

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 26, 2022

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Valley High School Auditorium, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via Zoom Webinar ID# 836 8407 3356.

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, Human Resource Director Jerry Holsten, Executive Director of Innovation Jed Watters, Director of Student Experience Russ Tuman, Director of Student and Family Support Lucas Jaeger, Facilities Director Tim Critchlow, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 7:06 p.m., President Mark Strong called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was held during the Study Session.

Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

Communications:

A. Response to Public Comment - Dr. Peter Finch provided a response to public comments, questions and concerns that were raised by the public during the April 12, 2022, School Board meeting regarding Gender-Inclusive Schools and Sexual Health Standards regarding Gender Identity. He shared the timeline for the development of policy and procedures for Policy 3211 Gender-Inclusive Schools, emphasizing that the District will follow Washington State Law. A draft of the policy and procedure is available via the District website. He explained that it's the intention of the District to ensure that parents are informed about their student's education. The superintendent has directed principals that parents should be informed prior to instruction for any lessons regarding the sexual health standards.

B. Attendance Boundaries - Asst. Superintendent, Joe Connolly shared information about an elementary attendance boundary change that will take place in the 2022/23 school year. A section that is currently in development will be moved from Summitview to Ahtanum Valley; no children will be required to change schools. It was noted that attendance boundaries will need to be reviewed annually.

C. Summitview Elementary Playground Request - Asst. Superintendent, Joe Connolly shared that due to the increase in enrollment at Summitview, the Business Office has processed a "change order" to increase the amount of playground equipment at Summitview. Dave Jaeger said that he would like to see the District budget funds to assist elementary schools with playground equipment as needed in the future.

School/Program Presentation(s):

A. Special Education - A PowerPoint presentation was provided by Lucas Jaeger, Kevin Brennan, and Season Almason. They shared information about Inclusion and Universal Design for Learning. For Inclusion, the goal of the District is to serve all students in the least restrictive environment. The District has been developing a continuum of services to provide support for students to access the core curriculum. For Universal Design for Learning, the District has been providing professional development for staff and will continue this focus

in 2022/23 so that students are provided a variety of ways to access content, a variety of ways for students to monitor their progress, and a variety of ways to show what they know.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:54 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. There were comments regarding the development of Policy 3211 Gender-Inclusive Schools and comments regarding the importance of parents being recognized as the primary stakeholder in their child's education. Parents encouraged the District to adopt a Proclamation that was read and provided to Board members.

Elementary Teacher, Heidi Mochel stated that elementary students are currently being taught Social Emotional Curriculum, not Gender Identity Curriculum. She offered for anyone interested in looking over the curriculum, to make an appointment to meet with her during her plan time.

With no further requests, President Strong closed the public forum at 8:44 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. April 12, 2022 Board Meeting

B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll

1. General Fund - Check # 236908-237025; 237039-237181
2. Capital Projects Fund - Check # 237037-237038; 237199-237202
3. ASB Fund - Check # 237026-237036; 237182-237198
4. Transportation Vehicle Fund - Check # 237203-237203
5. Payroll - March & April 2022
6. Procurement Card Detail

C. Financial Reports

1. March 2022, Budget Status Reports
2. General Fund Balance by Month and Year
3. General Fund Monthly Revenue and Expenditure
4. Fund Balance Detail
5. Capital Projects Fund - Balance Recap
6. Capital Projects Fund - Project 1701 Summitview
7. Capital Projects Fund - Project 1702 Apple Valley

D. Approval of Employment Contracts

1. Employment Overview
2. Delp, Brenda Special Education Teacher @ Cottonwood Elementary
3. Dickman, Christina Secretary @ Facilities
4. Haubrick, Laurie Transitional Kindergarten Instructional Paraprofessional @ Cottonwood Elementary
5. Joiner, Aimee Speech Language Pathologist @ West Valley School District
6. Martin, Jesenia One-to-One Paraprofessional @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
7. Palmer, Michelle Board Certified Behavior Analyst @ West Valley School District
8. Silva, Ashley Assist. Girls' Soccer Coach @ West Valley Middle Level Campus

E. Approval of Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)/Separation(s)

1. Hennessy, Renee Paraprofessional @ Mountainview Elementary
2. Hennessy, Sandra Secretary @ Child Nutrition

3. Huber, Danielle 5th Grade Teacher @ West Valley Middle School
4. Mauch, Megan SLP @ Cottonwood Elementary
5. Sorrells, Helen 2nd Grade Teacher @ Apple Valley Elementary

F. Approval of Leave Requests

1. Delgado, Griselda Leave of Absence March 24, 2022 - May 18, 2022
2. Hougan, Angela Leave of Absence May 2, 2022 - Nov. 18, 2022
3. Lee, Han Na Leave of Absence Aug. 28, 2022 - Jan. 2, 2023
4. Nelson, Ashley Leave of Absence April 11 - May 23, 2022

G. Approval of Summer School Hires - TEACHERS

1. Anderson, Ann
2. Bossert, Sonja
3. Cone, Kim
4. Grange, Cheri
5. Groves, Jamie
6. Hutton, Rhonda
7. Little, Andrea
8. Meiser, Leah
9. Quenzer, Emilie
10. Ruff, Lynn
11. Spencer, Mari
12. Wood, Rachel
13. Young, Jennifer

H. Approval of Summer School Hires - PARAPROFESSIONALS

1. Arguello, Ailynne
2. Batarao, Juliet
3. Boudreaux, Janice
4. Crofton, Kareen
5. Cunningham, John
6. Henn, Deborah
7. Kapuza, Michelle
8. Lee, Kim
9. Sanchez, Rosa
10. Staples, Laura

I. Approval of Teachers Teaching Out of Endorsement Area

1. Memo
2. Austin, Brandon - WV Innovation Center
3. Beardemphl, Joseph - WV Middle School
4. Berndt, Pamela - WV Middle School
5. Caffrey, Amber - Mountainview Elementary
6. Caprile, Christopher - WV Junior High
7. Cook, Kimberly - WV High School
8. Daily, Erika - WV High School
9. Deccio, Cindy - WV Junior High
10. Delozier, Ryan - WV Junior High
11. Dennison, Kris - WV Junior High
12. Detloff, Robert - WV Innovation Center

13. Durand, Julie - WV High School
14. Garcia, Carly - WV High School
15. Johnson, Kristin - WV High School
16. Jones, Leslie - WV Junior High
17. Khan, Devina - WV Innovation Center
18. Kieltyka, Marcus - WV High School
19. Krum, Peter - WV High School
20. Pearce, Joshua - Wide Hollow Elementary
21. Powers, Renae - WV High School
22. Rogers, Tim - WV Junior High
23. Rosenthal, Nichole - Apple Valley Elementary
24. Smith, Kaitlyn - WV High School
25. Weeks, Christopher - WV High School
26. Williams, Tiffany - WV Junior High
27. Wood, Rachel - Cottonwood Elementary
28. Bushyeager, Dawn - WVVA
29. Defoe, Amy - WVVA
30. Feldhusen, Brenda - WVVA
31. Fuller, Jacqueline - WVVA
32. Gross, Jenna - WVVA
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34. Kopperman, Laurie - WVVA
35. Lesage, Madeleine - WVVA
36. Rizzuto, Deb - WVVA

Mark Mochel asked that the following correction be made to Approval of Leave Request, Item F3: Remove Randy Souers' name as the Human Resources Director and replace with Jerry Holsten.

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the consent agenda, with the correction to the HR Director's name on Item F3. MC 5-0.

Discussion Items:

A. Budget Development

1. Preliminary Enrollment Projections for 2022-23 - Asst. Superintendent, Joe Connolly, shared the process that was used to establish the enrollment projection for the 2022/23 school year. The enrollment projection is: 4,932 FTE.
2. Eliminating Pay to Participate Fees - Dr. Finch shared that through our review of Equity and Inclusion during the past school year, it was suggested that the District could remove a barrier for students in the upcoming school year, namely the Pay to Participate fees for participation in extra-curricular activities. Joe Connolly shared that he plans to incorporate this into the development for the 2022/23 budget and wanted feedback from the School Board regarding this plan. Board members expressed support for removing this barrier for students.

Public Comment of Discussion Items: At 8:56 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment, and with none, Mr. Strong closed the public forum at 8:57 p.m.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Rob O'Brien Palouse Ridge Golf Invite, Pullman, WA - April 20-21, 2022.
2. Scacco-Morton/Griffiths/Fulton State Tennis, Richland, WA - May 26-28, 2022.
3. Massey/Pynch/Jamieson/Martin Boys State Soccer, Puyallup, WA - May 26-28, 2022.
4. Johnson/Hernandez/Roinestad/Jamieson/Martin State Baseball, Pasco, WA - May 27-28, 2022.
5. Kaitlyn Smith FFA State Competition, Kennewick, WA - May 11-13, 2022.

Michael Thorner motioned to approve the travel requests, as presented. MC 5-0.

B. Approval of Resolutions

1. #22-04-737 Acceptance of Summitview Elementary Commissioning Report
2. #22-04-738 Summitview Elementary Final Acceptance
3. #22-04-739 Acceptance of Apple Valley Elementary Commissioning Report
4. #22-04-740 Apple Valley Elementary Final Acceptance

Michael Thorner motioned to approve resolutions, as presented. MC 5-0.

C. Approval of Release and Settlement Agreement - Dr. Finch shared that the City of Yakima approved the agreement earlier in the evening. Michael Thorner explained that the agreement provides certainty and resolution of the dispute between the District and the City of Yakima regarding the playfields at Apple Valley Elementary School. A more detailed explanation of the agreement can be accessed via the District website.

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the Release and Settlement Agreement, as presented. MC 5-0.

D. Approval of Bid for Innovation Center - Asst. Superintendent, Joe Connolly, explained that the Innovation Center project will be funded by CTE funds generated by Career and Technical Education enrollment and ALE funds generated by Alternative Learning Experiences enrollment. Funds from the 2021/22 school year and the 2022/23 school year will be used for the project. This project will create more lab space for the STEM Engineering program at the Innovation Center.

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the Bid for the Innovation Center, as presented. MC 5-0.

Items Arising: Mike Meyer said that he appreciated the outreach that is being done to engage our Spanish-speaking families but noted that there is still a disconnect and the District needs to continue to do our best to close that gap.

Reports: The following reports were included in the Board packet:

- A. Enrollment Report
- B. Safety Report
- C. Travel Log Report
- D. High School ASB Report

Mark Mochel had some questions about class sizes at the elementary level. Dr. Finch shared that the District had projected an increase in enrollment for first grade because we thought that the decrease in

Kindergarten from the previous year was an anomaly due to COVID. However, we did not see an increase in first grade enrollment for this school year like we had predicted. As a result, there are some first-grade classes with relative low-class size. He explained that enrollment projection is difficult and there may be cases where we have lower class sizes than anticipated.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Finch's report was included in the Board packet. He shared that the AASA Early Learning Cohort will visit West Valley on May 5th. Educational leaders from across the nation will visit elementary classrooms in the morning with a focus on "student ownership for learning." The cohort will have lunch at YV-Tech provided by the Culinary Arts program. At lunch, students from the Mid-Level Campus Ballet Folklorico will perform for Cinco de Mayo. In the afternoon, the cohort will have professional learning sessions. In the morning on May 6th, the group will meet in Yakima for a presentation by Ellen Galinsky, who wrote the book, *Mind in the Making*.

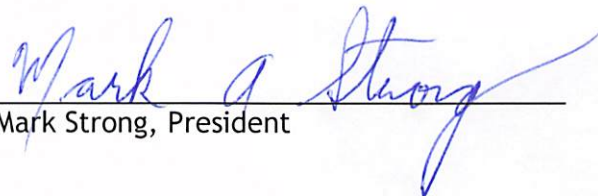
Board Reports/Board Development: Michael Thorner and Mike Meyer thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed their appreciation for those who stayed for the entire meeting.

Mark Mochel shared that he's planning an informal meet and greet at a later date, to provide the community an opportunity to get to know him.

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



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Mark Strong, President