

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 24, 2023

After being advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Valley High School Library, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908 and Via YouTube Livestream: <https://youtu.be/4l0ERbdV30o>.

Board of Directors present: President Michael Thorner, Dave Jaeger, Mike Meyer, Mark Mochel, and Mark Strong.

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Executive Director of Innovation Jed Watters, Director of Special Education Lucas Jaeger, Communications Director Amy Forrest, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

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:

- 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 January 10, 2023, School Board meeting. The response included an apology for the process for the senior portraits for the yearbook. The intent was to provide students a nice, professional photo for the yearbook. The process was flawed and made many students uncomfortable. That was not the intent and the District apologized for this. Retakes were completed on Jan. 18.
- B. School Board Appreciation Recognition - Each school made posters to show their appreciation for the School Board members. Dr. Finch read the proclamation from the governor for School Board Appreciation Month. Students from the Mid-Level Campus, Zach Farina and Marcus Quezada, introduced their teacher, JT Statler, and the students shared with the School Board how they made wooden plaques that were personalized for each Board member. The students explained the process which included the use of the CNC router machine to carve the plaque based on the Computer Aided Design that the students created.

Program Presentation: Transitional Bilingual Instructional Program- Jerilyn Ashbaugh, Coordinator for State and Federal Programs, provided a presentation regarding the Transitional Bilingual Instructional Program. Jerilyn emphasized that services from the program are a civil right for students. Jerilyn shared that the main method of delivery for services at the elementary level is supportive mainstream and at the secondary level is content-based. The District will continue to provide professional development for teachers to scaffold learning for students, including Guided Language Acquisition Design, Sheltered Observation Instruction Protocol, and modules via the ELlevation system.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:32 p.m., President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. Community members commented on the conflict of interest policy, out-of-state travel, and the superintendent's contract. With no further requests, President Thorner closed the public forum at 7:41 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 1. January 10, 2023 Study Session

2. January 10, 2023 Board Meeting
3. January 18, 2023 Study Session

B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll

1. General Fund - Check #239666-239757; 239767-239902
2. Capital Projects Fund - Check #239764-239766; 239915-239920
3. ASB Fund - Check #239758-239763; 239903-239914
4. Payroll - December 2022
5. Procurement Card Detail

C. Financial Reports

1. 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

D. Approval of Employment Contracts

1. Employment Overview
2. Smeback, Amanda Instructional Paraprofessional @ Wide Hollow Elementary
3. Smeback, Brian School Nurse @ Apple Valley Elementary

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

1. Arguello, Ailynne SPED Paraprofessional @ Cottonwood Elementary
2. Bagnall, Ann-Marie SLP Paraprofessional @ Cottonwood Elementary
3. Campbell, Alison School Nurse @ Apple Valley Elementary
4. Freisz, Johnathan IT Technician @ IT Department
5. Montoya, Anne Foreign Language Teacher @ West Valley High School
6. O'Brien, Jill Science Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
7. O'Brien, Robert Science Teacher @ West Valley Middle Level Campus
8. Olden, Natasha ASL Paraprofessional @ West Valley High School
9. Perrault, Mikaela Paraprofessional @ West Valley High School

F. Approval of Leave Requests

1. Etheridge, Deborah Leave of Absence Jan. 3 - June 13, 2023
2. French, Amie Leave of Absence Jan. 31 - May 1, 2023
3. Goodall, Erika Leave of Absence May 15 - June 13, 2023
4. Gutierrez, Maribel Leave of Absence May 25 - Year Start 2023
5. Hull, Jennifer Leave of Absence Jan. 23 - Feb. 3, 2023
6. Mora, Gilberto Leave of Absence May 25 - July 10, 2023

Mark Mochel motioned to approve the consent agenda, as presented. MC 5-0.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Christina Dickman / Blake Scully - Brightly Illuminate Conference, Raleigh, NC- March 11-16, 2023.
2. Jake Kessler - Boys Swim State Tournament, Federal Way, WA- February 16-18, 2023.
3. Brad Cramer / Lester Makalii - Girls Bowling State Tournament, Tukwila, WA- February 2-4, 2023.
4. Peter Krum - WMEA All-State Music Festival, Bellevue, WA- February 16-18, 2023.
5. Tom Robinson - DECA State Competition, Bellevue, WA- March 2-3, 2023.

After a brief discussion, including ways to reduce travel costs, the Board approved travel requests #2-5, as presented. Travel request #1 was approved, with the understanding that research into flights out of Seattle, being the better option financially.

Dave Jaeger motioned to approve the travel requests, with the stipulation noted above. MC 5-0.

B. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) FIRST READING

1. 3510 Associated Student Bodies
2. 1220 Board Officers and Duties of Board Members
3. 1660 Conflicts of Interest (Districts with 2,000 or More Students)
4. 2411 High School Equivalency Certificate
5. 3230 Searches of Students and Student Privacy
6. 3421 Child Abuse and Neglect
7. 5004 Infection Control Program
8. 2140 Comprehensive School Counseling Program
9. 4311 School Safety and Security Service Program (new policy)

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the FIRST reading of policies listed, as presented. MC 5-0.

C. Approval of Superintendent Contract (3-year contract: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026)

Michael Thorner provided a review of the superintendent's contract. Then, he provided the opportunity for public comment. At 8:00 p.m., President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment. Two community members said that they appreciated the clarification regarding the superintendent's contract. With no further requests, President Thorner closed the public forum at 8:02 p.m.

Mark Mochel motioned to approve Superintendent Contract, as presented. MC 5-0.

Items Arising: No items were reported.

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

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

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Finch's report was provided in the Board packet.

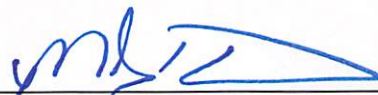
Board Reports/Board Development: Michael Thorner shared the purpose of the recent Executive Sessions. These sessions provide Board members an opportunity to discuss the performance of the superintendent and develop a common vision for expectations.

Board members thanked the students and staff for the recognition posters and emails.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President