrative Staff present: Mike Brophy and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Call to Order: At 7:03 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.

Communications: Dr. Brophy reviewed the following handouts given to Board members: WASA Hotline, Blended Learning Initiative, proposed community forum outline, maps of proposed elementary attendance areas, list of answers to questions received from President Thorner, and information on impact fees.

High School Student Report:

Chloe Williams said class elections are underway and prom will be April 29, 2017.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:

Visitors present were Ben McMurry, Jesse Golbek, Cheri Grange, Rhonda Hutton, Abby Stuck, Ashley Lieberknecht, Manolee Burton, Sarah Welch, and Heidi Mochel.

Michael Thorner opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience. With nothing said, President Thorner closed the public forum at 7:10 p.m.

Host School Presentation/Program

Principal Nick Hartman gave a slide presentation of activities and programs at Mountainview. This year's theme is "Making Magic Happen". Teachers shared their work done with David Matteson focusing on students becoming better readers by writing. Some students from their classrooms read their reports. Another focus at Mountainview is "Closing the Gap". Bi-lingual students and parents are learning to read in English and Spanish with the help from Minerva Pardo and Jesse Goldback. The Targeted Assistance Math Program held before school has had a total of 57 students involved. Mr. Hartman expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support of Blended Learning and PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports).

Discussion Items: WSSDA Conference Ideas

The Board discussed security applications. Student Representative Chloe Williams and Board Member Mike Carey reported on the features of the app, Rave, where all staff are notified. Dr. Brophy explained West Valley uses InPointe on phones and SafePointe on computer desktops that provide safety notifications. Other apps discussed were WheresMyBus, SpotMyBus, and HereComestheBus. West Valley will have an emergency table-top exercise with Randy Town of ESD on June 21, 2017.

Graduation Success Coordinator

Mike Brophy gave the history of this program and then introduced Graduation Success Coordinator, Ashley Lieberknecht. Ms. Lieberknecht noted that intrinsic motivation is a huge factor. She outlined her steps in connecting with students, parents and teachers.

Items Arising:

Mike Carey reported our graduation rate from the OSPI website. He also said the Advanced Placement and International Exam fee is high and that a group had raised \$800,000 for students to reduce the rate.

Michael Thorner reminded Board members of the upcoming Community Forums. He encourage members to send questions to Mike Brophy.

Jeffrey Smith noted the difficulty in navigating through the District website. Michael Thorner suggested contacting Field Group for input.

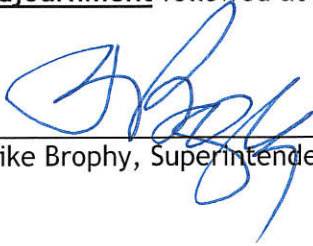
Chloe Williams asked about providing a college fair at the Junior High. Michael Thorner thought it was good for 8th grade students with parents to develop a High School and Beyond Plan.

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

Board Reports/Board Development:

Michael Thorner explained the situation at the 7th and 8th grade ball fields, explaining why teams are playing at Cottonwood and what is being done to correct the situation.

Adjournment followed at 8:34 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President