

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 25, 2021

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Valley High School library, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908, and Via Zoom Webinar ID# 863 7194 2993.

Board of Directors present: President Mark Strong, Michael Thorner, Dave Jaeger, Mike Meyer, Melissa Robertson, and Student Representative Anna Grange.

Administrative Staff present: Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Communications Director Nick Sybouts, Tim Critchlow, Traci Cox, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Meeting attendees: Jill Armstrong, Ryan Mathews, Abby Stuck, Heidi Mochel, Season Almason, Dylan Gooch, and Bradley Liebrecht.

A list of virtual attendees is attached to the minutes.

Call to Order: At 7:09 p.m., President Mark 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.

Communications:

- A. Construction Report - CBRE/HEERY's April 2021 Construction Report was included in the Board packet. Rob Gross and Nick Sybouts shared a PowerPoint presentation, providing photos of both construction sites.
- B. Staff Retiree Recognition - Dr. Peter Finch recognized the following staff members for their dedication to the District and students: Sharon Kelly, Ken Youngberg, Greg Ireland, David Hert, and Connie Hillerman.

High School Student Report: The student representatives reported on the activities occurring at the High School, including graduation and elections of class officers. Anna Grange thanked Madisyn Ross for serving two years as a student representative.

Introduction of Visitors for Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:25 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. Jill Armstrong reminded Board members they are welcome to attend the dedication ceremony for the Fallen Hero's Memorial Wall at the High School on Wednesday, May 25.

Peter Marinace congratulated the five West Valley students that competed in the Rotary speech competitions.

With no further comments, President Strong closed the public forum at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 1. May 11, 2021 Study Session
 2. May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting
 3. May 18, 2021 Special Board Meeting
 - B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll
 1. General Fund - Check # 233724-233724; 233725-233829; 233842-233923
 2. Capital Projects Fund - Check # 233836-233841; 233940-233942
 3. ASB Fund - Check # 233830-233835; 233924-233939
 4. Payroll - May 2021
 5. Procurement Card Detail
 - C. Financial Reports
 1. April, 2021 Budget Status Report
 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 Project Fund - Project 1702 Apple Valley
 7. Capital Project Fund - Project 1701 Summitview
 8. Forecast5 Reports
 - D. Approval of Capital Outlay (over \$75,000 as per Policy 6210)
 1. Approval of Mower Purchase
 - E. Approval of Employment Contracts
 1. Employment Overview
 2. Anderson, Ann 5th Grade Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
 3. Balm, Awdrey 3rd Grade Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
 4. Briggs, Jennifer 7th Grade Health/Science Teacher @ West Valley Junior High
 5. Brockway, Beverlee Special Education Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
 6. Buhl, Cory Summer Hire @ Facilities
 7. Burns, Mark Asst. Boys Basketball Coach @ West Valley High School
 8. Button, Keri Kindergarten Teacher @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
 9. Cox, Adam Summer Hire @ IT Department
 10. Crofton, Kareen Summer School Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
 11. Cuevas, Paul Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach @ West Valley High School
 12. Curfman, Dale 3rd Grade Teacher @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
 13. Detloff, Robert Manufacturing Designer @ West Valley Innovation Center
 14. Deyette, Kevin Volunteer Boys Tennis Coach @ West Valley High School
 15. Durnan, Julie ESY SLP @ West Valley School District
 16. Durnan, Julie SLP @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
 17. Eakin, Kimberly Special Education Paraprofessional @ Summitview Elementary
 18. Figueroa, Roland Custodian @ Facilities
 19. Frausto, Christian Marching Band Color Guard Instructor @ West Valley High School
 20. Grange, Kristi 1st Grade Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
 21. Hinton, Kaitlyn 2nd Grade Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
 22. Hoff, Tanya Remote Learning Summer Program, English Teacher @ West Valley Middle

Level Campus (Grd 5-8)

23. Holmes, Dane Marching Band Visual Instructor @ West Valley High School
24. Holmes, David Summer Hire @ Facilities
25. Holsten, Jerry HR Director @ West Valley School District
26. Hougan, Angela 2nd Grade Teacher @ Apple Valley Elementary
27. John, Shawn ESY Special Education Teacher @ West Valley School District
28. Juarez, Leslie Summer School Paraprofessional @ West Valley Middle Level
29. Kapuza, Michelle Paraprofessional (PreK) @ Apple Valley Elementary
30. Klippert, Joshua Summer Hire @ Facilities
31. LaHue, Jayme 5th Grade Teacher @ Summitview Elementary
32. Lamb, Brandon 5th Grade Teacher (PAL) @ Wide Hollow Elementary
33. LaTour, Ashley Kindergarten Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
34. LaTour, Tanner 2nd Grade Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
35. McDonald, James 5th Grade Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
36. McLaughlin, Rachel Paraprofessional (PreK) @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
37. Melton, Joseph Pre-Engineering Teacher @ West Valley Junior High
38. Oberlander, Jennifer Remote Learning Summer Program, Math Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus (Grd 5-8)
39. Ortega, Cristina Summer School Paraprofessional @ West Valley Middle Level
40. Pearce, Joshua 5th Grade Teacher @ Wide Hollow Elementary
41. Pond, Roxane Special Education Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
42. Preciado, Angel Summer Hire @ IT Department
43. Queen, Emma One to One Paraprofessional @ Cottonwood Elementary
44. Robins, Josh Health/Science Teacher @ West Valley Junior High
45. Salinas, Jesse Summer Hire @ Facilities
46. Simmons, Nathan Summer Hire @ Facilities
47. Simmons, Nathan Custodian @ Facilities
48. Snedeker, Thomas Marching Band Percussion Instructor @ West Valley High School
49. Stoker, April Kindergarten Teacher @ Summitview Elementary
50. Strother, Krista Fine Arts Teacher @ Cottonwood Elementary
51. Swan, Jared Summer Hire @ IT Department
52. Tillett, Cain Summer Hire @ Facilities
53. Traplsi, Denise 5th Grade Teacher @ Cottonwood Elementary
54. Troy, Melody ESY Paraprofessional @ West Valley School District
55. Urakawa, Danielle 5th Grade Teacher @ Cottonwood Elementary
56. Venancio Cruz, Daniel Summer Hire @ IT Department
57. Watters, Jedediah Executive Director for Innovation @ West Valley School District
58. Webster, Jon Custodian @ Facilities
59. Whittle, Mike Carpenter/Fabricator @ Facilities
60. Wise, Bernadette Paraprofessional (PreK) @ Apple Valley Elementary
61. Wyckoff, Tara Kindergarten Teacher @ Apple Valley Elementary
62. Yates, Burnadette Summer Hire @ Facilities
63. Ziegler, Tony Summer Hire @ Facilities

F. Approval of Resignations/Retirements

1. Figueroa, Roland Bus Driver @ Transportation
2. Freisz, Jeremy Choir Teacher @ West Valley High School
3. Froula, Ryan Baseball Coach @ West Valley High School
4. Kaplan, Lisbeth Head Nurse @ West Valley School District
5. Koreski, Selina Attendance Secretary @ West Valley High School

6. Larios, Jesenia Paraprofessional (PreK) @ Wide Hollow Elementary
7. Mallonee, Rick Head Warehouse @ Facilities
8. Mitchell, Timothy Digital Media Teacher @ West Valley High School
9. Peterson, Shelly Special Education Teacher @ West Valley Middle School
10. Robbins, Kasey Health/Science Teacher @ West Valley Junior High
11. Smeback, Amanda Office Paraprofessional @ Apple Valley Elementary
12. Swan, Terry Special Education Teacher @ West Valley High School
13. Whitfield, Tyson Head Coach Boys Tennis @ West Valley High School

G. Approval of Leave Requests

1. Beaudry, Carolyn Leave of Absence April 13, 2021 - TBD
2. Brophy, Michael Leave of Absence May 10, 2021 - TBD
3. Burrough, Cheryl Leave of Absence April 19, 2021 - TBD
4. Gomez, Donaciana Shana Leave of Absence May 21, 2021 - TBD
5. Jury, Kloee Leave of Absence Est. May 24, 2021 - June 11, 2021
6. Whitehead, Trisha Leave of Absence Est. Nov. 1, 2021 - June 10, 2022
7. Zito, Kindra Leave of Absence May 3, 2021 - June 11, 2021

Mike Meyer asked to table Item #10 G, numbers 1-4 only, asking for clarification on the return dates.

Michael Thorner motioned to approve the consent agenda, as presented, tabling Item #10 G, numbers 1-4. MC 5-0

Discussion Items:

A. Board Goal - Safety, Security, PBIS, and Mental Health Support - Peter Finch, Nick Clark, Season Almason, Debbie Cameron, Justin Wright, Minerva Pardo, and Megan Tweedy provided a PowerPoint Presentation discussing the following topics: Safety and Security, Positive Behavior Intervention and Support, Mental Health Support, Community Support, and Parental Participation and Perspective. A common theme was to develop consistency across all schools to promote positive behaviors by recognizing and rewarding them. As part of the presentation, Megan Tweedy, parent, had a powerful testimony of the importance of de-stigmatizing talking about mental health and we can do our part of make it “ok” to talk about mental health supports. During the past year, the district added Mental Health Counselors at the middle school and high school through a partnership with Catholic Charities. We are currently working to develop a partnership with Comprehensive Health to provide Mental Health supports at our elementary schools.

B. Financial/Budget Updates - Were included in the financial report section.

Public Comment of Discussion Items: At 8:18 p.m., President Mark Strong opened the meeting to visitors for public comment.

Ryan Mathews asked that the official process for renaming the Freshman Campus begin by adding a future agenda item. Mr. Mathews also stated he supports the transfer of funds, noting that dollars need to be spent mindfully.

With no further comments, President Strong closed the public forum at 8:22 p.m.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Linda Minor, Culturally Responsive Music Training, Coeur d'Alene, ID - July 25-30, 2021
2. Ambria Boss, Culturally Responsive Music Training, Coeur d'Alene, ID - July 25-30, 2021
3. Dan Eyman / Ryan Scott / John Beck / Orlando Chavez / Monico DeLeon, BSU Football Camp, Boise ID - June 13-15, 2021

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

B. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) 2nd Reading

1. 2125 Sexual Health Education
2. 2255 Alternative Learning Experience Courses
3. 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences
4. 3414 Infectious Disease
5. 3418 Response to Student Injury or Illness
6. 3510 Associated Bodies
7. 4300 Limiting Immigration Enforcement in Schools (previously: Political Relationships with Governmental Agencies)

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the Second reading of policies listed. MC 5-0.

Peter Finch explained that the Sexual Health policy was updated to align with the new state law. West Valley is currently in compliance at all grade bands except the middle school. He will work with incoming middle school principal, Richard Pryor, to add a Sexual Health unit to the curriculum in either Grades 7 or 8. This will need to be in place for the 2022/23 school year. Currently there is not a requirement for Sexual Health in Grades K-4. Social-emotional learning is required at these grades and the district has adopted curriculum for these grades: Mind Up and Second Step. We will continue with the FLASH curriculum for Grade 5. Dr. Finch will work with the elementary principals on the implementation of this curriculum when the fifth-grade students return to our elementary schools in the upcoming school year.

C. Approval of Resolution #21-05-722 - Transfer of Funds

Michael Thorner stated he is reluctantly approving the transfer of funds, understanding that we are in the process of getting through the COVID-19 financial impact. His concern is the disconnect between the Facilities Department and the Long-Range Planning Committee.

Mark Strong stated that COVID-19 has caused prices to increase, and if we wait to approve this transfer, prices could continue to rise.

Dave Jaeger shared his concerns about the Facilities Director not being included in the Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee and requested he is included in future meetings and planning.

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the resolution, as listed. MC 5-0

D. Approval of Teachers Teaching Out of Endorsement Area

1. Memo
2. Beardemphl, Joseph - Middle School
3. Berndt, Pamela - Middle School
4. Caffrey, Amber - Mountainview Elementary
5. Caprile, Christopher - Junior High

6. Cook, Kimberly - High School
7. Cooper, Darren - High School
8. Daily, Erika - High School
9. De Leon, Monico - High School
10. Delozier, Ryan - Junior High
11. Dennison, Kris - Junior High
12. Dufault, Matthew - Junior High
13. Durand, Julie - High School
14. Hill, Tracy - Wide Hollow
15. James, Brian - Junior High
16. Johnson, Kristin - High School
17. Johnson, Ryan - High School
18. Jones, Tyler - High School
19. Mendoza, Andres - High School
20. Murphy-Switzer, Christine - High School
21. Nelson, Jennifer - High School
22. O'Brien, Kathleen - Ahtanum
23. Padilla, Antonio - High School
24. Perez, Gabrielle - High School
25. Powers, Renae - High School
26. Robbins, Kasey - Junior High
27. Scott, Ryan - Junior High
28. Sills, Amanda - Wide Hollow
29. Smith, Kaitlyn - High School
30. Urakawa, Danielle - Middle School
31. Veselka, Ruth - Middle School
32. Watters, Jedediah - Junior High
33. Wilkinson, John - High School
34. Williams, Tiffany - Middle School
35. Wood, Rachel - Cottonwood
36. Woolman, Carly - High School

Melissa Robertson made the motion to approve Teachers Teaching Out of Endorsement Area, as listed. MC 5-0

Items Arising: Melissa Robertson asked when an announcement to parents will be made regarding the next school year. Acting Superintendent Peter Finch stated he would cover that in his Superintendent's Report.

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

- A. Administrative Reports
- B. Enrollment Report
- C. Safety Report
- D. Travel Log Report

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Finch's report was included in the Board packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings, and Study Session topics. Mr. Finch stated the administration will inform families that the district will comply with OSPI requirements in 2021/22 to have school in-person, every day, all day, five days a week at all grade levels (no hybrid). Families will be informed that if they would like an online option, they will need to register, now, to have their student take online classes via the West Valley Virtual Academy in the 2021/22 school year.

District Committee Reports:

- A. Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) - Peter Marinace requested that future District Committee Reports be moved to the Communications section of the board agenda, following the CBRE/HERRY Monthly Construction Report.

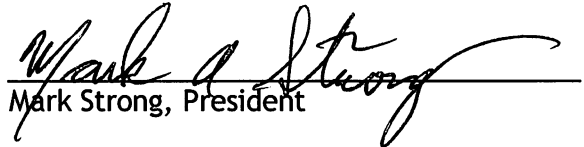
- B. Long-Range Facilities Committee - Peter Finch stated that Incoming Assistant Superintendent, Joe Connolly, will lead the long-range facilities committee. Joe will start his work in West Valley on July 1, 2021. Joe will work closely with our Facilities Director, Tim Critchlow, to ensure that short-term maintenance projects are aligned to the long-range facilities plan.

Board Reports/Board Development: None reported.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Peter Finch, Acting Superintendent



Mark Strong, President