

## West Valley School District No. 208

### Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, June 12, 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, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1245 at the High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

**Board of Directors** present: President Michael Thorner, Mike Carey, Dave Jaeger, and Mike Meyer.

**Administrative Staff** present: Mike Brophy, Peter Finch, Angela Watts, Randy Souers, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

**Call to Order:** At 7:00 p.m., President Michael Thorner called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Michael Thorner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Changes to the Agenda:** An executive session was added to the end of the meeting.

#### **Communications:**

Dr. Brophy reported on the following items:

1. Meetings of the Highly Capable Committee;
2. Meetings of the West Valley Citizens for Better Schools Facilities Committee;
3. Board Retreat on August 3, 2017; and
4. Administration Leadership Retreat on August 8 and 9, 2017. Board members are invited to attend.

Recognition:

Dr. Brophy introduced Gretchen Thorner who received the 2017 WASA Regional Community Leadership Award. Her tireless work has helped formulate the West Valley Citizens for Better Schools Facilities Committee.

Since Cody Allen was not present, President Thorner stated we would hold his recognition.

**High School Student Report:** No student representatives were in attendance.

#### **Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:**

Visitors present were Stephen Robertson, Gretchen Thorner, Tim Critchlow, Lucas Jaeger, and Michael Moore.

At 7:05 p.m. President Thorner opened the meeting to public comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience. Lucas Jaeger, Director of Special Services, recognized two staff

members, Alicia Bucholtz and Mark Bailey. Both were praised for their dedication to students and for going above and beyond their duties to serve children.

Michael Moore, member of the West Valley Citizens for Better Schools, said the members of the Facilities Committee is a good representation of the community. The committee met last week and Mr. Moore reported: 1) They have a plan to create a U-Tube video, 2) a survey was sent to over 4000 West Valley patrons, and 3) the committee's meeting schedule. Various forms of communication will be used to engage the public with the Board and the School District.

Cody Allen arrived with his family. Dr. Brophy introduced Cody and stated he was West Valley's athlete who won the 2017 4-A State Championship in the Long Jump. Board members congratulated him and President Thorner acknowledged his achievement with a lapel pin.

Michael Thorner closed the public forum at 7:12 p.m.

**Discussion Item:** 2017-18 Budget Development

Dr. Brophy stated it is uncertain when the budget from the legislature will be available. Since there are several unknowns, Angela Watts will provide the Board with a 2017-18 budget that is estimated on what they currently know. Mike Carey requested a breakdown of the 2017-18 estimated Information Technology budget.

Board members discussed possible effects on West Valley School District's enrollment with the private school, St. Paul Cathedral, moving into the District boundaries.

Tim Critchlow, Facilities Director, discussed with Board members the "Urgent and Safety Needs" listed in the packet. They reviewed the recommendations and agreed to use fund balance from the General Fund to pay for some of the projects listed. On June 27, 2017 the Board will approve a resolution transferring \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

**Action Item**

The Board approved the Superintendent's Membership in AASA Digital Learning Consortium for 2017-18.

Dave Jaeger made a motion to approve the travel request as presented for Michael Brophy to attend the AASA Digital Learning Consortiums in 2017-18. MC 4-0.

Michael Thorner moved to excuse Board member, Jeffrey Smith, from the meeting. MC 4-0.

**Items Arising:**

Mike Carey shared observations/requests:

- 1) This meeting's Agenda was not posted on the District website. Ms. Chronister will research why;
- 2) Add minutes for approval to the first meeting of the month; and

- 3) WIAA stats for Scholastic Cup - Request coaches to impress upon athletes sportsmanship, ejections are not acceptable, and grade point average is important.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Brophy's report was included the packet.

**Board Reports/Board Development:** There were no reports.

**Executive Session:** At 8:01 p.m. the Board moved into Executive Session to last 15 minutes to review the performance of a public employee with no action to follow. At 8:16 p.m., Michael Thorner announced the need for additional time and extended the executive session an additional 10 minutes. At 8:26 p.m. the Board reconvened in regular session.

**Adjournment** followed at 8:27 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President

