

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 10, 2020

After having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the library of Mountainview Elementary School, 830 Stone Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen, Futures and Innovations Director Chris Nesmith, Klayton Wyckoff, Nick Clark, Kevin VanDeBrake and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 7:00 p.m., President Mike Meyer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted at the beginning of the Study Session.

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

Communications: In appreciation of Washington State School Retiree's Week and Education Support Professionals Week, Student Representative Grant Picket read both proclamations on behalf of the Board.

High School Student Report: Grant reported on the following High School activities: 1) no school on Friday, March 13, 2020, 2) Tolo is Saturday, March 14, 2020, 3) spring sports are off to a great start, 4) the Reality Fair is on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and 5) Rams on the Red Carpet is an event to help raise money for the local YWCA.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment Non-Discussion/Agenda Items:

Visitors present were: Megan Jennings, Jesse Golbek, Jesenia Larios, Nikki Olden, Lora Wilkinson, Kory Voldman, Abby Stuck, Tim Critchlow, Jerry Prescott, and Adam Echert.

At 7:08 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions, and concerns from the audience, and with none, Mike Meyer closed the public forum at 7:09 p.m.

Host School Presentation/Program:

Nick Hartman, Mountainview Elementary School principal, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Mountainview's reading program. The RTI Coach, Jesse Golbek, joined Nick in the presentation detailing the Reading Initiative and reading intervention programs, as well as the importance of reading at home and school. For January, the staff set a goal of 100% participation in the 20/20 Reading Program. Jesse Golbek wanted every student to be able to achieve this goal, so she designated her lunch hour to optional storytime for all students.

Nick and Jesse introduced their students: Caleb Velazquez, Serenity Busick, Valeria Raygoza, and Jordan Medchill. Serenity, Valeria, and Jordan gave book recommendations and explained why they were their favorite books.

Nick introduced Megan Jennings, and she explained her role as a Behavior Intervention Para. Fourth-grader, Caleb Velazquez, and Ms. Jennings described what a typical day looks like for the two of them working together on his behavioral plan.

Discussion Items:

Safety and Security Measures - High School Assistant Principal Klayton Wyckoff, Middle-Level Assistant Principals Nick Clark and Kevin VanDeBrake, Facilities Director Tim Critchlow, and Adam Eckert with Phoenix Security provided an overview of the safety and security protocols throughout the District. Their PowerPoint presentation was included in the board packet.

Public Comments Re: Discussion Items:

At 8:32 p.m., Mike Meyer opened the meeting to comments, questions, and concerns from the audience, and with none, Michael Meyer closed the public forum at 8:32 p.m.

Action Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. February 25, 2020 Study Session
2. February 25, 2020 Regular Meeting

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

B. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Tom Robinson, DECA International Career Development Conference-National Competition, Nashville, TN-April 28-May 3, 2020
2. Angela Von Essen, Forecast Analysis 2020 National Conference, Irvine, CA-April 14-18, 2020
3. Kristin Johnson, Mission Peak Leadership Camp, Chewelah, WA-June 21-26, 2020
4. Jeremy Freisz / Tyler Jones / Rich Rees, CBC Jazz Unlimited, Pasco, WA-April 17-18, 2020
5. Ryan Massey, State Soccer (Boys), Puyallup, WA-May 28-30, 2020
6. Brad Cramer / Craig Lacy, State Softball, Spokane, WA-May 28-30, 2020
7. Jamie Zeller, Nationals for Lifeskills Competition, Washington DC, VA-April 23-28, 2020
8. Ryan Froula / Ryan Johnson, State Baseball, Pasco, WA-May 28-30, 2020
9. Eyman / Beck / Scott / Johnson / Bush / Statler / Blakney, Boise State Football Camp, Boise, ID-June 15-18, 2020

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve travel requests #1-9, deleting #2 due to the conference being canceled. MC 5-0.

C. Approval of High-Risk Activities List

The Board reviewed the list of High-Risk Activities included in the Board packet. Angela Von Essen explained the list was provided from Clear Risk Solutions, the District's Risk Management Company, and the District's insurance company does not cover the activities.

Michael Thorner stated he couldn't understand how the insurance company can instantly say they are not covering certain activities. He isn't clear on what administration is asking the Board to approve. Angela Von Essen provided clarification that the insurance company provides a list annually. As a result of a recent student injury and as of the beginning of this school year, they are not covering certain activities. Staff and administrators do not agree and would like to continue the activities listed and are not covered. Ms. Von Essen wanted the Board to understand the risk of exposing our students to dangerous activities and not having coverage. The Board agreed to table admin's request pending additional information from Clear Risk Solutions.

D. Approval of Resolution #20-03-702 Transfer of Funds

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve Resolution #20-03-702 Transfer of Funds. MC 5-0.

E. Approval of Extension of Superintendent's Contract Through 2022-2023 School Year

Mike Meyer made the motion to approve the Extension of Superintendent's Contract Through 2022-2023 School Year, as presented. MC 5-0.

Items Arising: No items were arising.

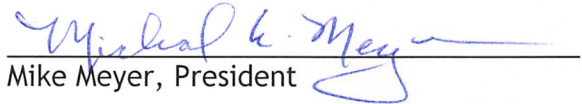
Board Reports/Board Development: None reported.

Executive Session: At 9:09 p.m., the Board moved into an Executive Session to discuss the performance of a public employee expected to last twenty (20) minutes with no action to follow. At 9:20 p.m., the Board reconvened into the regular session.

Adjournment followed at 9:21 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Mike Meyer, President