

## West Valley School District No. 208

### Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2009 - AMENDED

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 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in Mountainview Elementary School Library, 830 Stone Road, Yakima WA 98908.

**Board of Directors** present: Staci Verbrugge, Sasha Kinloch, Mike Carey, Mike Meyer, Jim Roberts, and Student Reps Nicole Stine and Keenan Schoen.

**Administrative Staff** present: Dr. Peter Ansingh, Superintendent, Tom Fleming, Assistant Superintendent, Rick Ferguson, Human Resources Director and Nona Bunger, Recording Secretary.

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

At 6:30 p.m., President Staci Verbrugge called the meeting to order.

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

### **Election of Officers:**

A. President

Mike Carey made a motion to elect Sasha Kinloch as School Board President. Sasha accepted the nomination of President. MC 5-0. Sasha began presiding over the meeting.

B. Vice-President

Mike Carey made a motion to elect Jim Roberts as School Board Vice-President. Jim Roberts accepted the nomination as Vice-President. MC 5-0.

**Public Forum:** Mike Carey stated there were a lot of issues coming up with next year's tight budget and asked the audience for their input. Georgia Bonari said that Mountainview has data that shows a 40% growth increase in all-day kinder students. Mike Meyer stated that the downside of the state's budget is that we won't see any of the State's budget levy equalization monies because we are a more affluent district. The projected date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> budget from the Governor is January 22, 2010. Laura Staples asked if a list of possible budget cut items would be available to the public. Mike Carey stated that Tom Fleming is preparing a list of all programs and the cost per program. Mike Meyer stated we need to pass



the proposed Levy either in February or May if necessary. Mike Carey also stated that even if the levy is passed, it still is not enough to compensation for the deficit in the budget.

**Changes to the Agenda:**

- IX. Approval of Consent Agenda - Leave Request
  - 4. Pamela Fuerst - Kindergarden Teacher (AhV)
- XI. Discussion Items
  - E. Athletic Classification was moved to Discussion Item A,
  - A. Facilities Coordinator was moved to Discussion Item C,
- XVII. Executive Session was added
  - 1. Personnel

**Program:** Mountainview Elementary - Georgia Bonari, Principal

Mrs. Bonari explained that Mountainview's School Improvement Plan keeps evolving and changing, primarily with a strong focus on Professional Learning Communities (PLC) with a main focus on standards and the targets they are teaching. Third grade teacher Jessica Golbek presented examples of the work the different grade-level classes are doing in their classrooms. She explained the examples of the work the children had done showed their understanding of the lessons they are learning in their respective grade levels. Rhonda Hutton presented information on how MV uses their data to get a good picture of their students and their current skills and as they progress move through the grades.

**Introduction of Visitors:** Alejandro Munguia, Dr. Jean Seibert, Paula Eakin, Jana Smith, Laura Staples, Joe Coscarant, Jesse Golbek, Chelsea Nell, Allie Glover, Jenna Stratton, Jacob Munden, Diana Anson, Rhonda Hutton, Terry Mears, Lydia Mears.

**Communications:** None.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- A. Approval of Minutes
  - 1. November 23, 2009 - Regular meeting
  - 2. December 9, 2009 - Study Session
- B. Approval of Vouchers
  - 1. General Fund - Warrants #113094 - 113096, 113097 - 113101
  - 2. ASB Fund - Warrants #11308 - 11309
  - 3. Capital Projects Fund - Warrant #2401
- C. Enrollment Report



## Approval of Consent Agenda (cont.)

- D. Budget Status Report
- E. Approval of Employment Contract(s)
  - 1. Adelita (Della) Bolin - LAP Parapro (MV)
  - 2. Jennifer Downes - Title I Parapro (AhV)
  - 3. Joan Fair - LAP Parapro (MS)
  - 4. April Kivett - PCHP Home Visitor (CW)
  - 5. Jana Smith - Counseling Secretary (MS)
  - 6. LeAnn Taylor - Title I Parapro (WH)
  - 7. Amber Wiles - LAP Parapro (WH)
  - 8. Carly Woolman - Spanish Teacher (JHS) NC
  - 9. Mark Lagerquist - Volunteer Wrestling Coach (HS)
  - 10. Mark Schlagel - Volunteer Wrestling Coach (HS)
- F. Approval of Resignation(s)
  - 1. Donna Bernard - Reading/English Teacher (JHS)
- G. Approval of Leave Request(s)
  - 1. Deon Bartel - Resource Room Teacher (MS)
  - 2. Kamala Ford - Parapro (WH)
  - 3. Theresa Rauscher - Food Server (CN)
  - 4. Pamela Fruest - Kindergarten Teachers (AhV)
- H. Approval of Travel Request(s)
  - 1. Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival; JHS Jazz Band; Moscow, ID;  
February 24-25, 2010

Mike Carey would like the minutes of the two previous Board meetings be amended as follows: 1) In the November 23 minutes, he would like the minutes to reflect that the Board recommended the Long Range Committee come up with their own recommendations, options and ideas for how the District should proceed with implementing the Long-Range Facility Plan; 2) In the December 9 minutes, he would like the sentence in Item #7, "Sasha will move from Vice-President to President" be removed. Mike Meyer moved to approve the consent agenda as amended with the stated changes to the Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. MC 5-0.

## Action Items:

- A. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Amendment(s) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
  - 1. 2170 - Career and Technical EducationMike Carey moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy 2170. MC 5-0.



## Action Items (cont.)

### B. Approval of School Bus Purchases

Tom Fleming asked the Board for approval to purchase two new school buses, which would replace two existing buses on the State's depreciation schedule. The Board would like the District to move forward with purchasing a special needs bus now, but wait to purchase a regular route bus until research can be done on hybrid buses. The Board asked Tom to research information on purchasing and maintaining hybrid buses. Mike Meyer stated he advocated purchasing the buses we need now, but would like Tom to follow through on the research. The Board asked Tom to report back with his research at the January 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Staci Verbrugge made a motion to approve the purchase of a Bluebird special needs bus. MC 4-0 with 1 abstention.

## Discussion Items:

### A. Athletic Classification

Mr. Joe Coscarart, HS Athletic Director, shared information he received prior to tonight's meeting that the Pasco School District will be a 3A school next year. Should West Valley move to 3A, we would be the 8<sup>th</sup> school in the 3A classification. Mr. Coscarart and the coaches wish to remain in the 3A classification. His recommendation to the Board was that if we fall into the 2A classification at tomorrow's league meeting, then WV should opt up to the 3A status. Staci Verbrugge asked Mr. Coscarart the cost of opting up. He stated that travel expense savings would be minimal; non-travel expense savings would be approximately \$7000 - \$8000 over two years. He estimated an overall savings of \$10,000 - \$17,000 over two years would be beneficial in joining the CWAC. Tom Fleming handed out information on a sports transportation comparison from 2008-09 to 2003-04. Mike Meyer stated he felt it would be beneficial to remain in the 2A classification to save money now for possible future expenditures and avoid possible cuts of lesser sports. Mike Carey recommended staying at 3A. Staci stated she would feel more comfortable staying at 2A due to the current economic economy. Jim Roberts stated that opting up could possibly cause the cutting of lesser sports, and recommends to stay in the 2A classification. Joe Coscarart reminded the Board that WV still has the option of opting up on Jan. 15, 2010 if we chose to do so at a later time. Student Rep Nicole Stein stated that competition is a big part of sports, and she would not like to see that competition be eliminated if we move up to 3A. Keenan Schoen stated he was in agreement with Mr. Robert's position. Sasha



## Discussion Items (cont.)

stated she appreciated Mike Meyer's commitment regarding a tight budget and the Board's diversity in their views, but she would vote in favor of 3A. Joe Coscarart reminded the Board that WV will be placed in the classification where our numbers place us, not where we decide to be. The Board did not make a vote, but recommended that Joe tell the WA tomorrow that we will stay where the numbers place us and we would like to leave the option open to opt up on Jan. 15.

### B. Dean of Students

Dr. Ansingh stated that the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus needs to designate a person for students to go to in the absence of the principal, Mr. Berndt. Dr. Ansingh's recommendation was to add this position to Joe Coscarart's current duties as Athletic Director. This position would not be classified as an Administrator; potentially saving the District the extra expense of an Administrator's salary. Mike Carey stated he doesn't like the title "Dean of Students". He prefers the position be titled a full-time Director. The Board would like to know how much of this position would be dedicated to Administrator and how much would be dedicated to teaching. Sasha feels that the Mr. Coscarart already has too many duties and responsibilities as Athletic Director and adding the responsibilities of this position would be too much. Dr. Ansingh stated he would like to keep this as a stipend position. Mike Carey thinks there is a contradiction of responsibilities, stipend and classifications in asking Mr. Coscarart to assume this position. The Board would like the District to amend the details of the job description and suggest possible other titles for further discussion at a later date.

### C. Transitions Update

Dr. Ansingh updated the Board on the transitions, schedules, and staffing issues to be worked out with the new 5/6, 7/8 buildings and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus. He stated most of the transitions are in place, however, the 7/8 building needs more time to work on their transitions. Dr. Ansingh asked the Board if they have a recommendation for a name for the new 9<sup>th</sup> grade campus. The Administrators are recommending the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus of WV High School. Student Representative Nicole Stine stated she prefers the campus be named the Freshman Campus because high school students are not referred to 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> graders, but Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. She stated the 9<sup>th</sup> graders should be referred to as freshmen. The Board agreed upon the name ~~Freshman Campus of West Valley High School~~ or West Valley High School Freshman Campus.



## **Discussion Items** (cont.)

### D. M&O Levy Update

Dr. Ansingh stated the Levy Committee will meet next week. Dale Carpenter is the Campaign Chairman and is doing a great job. The Committee is confident that the levy will pass.

### E. Facilities Coordinator

Rick Ferguson reported that he has talked with the Secretaries Union regarding the probationary period of a new secretary to replace Karen Cooney if she assumed the position of Facilities Coordinator. The Union stated they are not interested in changing the probationary period of the new secretary. Karen will remain in her current position as Facilities Secretary and there will be no Facilities Coordinator.

**Items Arising:** Mike Meyer stated he had received an email from a constituent that they had observed 10 buses sitting in the Transportation parking lot that haven't moved in 3 months. Tom Fleming stated he would check.

**High School Student Representative(s) Report:** Keenan and Nicole reported on the following activities and events at WVHS: Winter Break, Khaki Sweater Day, Jostens Leadership Conference (Feb. 3), Teacher's Assembly.

### **Administrative Reports:** ApV, CW, MV, SV, JHS

Reports from Apple Valley, Cottonwood, Mountainview, Summitview and the JHS were included in the Board packet.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Ansingh's report outlined the following items: Important Dates, Employees-of-the-Trimester, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Board Self-Assessment, Ammonia Leak and Learn and Serve Grant. The Board is interested in pursuing the self-assessment program.

### **Board Reports/Board Development:**

Sasha is excited about WSSDA's School Board Standards and Benchmarks. She suggested posting a survey online for the staff and Administrators to assess the Board and requested the Board's input and direction on proceeding with the survey. She also stated that Joel Heiser, a former School Board Student Rep, is now attending Eastern Washington University and will be going to Honduras in March to teach English. She also mentioned that the Selah Superintendent, Steve Chestnut, was awarded the 2010 Superintendent of the Year Award.



**Closed Session:**

The Board moved into Closed Session at 9:12 p.m., expected to last 15 minutes, to discuss WVEA Bargaining. The Board reconvened into regular session at 9:40 p.m.

**Executive Session:**

The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:40 p.m, expected to last 5 minutes, to discuss a Personnel matter. The Board reconvened into regular session at 9:43 p.m. At 9:44, the Board reconvened into Regular Session.

**Adjournment** followed at 9:45 p.m.

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Dr. Peter Ansingh  
Superintendent

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Sasha Kinloch  
President