

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 11, 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, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Apple Valley Elementary School Cafeteria, 7 N. 88th Ave. Yakima, WA 98908 and Via YouTube Livestream:
<https://youtube.com/live/3tPVWzSj-qs?feature=share>

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

Administrative Staff present: Superintendent Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent Joe Connolly, Assistant Superintendent Stacey Drake, Director of Special Education Lucas Jaeger, Principal Heidi Sutton, 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 - There was no response to public comment.

B. Staff Retirement Recognition

The Board recognized Jill O'Brien, Rob O'Brien, and Jon Webster for their years of service to the West Valley School District.

C. Student Recognition - Brooklyn Lewis

Brooklyn Lewis, fifth grade student, was recognized for being a published author. She shared the experience of writing her book and having it printed and published by amazon.com. Copies of the book are available in the Apple Valley library.

School Presentation/Program: Apple Valley Elementary School

Principal Heidi Sutton, shared the benefits of Transitional Kindergarten. She shared how she has seen great progress with student growth for executive function and Kindergarten Readiness. Chelsea Nell, teacher, and Trudi Arndt and Kelly Morales, paraeducators, assisted students with a presentation to the School Board. The students shared an exciting story that they sang to the Board about hunting for dinosaurs. The students shared dinosaur hats with the School Board.

Public Comment of Non-Discussion Agenda Items: At 7:24 p.m., President Michael Thorner opened the meeting to visitors for public comment, and with none, Mr. Thorner closed the public forum at 7:24 p.m.

Approval Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. March 28, 2023 Study Session
2. March 28, 2023 Board Meeting

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the minutes, as presented. MC 5-0.

B. Approval of Travel Requests

1. Minerva Pardo, Jerilyn Ashbaugh, Mikel Garza - National Migrant Education Conference, Albuquerque, NM- April 29-May 3, 2023.

Mike Meyer motioned to approve the travel requests, as presented. MC 5-0.

Items Arising: No items were reported.

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

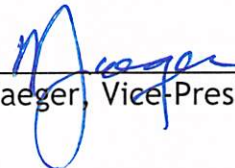
Board Reports/Board Development: Mark Mochel asked for additional information about the work that Minerva Pardo, Family Engagement Coordinator, is doing to share her expertise with other school districts. Dr. Finch shared that Minerva is a national trainer for the Strengthening Families Five Protective Factor Framework. East Valley School District has created a resource room similar to Ram Landing to provide students and families "Concrete Support in Times of Need" which is one of the five protective factors. Jill Hendrick's work with Ram Landing was recognized last year as Jill was named the Classified Employee of the Year for our region. Minerva will present later this spring in New Orleans for a national professional development session for the AASA Authentic Family Engagement Cohort.

Dr. Finch shared he appreciates that Minerva is building a team to support students and families in West Valley. The team includes specialists, Mikel Garza and Yazmin Stultz.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Dr. Peter Finch, Superintendent



Dave Jaeger, Vice-President