

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Meeting Minutes Monday, April 24, 2017

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Having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met for a Study Session on Monday, April 24, 2017, in the library of West Valley High School, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Those present for the study session were: President Michael Thorner, Mike Carey, Dave Jaeger, Mike Meyer, Jeffrey Smith, Student Representative Chloe Williams, Mike Brophy, Peter Finch, Angela Watts, and Recording Secretary Debbie Chronister.

Visitors present were Stephen Robertson, Rajkumar Raj, Dawn Williams, Tristin Appling, Chris Abeyta, Chen Grange, Cheryn Zimmer, Amy Knautz, Nicole Olden, Saunys Busby, Jamon Rivera, Amie French, Megan Summers, Jesse Golbek, Leonardo Soto, William Hancock, Beth Jones, Kaitlyn Smith, Greg Miller, Lucas Jaeger, Rebekah Olden, Susan Olden, Brian Hays, Laura Dyo, Jade Deyo, Jenny Lindner, April Holt, Matt Lindner, Tim Goff, Libby Hodge, Toni Paganelli, Cristy Rasmussen, Dawn Perez, Tara Wyckoff, Melissa Vicente, Michael Morehouse, Stephanie Morehouse, Peter Marinace, Maegen Otterstein, Deborah Gaidos, Danielle Crawford, Danielle Kurtz, Mamie Winters, Lucy Rodriguez, Linh Tran, Nick Hartman, Pryce Hartman, Katie Horton, Michael Moore, Maribel Jimenez, Esther Hvizar, Laurie Barber, Ian Garriques, Lori Moore, Lisa Bradford, Emily Cromwell, Sherry Adams, Kate Rutgen, Ryan Mathews, Russ Tuman, Janet Rouleau, Ellen Mellander, Pam Wyatt, Eva Lust, Cheryl Johnson, Heidi Sutton, Heidi Taylor, Bill Oppliger, Jolene Wells, Ben McMurry, Diana Haquet, and Jerry Prescott.

Call to order: At 6:00 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: Board members received the books for summer reading that will be discussed at the Admin Retreat in August, 2017. Dr. Brophy invited the Board members to attend.

Dr. Brophy invited the Board members to attend the West Valley School District Youth Apprenticeship Signing Day for three high school students on April 26, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

Dr. Brophy reminded Board members of the Regional WSSDA Spring Meeting May 1, 2017 at the Yakima Valley Tech Center.

Dr. Brophy invited the Board members to join him and the West Valley Citizens for Better Schools Committee for a visit to Kennewick School District on May 3, 2017 to gain information on how they successfully pass bonds.

Study Session/Special Meeting:

The purpose of meeting/items discussed:

A. Elementary Attendance Area Boundaries

President Thorner opened the meeting to community members who have not addressed the Board in previous meetings regarding revising Elementary Attendance Area Boundaries. No comments were made.

B. Proposed Programs Modifications

EPIC and Head Start – No comments were made.


Special Needs Preschool – Questions and comments were made about the possibility of moving this program from Ahtanum Elementary to the Freshman Campus and if the Board discussed the Freshman Campus becoming an elementary school. Michael Thorner clarified that the recommendations from administration was on the specific topics. Mike Brophy stated the purpose of the recommendation is to focus on the attendance boundaries only.

PAL – Several parents presented their thoughts on why the district should keep PAL, improve the program, enlarging it to all schools, and stated that facilities should not be lumped into other program decisions.

Teachers and principals spoke on what is being done in the classroom to provide PAL type services in all schools.

Michael Thorner thanked attendees for their testimonies.

Adjournment was declared at 6:50 p.m.



Mike Brophy, Superintendent



Michael Thorner, President