

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2010

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, January 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cottonwood Elementary Library, 1041 S. 96th Avenue, Yakima WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: Sasha Kinloch, Staci Verbrugge, Mike Carey, Jim Roberts, and Mike Meyer.

Administrative Staff present: Dr. Peter Ansingh, Dr. Peter Finch, Tom Fleming, and Nona Bunger, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order - verification of quorum.

At 6:31 p.m., President Sasha Kinloch called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance - Sasha Kinloch led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Forum: **Lucas Jaeger** read a letter of support he had written for Scott Ditter, HS head football coach, who recently resigned. He urged the Board to refuse Scott's resignation. **Randy Cline**, an "adopted" assistant coach at WV, spoke in support of Scott Ditter and read an excerpt from the book, "Uncommon" by Tony Dungy, professional football coach. Dr. Ansingh stated that it is the Athletic Director's decision, and the Board would not take procedural action on the resignation.

Jennifer Komstadius expressed her concerns to the Board about budget cuts. Her concern as a teacher and a parent, is cutting the full-day kindergarten to half day. She is concerned about the expectations of how the teachers can teach in a 2.5 hour a day program what they are now teaching in full-day kindergarten. She urged the Board to look at all the options of where the money can come from and not cut the full-day kinder program. **Lisa Petre**, teacher at CW, supported Jen's comment about how to fund the full day. She is also concerned about the format of the day when the 5th graders switch teachers every hour during the day next year when the 5th graders move into the 5th/6th grade building. She supports a block program for the 5th graders. **Tanya Kinzey**, a parent, hopes that the Board takes into consideration how young these children are, expressed how she loves the MS pack program, and shared what a tough transition her 6th grade son had from elementary to Middle School.



Heidi Mochel, teacher and a football coach's wife, shared that she has heard in the past about the negative actions by WV football players and coaches prior to Scott Ditter's arrival. She stated she supports Scott Ditter. **Kelly Holder** also supports Scott Ditter. **Randy Cline** spoke again in support of Scott Ditter's standards of football.

Jennifer Komstadius passed out an update on Caitlin (age 8) and Mackenzie Cariveau (age 7), two Cottonwood students who recently suffered a horrifically sad situation in the loss of their parents. She reported to the Board how much the Cottonwood staff, the District Office and the community/vendors had responded with an outpouring of love and support for the girls with wrapped Christmas presents, goodies, clothing and money donations. Over \$6,000 was donated for the girls.

Sasha Kinloch explained that the Board now has a set of standards to follow. She thanked everyone for coming and participating in the public forum. She asked the students in the audience to sign paper apples so they could be placed on a bulletin board in the Board Room acknowledging their presence at the board meetings.

Changes to the Agenda: Addition of:

- G. Approval of Leave Request(s)
 - 3. Heidi Stevens-Mochel - 2nd Grade Teacher (CW)
 - 4. Sheena Collord - Kindergarten Teacher (WH)
- H. Approval of Travel Requests
 - 2. DECA Club - State Career Development Conference; Bellevue, WA; March 4-6, 2010
 - 3. Chance Dolezal; Winter 2010 National Training Conference, Fort Worth, TX; Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 2010.

Mike Carey questioned the timing of Charis Weber's leave request, as the leave request was submitted for approval after she had returned back to work. He also asked why the Board was receiving vouchers now that they usually receive at the end of the month. Tom Fleming explained that the District is converting to new accounting software and this is necessary as the conversion will take place in the next couple of weeks.

Host School Presentation: Principal Sherry Adams introduced staff and students from Wide Hollow, who shared projects they worked on prior the Winter break. Students in Sarah James' 2nd grade class (Mary Teske, Alex Nevil, Carter Finley and Jessica Buchholtz) read letters they wrote to Santa as a project on how to write friendly letters. Danielle Huber's 5th grade students (Paola Mendez, Zhane Thompson, Steven Pryor, Colton



Host School Presentation (cont)

Moen and Morgan Metz) read poems they had written. Jennifer Ditter's 4th grade students (Makenzie Hatfield, Katie Reinhart, Dylan Bissell and Alayna Vanover) read their introductions to the elf they had designed and created in class. Melody Pryor's 5th grade students (Austin Owen, Chase Detwiler, Alicia Nateras, Cassidy Yake) read their descriptive writing projects on riding in a hot- air balloon or read poems they had written, and Megan Eickmeyer read a Thank You to the Board. Kellye Holder, music teacher at CW, spoke about the Seattle Opera coming to CW to perform Wagner's "Siegfried and the Ring of Fire" opera. Several students from CW will participate in the opera to be held at CW on Feb. 5th, 2010. Megan Schneider shared about Cottonwood's PLC training, how it has impacted their teaching and how the PLCs tie in with CW's professional development plan.

Introduction of visitors: Dana Fuerst, Heidi Mochel, Marietta Clements, Lucas Jaeger, Sherry Adams, Jenneifer Komstadius, Jacob Munden, Findlay Faubion, Kellye Holder, Michael Betancourt, Austin Warren, Randy Cline, Kelli Connell, Jennifer Bauer, Christina Fawlett, Megan and Tim Schneider, Jesse Golbek, Gil Plath, Tonya Kimzey, Jim Fannin, Liberty Andis, Bill Oppliger, Keely Teske, Michelle Nevil, Lisa Petre, Chelsea Nell, and Allie Gilover.

Communications: There were no communications for the Board.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. December 14, 2009 - Regular Meeting
 - 2. December 21, 2009 - Special Meeting
 - 3. January 6, 2010 - Study Session
- B. Approval of Vouchers
 - 1. General Fund - Warrants 113425 - 113527
 - 2. Capital Projects - Warrant 2416
 - 3. ASB Procurement Cards - Warrants 11368 - 11369
- C. Enrollment Report
- D. Financial Report
- E. Approval of Employment Contract(s)
 - 1. Tammy Heary - Secretary (MV)
 - 2. Rebecca Rice - LAP Parapro (ApV)
 - 3. Danielle Urakawa - SPED Resource Room Teacher (WH)
- F. Approval of Resignation(s)
 - 1. Ellen Weaver - Language Arts Teacher (JHS)



Approval of Consent Agenda (cont.)

- G. Approval of Leave Request(s)
 - 1. Lori Billups - Bus Driver (TN)
 - 2. Charis Weber - 2nd Grade Teacher (WH)
 - 3. Heidi Stevens-Mochel - 2nd Grade Teacher (CW)
 - 4. Sheena Collord - Kindergarten Teacher (WH)
- H. Approval of Travel Request
 - 1. JROTC - Spring Camp; Ellensburg, WA; March 26-30, 2010
 - 2. DECA Club - State Career Development Conference; Bellevue, WA; March 4-6, 2010
 - 3. Chance Dolezal; Winter 2010 National Training Conference, Fort Worth, TX; Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 2010.

Mike Meyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the above-mentioned changes and amendments to be made to the Dec. 14 minutes to include adding the names of the Directors present, which had been omitted, and to strike the words "Freshman Campus of West Valley High School or...." under Discussion Items C - Transitions Update. MC 5-0.

Jim Roberts made a motion to excuse students representatives Nicole Stine and Keenan Schoen from tonight's meeting.

Action Items:

- A. Approval of Sewer Easements
Jim Roberts made a motion to approve the transfer of the sewer easements to the City of Yakima. MC 5-0.

Discussion Items:

- A. Board Effectiveness Survey
Dr. Ansingh recommended that the Board Effectiveness Survey be completed from January 18th to 29th. He asked the Board who they would like to send the survey to. The Board members had various thoughts on who should receive and complete the survey. The consensus was to send the survey to the Administrative Team, Directors and all staff members.

Dr. Ansingh also asked the Board if they wish to have a representative from the Center for Educational Effectiveness come in to assist with tabulating the results. The cost would be \$350 for help processing the information received.



Discussion Items (cont.)

The Board felt they would like to see the survey comments before they spend the money to bring in assistance to compile the results. A meeting would then be held in February to tabulate results if the Board felt this was necessary.

Dr. Ansingh asked the Board for direction regarding how to proceed with methods of getting public input on the budget and possible budget cuts. The Board would like Tom Fleming to provide them with a generalized list of current school programs and the cost of each program for their information. Jim Roberts said he would be in favor of holding a public forum meeting for public input and recommendations on possible budget cuts. Tom will provide a list of programs to the Board soon.

Items Arising: Nothing.

High School Student Representative(s) Report: Nicole and Keenan were not present.

Administrative Reports - ApV, CW, MV, SV, JHS

Reports from Apple Valley, Summitview and Mountainview were included in the packets. The Junior High's report was handed out at the meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Ansingh's report was included in the Board packet. The report outlined the following items: Important Dates, M&O Levy Update, and National Board Certified Teachers. Dr. Ansingh has Dollars for Scholars tickets for sale and encouraged the Board members to purchase tickets.

Board Reports/Board Development: Sasha presented the WSSDA School Board Standards poster board to the Board and how listening with an open mind was one of the Board's standards. She stated she has had several recent conversations with parents regarding the 2A/3A basketball reclassification. She stated she was impressed with the Board's ability to listen carefully with an open mind to their discussions with people and appreciated how willing the Board members are to participate in these tough discussions about school issues.

Jim Roberts said Dale Carpenter, Chairman of the Levy Committee, is asking the Board to donate to the West Valley Citizens For Better Schools.

Cottonwood PTSA presented each Board member with a coffee gift bag as a thank you in observance of Board Appreciation Month for January.



Executive Session: At 8:21 p.m., the Board moved into Executive Session, expected to last 30 minutes, to discuss a Superintendent's Evaluation Pre-Conference. At 9:00 p.m., the Board moved out of Executive Session and reconvened into regular session.

Adjournment followed at 9:02 p.m

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Superintendent

Sasha Kinloch
President