

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2009

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 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Cottonwood Elementary School Library, 1041 S. 96th Avenue, Yakima WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: Staci Verbrugge, President, Sasha Kinloch, Vice-President, Mike Carey, Mike Meyer, Jim Roberts, and Student Representative Ashley George.

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Peter Ansingh, Superintendent, Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent, Tom Fleming, Assistant Superintendent, Nona Bunger, Recording Secretary, Sherry Adams, Cottonwood Elementary Principal and Dave Jaeger, Middle School Principal.

Visitors Present: Jeff & Billie Webb, Missy & Zhane Thompson, Jennifer Close, Wendy Staff, Charles Jarvis, Danielle Huber, Bill Ross, and Katie & Ed Reinhart.

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.

Changes to the Agenda: Approval of Financial Report added to Consent Agenda.

Program: Tonight's program was presented by the staff and third and fourth grade students of Cottonwood Elementary. Principal Sherry Adams gave a brief update on Cottonwood's School Improvement Plan, with the focus being on reading and writing skills. Teachers Cathy Warren, Charles Jarvis, and Karen Atterberry explained that their classes have been learning about reading and writing skills, particularly voice, organization and comparative/contrast. Students then wrote papers demonstrating the skills they had learned. Students who read their papers were: Tanner Bechard, Dylan Huber, Hanna Roufs, Katie Reinhart, Tommie Harris, Jack Warren, Zhane Thompson, Parker Webb, Joseph Veliz, Caleb McMurtrey and Parker Sinclair.

Communications: There were no communications for the Board.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 1. December 8, 2008 - Regular Meeting
 2. December 22, 2008 - Special Meeting

Approval of Consent Agenda (cont):

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 3. January 7, 2009 - Study Session
 - B. Approval of Vouchers
 - 1. General Fund - Warrants #109562-109563
 - 2. ASB Fund - Warrant #10697
 - C. Approval of Financial Report
 - D. Enrollment Report
 - E. Approval of Employment Contracts
 - 1. Robert Calhoun - Volunteer Wrestling Coach (HS)
 - 2. Clayton Drummond - Bus Driver (TN) 4.95 hrs
 - 3. Joan Fair - SLP Parapro (MS)
 - 4. James Gleason - Volunteer Wrestling Coach (HS)
 - 5. Rebecca Rice - LAP Parapro, (ApV) 3.25 hrs Temp
 - 6. Shaela Sickler - LAP Parapro, (ApV) 3.75 hrs Temp
 - 7. Suzanne Stewart - Bus Driver (TN) 4.78 hrs
 - 8. Amber Wiles - Food Server (CN) +1 hr
 - 9. Carmen Zamora - LAP Records Clerk (WH)
 - F. Approval of Resignations
 - 1. Kathy Betsch - Food Server (CN)
 - 2. Douglas Jaquysh - Head Custodian (HS)
 - G. Approval of Leave Requests
 - 1. Raegan Clark-Cappelletti - SLP Parapro (AhV)
 - H. Approval of Travel Requests
 - 1. HS Special Ed; Special Olympics Winter Games; Cheney, WA; Jan. 24-25, 2009
 - 2. HS Business Ed; Washington State DECA Conference; Bellevue, WA; March 5-7, 2009
 - 3. HS Special Ed; Special Olympics East Region Basketball Tournament; Wenatchee, WA; March 6-8, 2009
 - 4. JH Science; 2009 Winter Energy Education Seminar; Fort Worth, TX; Feb. 15-18, 2009
- Mike Meyer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MC 5-0.

Action Items:

- A. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) - Second Reading
 - 1. 3432 - Emergencies

Mike Carey moved to approve the second reading of Policy #3432. MC 5-0.
 - B. Approval of Architects Contract - Ninth Grade Campus
- Staci Verbrugge moved to approve the Architects Contract as presented. MC 5-0.

Discussion Items:

- A. Secondary Math Update
Peter Finch recently attended the OSPI conference in Seattle. He gave an overview of the State's recommendations to update the algebra and geometry standards at the secondary school level.
- B. Middle School Field Development
Tom Fleming gave an update on the upcoming development of the fields of the Middle School project and the current cost estimates available for the work.
- C. Cottonwood Property Update
Tom also shared that the County had made its final determination as to how much property they would need for their flood control ditch. We will now work with the buyers to finalize the deal.

Items Arising: None.

High School Student Representative(s) Report: Joel Heiser was not present. Current events at the High School include: 1) The Leadership Class is putting together a Good Citizenship Week, instead of just focusing on the MLK Holiday, as a way of highlighting important people of the world who have made a difference in the world; 2) The Mr. West Valley contest is currently taking place. Current donations are approximately \$3,000, but the HS is hoping to raise more than \$20,000, which is the amount raised last year. The Mr. West Valley pageant is March 25th at the Capital Theater.

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

ApV, CW, and MV reports were included in the Board packets. Summitview's Board report was handed out at the meeting. The Jr. High School's report was not received.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Ansingh's report was included in the packet. The report outlined the following items: Important Dates, Employees-of-the-Trimester, Perry Tech Tour, District Office Food Drive.

Board Reports/Board Development: Sasha shared that she was intending to attend the high school math committee meetings.

Adjournment followed at 8:33 p.m.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Superintendent

Staci Verbrugge
President