

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 28, 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, July 28, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Webinar ID #988 9163 8344.

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen, Futures and Innovations Director Chris Nesmith, Communications Director Anjerie Nemrow, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to Order: At 7:00 p.m., Vice 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 Monthly Construction Report for June 2020 was included in the Board packet. Rob Gross gave a summary of the report and shared that the District is expected to receive \$26,000 in rebates from Pacific Power. Rob stated there had been no COVID-19 issues or injuries reported at either site.

Dave Jaeger asked if both sites will be enclosed before winter. Rob answered yes, hoping to have them enclosed by the end of October.

B. WIAA Update

Jeff Jamieson informed the Board of last week's changes to the WIAA's 2020-21 sports calendar to include four seasons. Season one will start September 7, 2020, and will consist of: Cross Country, Girls Swimming and Diving. Golf and tennis may be added to season one, but the WIAA has not decided at this time.

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

Visitors present were: Ryan Mathews, Rob Gross, Jeff Jamieson, Peter Marinace, Kory Voldman, Susan Olden, Jessica Hunter, Jaimi Schmidt, Katie Heary, Heidi Sutton, Molly Fleming, Mark Swanson, Linda Von Essen, Adam Eldridge, Lucas Jaeger, Rebecca Valencia, Bailey Parsons, Angela Fluevan, Stacey Drake, Kristin Johnson, Ryan DeLozier, Sheilah Wood, Klayton Wyckoff, Michelle Siguenza, Tiffany Williams, Heidi Mochel, Michael Moore, Brad Liebrecht, Jason Arand, Meghan Alderson, Brenda McClain, Ben McMurry, Audrey Drobeck, Danielle Crawford, Jerilyn Ashbaugh, Laurin Flowers, Robert Fawcett, LeAnne Ries, Ruth Veselka, Michelle Gaberman, Eva Lust-Wright, Kim Buhl, and Laurie Barber.

At 7:13 p.m., Mark Strong opened the meeting to comments, questions, and concerns from the audience, and with none, the public forum was closed at 7:14 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. July 13, 2020 Study Session
2. July 14, 2020 Study Session
3. July 14, 2020 Regular Minutes
4. July 21, 2020 Study Session

B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll

1. General Fund - Check #231287-231377; 231410-231508

2. Capital Projects Fund - Check #231264-231264; 231386-231387; 231512-231519
3. ASB Fund - Check #231378-231385; 231509-231511
4. Payroll-June and July 2020
5. Procurement Card Detail

C. Financial Reports

1. June 2020 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 Projects Fund - Project 1702 Apple Valley
7. Capital Projects Fund - Project 1701 Summitview
8. Apple Valley and Summitview Project Data Dash Board

D. Approval of Employment Contracts

1. Employment Overview
2. Abbo, Deborah German Teacher @ West Valley Junior/High School
3. Francis, Amanda Title I Reading Intervention Teacher @ West Valley Middle School
4. Littleton, Sarah School Psychologist @ West Valley School District
5. Lovstrand, Christy Head Secretary @ Ahtanum Valley Elementary
6. Willey, Eric Volunteer Football Coach @ West Valley High School
7. Zamora, Carmen Head Secretary @ West Valley Middle School

E. Approval of Resignations/Retirements

1. Haubrich, Hailey Assistant Volleyball Coach @ West Valley High School
2. Lovstrand, Christy Head Secretary @ West Valley Junior High

Melissa Robertson made the motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented. MC 4-0. Mike Meyer's vote was not recorded due to technical difficulties (Mike attended the meeting by phone and could not be heard).

Discussion Items:

A. Fall 2021 Boundary Changes Proposal

Angela Von Essen provided a PowerPoint Presentation, which was emailed to the Board before the meeting. Angela's overview focused on important Boundary Change topics such as the planning timeline, the planning committee, stakeholders affected by the boundary change, resources used in the planning, critical factors in the plan, current boundaries, proposed boundaries, boundary differences, and students impacted by the proposed change. Ms. Von Essen stated, review of the detailed boundary proposal and comments would take place at the next School Board study session, and it will be presented again on August 25, 2020, for approval. Angela addressed comments and questions from the Board.

Michael Thorner noticed with this plan, SPED classes won't be held at the two new schools and questioned why the District approved the construction plans for special SPED and DLC classrooms at the new schools. Dave Jaeger asked if SPED and DLC students would be bussed to other schools in the District. Ms. Von Essen said both topics would be addressed at a later date.

Michael Thorner asked for confirmation of the student capacity at Ahtanum and Mountainview.

Mike Brophy stated that a letter would be mailed out to impacted families before the August 11, 2020 Study Session. Dr. Brophy said the principals would provide a community engagement opportunity so parents can get familiar with their new school.

B. 2020-21 Budget Update

Ms. Von Essen stated that a recent parent survey was conducted to provide updated enrollment and online enrollment trends for the 2020-21 school year. With only 20% of parents participating in the survey, the administration believes there wasn't enough of a response, nor was it a reliable survey to use for considering adjusting enrollment to reflect the survey results. Therefore, the administration will use the original enrollment projection of a 2% reduction, which will allow for a balanced budget. We will watch the actual enrollment to determine if mid-year budget reductions will need to be made. Angela addressed comments and questions from the Board.

Dave Jaeger asked if the State requires a balanced budget. Ms. Von Essen stated unbalanced budgets are acceptable, but OSPI will not allow a negative fund balance.

C. 2020-21 Fees

Angela Von Essen stated feedback was obtained from building administration, and the fee schedule hasn't changed from what was previously presented.

D. 2020-21 Budget Efficiencies

Angela Von Essen provided an overview that was emailed to Board members before the meeting. She addressed questions and comments from the Board.

Michael Thorner asked why the Long-Range Facilities column was blank. Ms. Von Essen stated that she needs the Board's assistance with where they want to see the funds spent.

Dave Jaeger asked what did we spend \$473,000 on for Blended Learning. Ms. Von Essen stated that the cost of updating Chromebooks, servers, and websites was included in that amount.

Dave Jaeger asked why \$2 Million is being spent on Personalized Learning. Ms. Von Essen stated that the Virtual Academy and ASU programs are included in the amount.

E. 2019-20 COVID-19 Cost and Savings Overview

Angela Von Essen provided a Board memo outlining the CARE Act funding and how the funds have been spent as well as the estimated savings due to the COVID closure. Ms. Von Essen addressed questions and comments from the Board.

Michael Thorner asked if department and building savings could be carried over to the next year. When Ms. Von Essen answered yes, he questioned why we are allocating the full budget amount for next year.

Public Comments Re: Discussion Items

At 8:30 p.m., Mark Strong opened the meeting to comments, questions, and concerns from the audience.

Heidi Mochel WVEA President asked the following questions:

1. How much are you cutting building budgets? Percent?
2. Why was the Boundary presentation in the Discussion section if they don't get to discuss it?
3. Many other items should have been included in the COVID savings.
 - Sports- JH coach salaries, travel, officials, subs for coaches
 - HS sports- officials, usage fees (Apple Tree \$5,500), bus driver wages, and gas
 - Postseason pay-travel-hotel, subs for coaches
 - Substitute costs- We had none after March 13.
 - Transportation- gas, wages for field trips, heavy in spring
 - Summer program- staffing of the Wide Hollow library
4. I thought we were ending our contract with Field Group when we hired Anjerie?
5. District Priorities and Programs pdf
6. What is ALT Ed at the High School?
7. WVVA costs us 1Million? ASU costing?
8. Perhaps this pdf is missing information. Maybe there needs to be a revenue column, or the amount should reflect cost and revenue combined because it is misleading.

9. What exactly have we ordered for PPE? How much have we spent? Where is it, because no one on my team has seen them in the buildings?
10. What is the \$44,000 employee COVID expense?
11. They are taking a look at the fees for next year in Section 8 and Section 10 of the agenda. In section 8, many items are now struck through with a new note at the bottom about remote learning, which is better outlined in the memo in section 10. What is unclear is how things might be pro-rated. I also wondered if art teachers, band teachers, and ASB/activity directors have been consulted at all about these changes in fee structures.

Ruth Veselka, a District teacher, used the Zoom webinar chat feature and asked, with all the money on WVVA, would the money be better spent on the online classes the teachers are developing over the summer and fall? Also, does the roll-over of funds from schools contain PPE, will we need to buy our own? Finally, with classes potentially being online, there are many supplies that we share in the classroom that now need to be put out to students, will our class stipends/building budgets be able to cover those or is that an additional cost to teachers?

Mark Strong closed the public forum at 8:37 p.m.

Action Items:

A. Mountainview Septic and Sewer - Emergency Bid Waiver

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve the Mountainview septic and sewer emergency bid waiver as presented. MC 4-0. Mike Meyer's vote was not recorded due to technical difficulties.

B. Child Nutrition Food Bid Award

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the Child Nutrition bakery bid award as presented. MC 4-0. Mike Meyer's vote was not recorded due to technical difficulties.

C. Child Nutrition Milk/Dairy and Fresh Produce Agreements

Melissa Robertson made the motion to approve the Child Nutrition agreements for milk/dairy and fresh produce as presented. MC 4-0. Mike Meyer's vote was not recorded due to technical difficulties.

D. Policy - Minimum Fund Balance 2nd Reading

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of Policy 6022- Minimum Fund Balance as presented. MC 4-0. Mike Meyer's vote was not recorded due to technical difficulties.

E. 2019-20 Principal Salary Increase

Michael Thorner made the motion to approve the 2019-20 principal salary increase as presented. MC 4-0. Mike Meyer's vote was not recorded due to technical difficulties.

F. 2020-21 Fees

Dave Jaeger made the motion to approve the 2020-21 Fees as presented. MC 4-0. Mike Meyer's vote was not recorded due to technical difficulties (Mike was on his phone for the meeting and could not be heard).

Items Arising:

Dave Jaeger asked if the District is planning to provide teachers and staff with the materials and equipment needed to teach from home. Mike Brophy explained that teachers would be allowed to go into their classrooms and teach from there. Dr. Brophy also stated that he hadn't received any complaints from teachers or principals, saying they didn't have what they needed and encouraged them to let the District know ASAP if there was something they need.

Michael Thorner asked if community members will be allowed to speak about Boundary Changes at the August 11, 2020 Study Session. Mike Brophy said that would be a Board decision. Michael Thorner requested the following with affirmation by Mark Strong, Melissa Robertson, and Dave Jaeger:

- 1) The Fall 2021 Boundary Changes Proposal be posted to the District website.
- 2) Correspondence is sent to the families affected by the proposed boundary changes.

3) Rules relaxed for the community to participate during the August 11, 2020 Study Session meeting.

Reports:

Enrollment Report - The enrollment report was included in the Board packet.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Brophy's report was included in the Board packet. The report included important dates, School Board meetings, and Study Session topics.

Mike Brophy informed the Board of the August 3, 2020 Board Retreat to be held as a study session via Zoom and not at the High School as previously planned. He also reminded the Board of August 4, 2020, Admin Leadership Retreat to be held via Zoom.

District Committee Reports:

A. Bond Oversight Committee (BOC)

Peter Marinace gave an overview of the July 8, 2020, BOC meeting minutes that were provided in the Board packet.

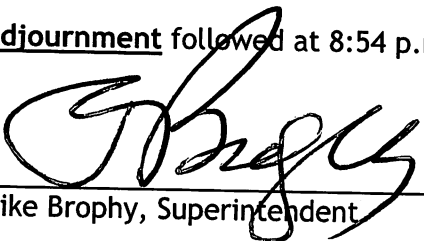
B. Long-Range Facilities Committee

Chris Nesmith gave a brief update on the Long-Range Facilities Committee, stating they are working on getting a District website page added to include minutes and updates.


Board Reports/Board Development:

Michael Thorner took this opportunity to acknowledge Ms. Von Essen and her team on their on the proposed boundary changes. Their work was well thought out and thorough.

Adjournment followed at 8:54 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Mark Strong, Vice President