

## West Valley School District No. 208

### Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2008

After having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in regular session on Monday, December 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mountainview Elementary School Library, 830 Stone Road, Yakima WA 98908.

**Board of Directors** present: Staci Verbrugge, President, Sasha Kinloch, Vice-President, Mike Carey, Mike Meyer, Jim Roberts, and Student Representative Joel Heiser. Student Rep. Ashley George was not present.

**Administrative Staff** Present: Dr. Peter Ansingh, Superintendent, Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent, Tom Fleming, Assistant Superintendent, and Nona Bunger, Recording Secretary. Also present were Georgia Bonari, Mountainview Elementary Principal, Dave Jaeger, Middle School Principal, and Crystal McDonald, Summitview Elementary Principal.

**Visitors Present:** Katrina King, Paula Eakin, Sandy Barrett, Malissa Durbin, Abby Stuck, Amber Stiles-Gill, Rhonda Hutton, Cherie Grange, Arin Lee, Linda Miller, Jamie Steiner, Mandee Burton, and Megan Brown.

**Call to Order** - verification of quorum.

At 7:00 p.m., President Staci Verbrugge called the meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance** to the flag was led by President Staci Verbrugge.

### **Election of Board Officers:**

Sasha Kinloch nominated Staci Verbrugge for President for a second year. Staci accepted the nomination. A roll call was taken, and the MC 5-0.

Mike Meyer nominated Jim Roberts for Vice President. Jim declined the nomination, stating he felt he was still learning and needed more experience before taking office.

Staci Verbrugge nominated Sasha Kinloch for Vice President. Sasha accepted the nomination. A roll call was taken, and the MC 5-0.

**Changes to the Agenda:** None.

**Communications:** The Board members each received a letter from the HS Marching Band students thanking the Board for new uniforms they received.

**Program:** Mountainview Elementary Principal Georgia Bonari gave an update on their School Improvement Plan. Mrs. Bonari then introduced staff from Mountainview: Rhonda Hutton, Cheri Grange, Amber Stiles-Gill, Abby Stuck, Malissa Durbin, Mandy Burton, Jamie Steiner, Arin Lee, Sandy Barrett, Paula Eakin, Katrina King, Megan Brown, and Linda Miller. Rhona, Malissa, Abby, Cheri and Amber shared the types of challenges they face with their students at MV due to the diversity of the area and how they view those challenges as opportunities for growth. They shared how they use their school's data to help each child work up to his/her potential of learning. They feel they have a "small school with a big heart."

**Introduction of Visitors:** Introductions were made during the MV presentation.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approval of Minutes
    - 1. November 24 - Regular Meeting
  - B. Approval of Vouchers
  - C. Enrollment Report
  - D. Approval of Employment Contracts
    - 1. Brooke Argento - 3.5 SLP Parapro (SV)
    - 2. Jesse Heinle - Volunteer Wrestling Coach (HS)
    - 3. Michelle McGuire - SPED Preschool Parapro (AhV)
    - 4. Amber Wiles - Instructional Parapro (WH)
  - E. Approval of Leave Request
    - 1. NAESP Annual Convention; New Orleans, LA; Apr. 4-7, 2009
- Mike Meyer made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. MC 5-0.

**Action Items**

- A. Call for Bids - New High School Furniture  
Tom Fleming presented the Board with a list of new furniture for the new high school. He explained the bid process and asked the Board to make a motion to approve a Call for Bids so the new furniture can be ordered.  
Mike Carey moved to approve the list as presented. MC 5-0.
- B. Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing  
Staci moved to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement . MC 5-0.

## Action Items (cont).

- C. Approval of Resolutions
  1. #08-12-538 - 403(b) Third Party Administrator and Plan Document
  2. #08-12-539 - Transportation Vehicle Fund TransferJim Roberts moved to approve resolutions #08-12-538 and #08-12-539. MC 5-0.
- D. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Amendment(s) - Second Reading
  1. 3126 - Child Custody
  2. 3432 - Emergencies
  3. 4129 - Family Involvement
  4. 4130 - Title 1 Parental Involvement

Regarding Policy #3432 - Emergencies: Mike Carey asked the Board to consider having one unannounced fire drill per year in addition to the one planned drill referenced in the policy. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy #3432 - Emergencies was tabled for further review. Peter Finch said he would work on the language and bring it back to the Board at their next meeting. Staci Verbrugge made a motion to approve Policies #3126, 4129 and 4130 as presented. MC 5-0.

## Discussion Items

- A. Full-Day Kindergarten Update

Georgia Bonari gave an update on the District's full-day kindergarten program and how productive it has been with good results.
- B. High School Athletic Fields Update

Tom passed out two handouts showing the layout and needs for the athletic fields on the existing high school site. He also discussed the possibility of putting in artificial Field Turf to develop the sports fields as opposed to regular grass fields for an additional cost. The consensus of the Board was to continue planning with the proposed layout and not pursue the Field Turf option.

## Items Arising: None.

Mike Carey asked how and why the decision was made to eliminate the TRT's in the schools. Tom Fleming pointed out the TRT's were not always effective as they were not always able to resolve some of the problems due to their capabilities and access privileges. Dr. Ansingh stated a fourth IT staff person was hired in lieu of having TRT's in the buildings. The Tech Council made the recommendation to eliminate the positions.

**High School Student Representative(s) Report:** Sasha stated that Ashley George had a DECCA auction at the high school so she was not present tonight.

Joel Heisler reported that last Saturday Mr. West Valley contest was held. Twelve candidates were chosen (of which he is one), and throughout the year the 12 guys will be doing several projects to benefit the Children's Village. Joel handed out notes he had taken at the Student's Forum on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed included the policy of using cell phones in class, which was clarified for the students that they should not text or use cell phones during class time. Another discussion item was the closed campus issue, which was not favorable with most of the 54 students who attended. Joel also passed out his notes on the WSSDA Conference that he recently attended with the School Board members.

**Administrative Reports:** ApV, MS, WH, HS

AhV, CW, SV, and JHS reports were included in the Board packets. Georgia Bonari presented her Board report as part of tonight's presentation. Ahtanum Valley's Board Report was handed out at the meeting.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Ansingh's report was passed out at the meeting. The report outlined the following items: Important Dates, Senate Education Committee, Emergency Preparedness, National Board Certified Teachers, and Fitness Corporate Membership.

**Board Reports/Board Development:** Sasha passed along a "thank you" from the MS Staff.

Jim Roberts stated the HS had their Jazz Band Dessert and Dance last Saturday.

### **Executive Session**

#### **A. Personnel**

The Board moved into executive session at 8:58 p.m. for approximately 10 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. The Board reconvened into regular session at 9:10 p.m.

**Adjournment** followed at 9:11 p.m.

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Dr. Peter Ansingh  
Superintendent

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Staci Verbrugge  
President