

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Monday, December 12, 2016

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, December 12, 2016, 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, Mike Meyer, Jeffrey Smith, and Student Representative Chloe Williams.

Administrative Staff present: Mike Brophy, Peter Finch, Angela Watts, 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: There were no changes to the agenda.

Communications: Dr. Brophy presented a copy of the WSSDA Self-Assessment Survey. A Study Session will be planned at a later date to discuss the survey. Also, WSSDA Conference topics will be a discussion item at a future meeting.

High School Student Report:

Chloe Williams gave an update on current activities at the High School. President Thorner requested board members be notified of upcoming events.

Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment:

Visitors present were Christopher Nesmith, Jay Rodli, Matthew Rodli, Jeremy Cox, Jerry Prescott, Bradley Liebrecht, Stephen Robertson, and Melody Pryor.

At 7:08 p.m., Michael Thorner opened the meeting to comments, questions and/or concerns from the audience. Matthew Rodli, Cadet Major for the West Valley JROTC gave a report on the recent activities of the cadets. West Valley will be hosting a drill meet in January 13-15, 2017.

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

Program: Bradley Liebrecht Presentation

Mr. Liebrecht, West Valley 8th grade teacher expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support and investment in the Social Studies department. Mr. Liebrecht was involved with the "Understanding Sacrifice" Program at the 2016 National Council for Social Studies Conference in Washington, D.C. He gave a summary of his research and discussed the lesson plans he uses in his classroom which are available for others to use.

Discussion Items: Board/Superintendent Goal - STEM to STEAM Arts Integration

Assistant Principal/CTE Director Chris Nesmith gave a presentation on the integration of the Arts into the STEM classes. Mr. Nesmith spoke on the required elements of STEM and STEAM courses, the 21st Century Learning Standards, and West Valley's approach to the Arts integration. Noted in West Valley are the people, not the programs that have contributed to the success of the current STEM Program. In summary, STEM is Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math taught in tandem. A STEAM platform would require the integration of the Arts. Board members discussed if this integration would encourage more female students to enroll in the STEAM courses. West Valley is a current leader in CTE Programs for Washington State.

Items Arising:

Mike Carey noted that Board office elections should have been done this month for next year.

Dr. Brophy answered Mike Carey's question regarding the change in the construction timelines.

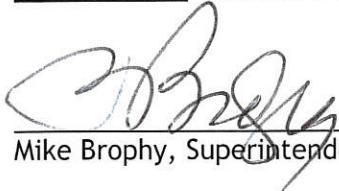
Board members agreed to change the meeting date of Monday, January 9, 2017 to Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at Cottonwood Elementary.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was in the packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings and Study Session topics. Dr. Brophy reviewed the Goals. He also mentioned the next meeting is December 21, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. in his office.

Board Reports/Board Development: No items were brought to the table.

Executive Session: At 8:20 p.m. the Board moved into Executive Session expected to last 15 minutes for the purpose of reviewing the performance of a public employee and the qualification of an applicant for public employment. The Board moved out of Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. with no action taken.

Adjournment followed at 8:40 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorne, President