

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 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 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Valley Transportation Center, 7509 Ahtanum Road, Yakima WA 98908.

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

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Peter Ansingh, Superintendent, Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent, Tom Fleming, Assistant Superintendent, and Nona Bunger, Recording Secretary. Also present were Terry Faletto and Jim Fannin,

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: None.

Board of Directors Recognition: January is School Board Recognition Month. Dr. Ansingh presented each Board member with a commemorative plaque for his or her years of dedicated service to the School Board, as well as certificates of appreciation from WSSDA and Gov. Gregoire's Proclamation of January as School Board Appreciation Month. Dr. Ansingh also read Governor Gregoire's proclamation aloud for the audience.

Program - Reading/Writing Update

Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent - Learning and Teaching
Lisa Bradford, Third Grade Teacher (Summitview Elementary)
Dawn Williams, Third Grade Teacher (Summitview Elementary)

Peter Finch updated the Board with assessment data of the WASL reading and writing testing scores for 2008. He also briefly explained the School Improvement Plan for the District. He then introduced Lisa Bradford and Dawn Williams.

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Program (cont).

Lisa and Dawn are 3rd grade partner teachers at SV. They gave a PowerPoint presentation showing how Skyward student records program keeps track of a student's progress. They explained how they gather reading and writing data and how they use that data for baseline screening testing, diagnostic testing, interventions and progress monitoring of their students.

Introduction of Visitors: Students Ali Glover and Chelsea Nell are visiting as a requirement of their Student Leadership class. Cookies and beverages were served after the introduction of visitors in appreciation of the Board members.

Communications: There were no communications for the Board.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. January 12, 2009 - Regular Meeting
2. January 21, 2009 - Study Session

B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll

1. General Fund - Warrants 109564 - 109779
2. ASB Fund - Warrants #10698 - 10771
3. Capital Projects - Warrant #2189 - 2196
4. Payroll - Warrants #109780 - 109828

C. Budget Status Report

D. Approval of Employment Contract

1. Erika Kabrich - Resource Room Teacher (WH) .24 FTE

E. Approval of Resignations

1. Sam Rich - Head Custodian (MV)
2. Shirley Olson - Fifth Grade Teacher (MV)

F. Approval of Leave Request

1. Arin Lee - Fourth Grade Teacher (MV)

G. Approval of Travel Requests

1. WVHS Choir/Band - All State/All Northwest Choir/Band Conference; Spokane, WA; Feb. 13-16, 2009
2. WVJHS Jazz Band - Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival; Moscow, ID; Feb. 24-25, 2009
3. WVHS Swim Team - District Championship; Vancouver, WA; Feb. 5-7, 2009
4. Crystal McDonald; National Elementary Principals Conference; New Orleans, LA; Apr. 2-7, 2009

G. Approval of Travel Requests (cont):

Mike Meyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MC-5-0.

Action Items

- A. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) - First Reading
 - 1. 3413 - Student Immunization
Sasha Kinloch moved to approve the first reading of Policy 3413.
MC 5-0.
 - 2. 6810 - Energy Management/Education
Mike Carey moved to approve the first reading of Policy 6810. MC 5-0.
- B. Approval of Resolutions
 - 1. 09-01-540 - Authorized Signatures
 - 2. 09-01-541 - Racial Balance
Jim Roberts moved to approve the above resolutions. MC 5-0.
- C. Approval of Educational Specifications for the Ninth Grade Campus
Staci Verbrugge made a motion to approve the Educational Specifications.
MC 5-0.

Discussion Items

A. Elementary Bond Levy Update

Dr. Ansingh updated the Board on the activities that are happening regarding the Bond. He stated he met with part of the Elementary Bond Levy Committee members today. The sandwich board signs have been up for awhile now. The yard signs will start popping up soon. The Board can participate in the doorbelling, telephoning and manning street corners, if they wish. The Association will organize the telephone calling campaign. Community presentations will be occurring with every staff and PTA group. Radio advertising will be done also. Mr. Oppliger and the High School staff will work the street corners holding signs during election week.

Items Arising: Mike Carey asked if the Community Forum meeting could be moved from March 9th to March 23rd. Dr. Ansingh will check into the availability of the buildings involved and will report back to the Board next week.

~~Sasha Kinloch asked about the possible elimination of kindergarten classes, starting school one hour later one day a week, and the current math books.~~

Revision: Sasha Kinloch asked questions about kindergarten classes, school start schedule and current math books.

High School Student Representative(s) Report: Joel Heiser stated that Mr. Doug Jaquish is retiring after 26 years as head custodian at the high school. In his honor, the students are going to have a party for him with breakfast. Students will be asked to wear flannel shirts and carry a coffee cup to replicate Mr. Jaquish. They are calling this "D" Day in his honor.

Ashley reported on the recent activities of the Mr. West Valley Contest. They recently held a pizza night and raised over \$300 dollars.

Administrative Reports: AhV, WH, MS, HS

All school Board reports were included in the Board packets.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Ansingh's report outlined the following items: Important Dates, Perry Tech Tour, OSPI Updates, Basic Education Funding Task Force, School Safety/Security Update, and Math Instructional Material Update.

Board Reports/Board Development: Sasha said the Math Committee is making incredible progress.

Adjournment followed at 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Superintendent

Staci Verbrugge
President