

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208
Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met for a Study Session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, in the library of Mountainview Elementary School, 830 Stone Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

Those present for the Study Session were: Michael Thorner, Dave Jaeger, Mark Strong, Melissa Robertson, Superintendent Mike Brophy, Assistant Superintendent Angela Von Essen, Assistant Superintendent Peter Finch, Futures and Innovations Director Chris Nesmith, Megan Jennings, Jesse Golbek, Magieline Benedicto, Jeremy Cox, and Recording Secretary Stephanie Smith.

Call to order: At 6:03 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:

Child Nutrition-Magieline Benedicto reviewed the PowerPoint presentation included in the board packet. She gave an overview of the Program, including operations, menu planning, menu features, free and reduced rates, student participation, financial information, revenues, expenditures, strategies to stay within budget, balance carryover, program challenges, and program highlights.

Magieline recognized the community concerns regarding the amount of waste from the use of styrofoam trays. She explained that with purchasing reusable trays, larger dishwashers with conveyer belts would need to be purchased and installed at all schools. The District is currently looking at other options such as trayless meals, grab and go bag lunches, and biodegradable trays. She addressed questions and comments from the Board.

Dr. Brophy thanked Mageline for her leadership in making the Child Nutrition program successful.

IT-Jeremy Cox reviewed the PowerPoint presentation included in the board packet. Jeremy gave an overview of IT operations, including the staff and their duties, a detailed list of IT support services provided, impacts of the Bond projects, work order statistics, and a summary of departmental and building needs and concerns. He explained the District recently received 1,350 new Chromebooks, replacing student Chromebooks for grades 7th through 9th. He needs to purchase an additional 450 Chromebooks this summer for the incoming 5th graders. The goal is to start a replacement cycle for these devices and to spread the costs out without causing a significant financial impact while maintaining the same level of support.

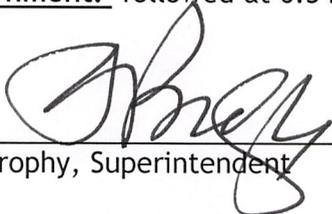
Jeremy stated there are 12 buildings, 500+ staff, 4,135+ students, and approximately 10,000 devices, but only eight IT employees. The changes that have taken place over the past five years are quite a feat for such a small department, especially with the recent AV/SV/FC move. None of which would be possible without a great team and the funding support. Jeremy addressed comments and concerns from the Board.

Dr. Brophy thanked Jeremy, noting without his leadership and team, none of this would have been possible.

Discussion: None

Items Arising: None

Adjournment: followed at 6:54 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Mark Strong, Vice President