

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2007

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 10, 2007, West Valley Transportation Center, 7509 Ahtanum Rd., Yakima, Washington, at 7:00 pm.

Board of Directors present: Mike Meyer, President; Mike Carey, Staci Verbrugge and Jim Roberts.

Administrative Staff present: Tom Fleming, Assistant Superintendent; Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent and Kristie Presler, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order - verification of quorum.

At 7:00 pm, President Mike Meyer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by President Mike Meyer at 7:00 pm.

Oath of Office: Sasha Kinloch took her oath of Office for the Board of Directors of the West Valley School District - Director Area 4.

Election of Officers: Sasha Kinloch thanked Mike Meyer for his service as President of the Board of Directors President. She complimented him on his service not only at a local level but his involvement at the state level. Sasha Kinloch nominated Staci Verbrugge as President of the Board. MC 4-0. Sasha Kinloch did not vote.

Mike Carey nominated to keep Sasha Kinloch as Vice President for an additional term. Role count vote was done. MC 5-0.

Changes to the Agenda:

None.

Program:

Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent reviewed the reading/writing student performance in the West Valley School District. Our reading and writing scores in the 10th grade are some of the best in the state. He compared state averages, grade levels and trends.

Introduction of Visitors:

Rick Ferguson and Jim Fannin.

Communications:

Nothing to report.

High School Representative(s):

None.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. November 26, 2007 - Regular Meeting
 - 2. December 5, 2007 - Study Session
- B. Approval of Financial Report
- C. Approval of Enrollment Report
- D. Approval of Employment Contracts
 - 1. Michael Riso - Custodian (HS)
 - 2. Steve Sainsbury - Volunteer Basketball Coach (JHS)
 - 3. Renee Hennessy - Resource Room Paraprofessional (MV) 2.5hrs
 - 4. Rick Beck - Drama Director (HS)
 - 5. Elizabeth Cruz - Food Server (CN) 3.5hrs
 - 6. Katrena Barrette - Food Server (CN) 2.5hrs
 - 7. Karen Bartlett - Food Server (CN) 2.5hrs
 - 8. Gary Dale - Special Ed Resource Room (HS) .34FTE
 - 9. John Warren - Computer Support Technician (IT)
- E. Approval of Travel Requests
 - 1. WVHS Band - EWU Invitational Band Festival; Cheney; January 18-19, 2008
 - 2. WVHS Special Olympics - East Regional Special Olympics Basketball Tournament; Cheney; January 26-27, 2008
 - 3. WVHS Jazz Band I and II - Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival; Moscow, ID; February 22-23, 2008
 - 4. WVHS Jazz Band I - Reno Jazz Festival; Reno, NV; April 23-27, 2008
 - 5. WVHS JROTC - Mountain View Drill and Rifle Meet; Bend, OR; January 18-20, 2008

Mike Carey moved for Approval the Consent Agenda. MC 5-0.

Action Items:

- A. Approval of Resolution No. 07-12-524 - Special Two-Year Levy Election; February 19, 2008
Tom Fleming included the Resolution in the Board Packet. Mike Meyer moved to approve Resolution No. 07-12-524 - Special Two-Year Levy. MC 5-0.
- B. Approval of Resolution No. 07-12-525 - Sprint Nextel Broadband Lease
Tom reminded the Board that we had previously approved the Broadband lease. This Resolution is to show that this item is surplus since we are not using it. Mike Carey is opposed to this. Staci Verbrugge moved to approve Resolution No. 07-12-525 Spring Nextel Boardband Lease. MC 4-1. Mike Carey voting nay.
- C. Approval of Resolution No. 07-12-526 - Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Transportation Vehicle Fund
This Resolution is to make the transfer of the funds needed for the 07-08 budget. The District has an increase of 100+ students this year. Discussion followed regarding growth, surplus, depreciation schedule, full-day kindergarten, etc.
Staci moved to approve Resolution No. 07-12-526 - Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Transportation Vehicle Fund. MC 5-0.
- D. Approval of School Bus Purchases
Tom asked the Board for permission to buy three Bluebird buses according to the bid received. He talked about some problems they have had with particular buses.
Sasha Kinloch moved for Approval of School Bus Purchases. MC 5-0.
- E. Approval of GC/CM Contract Amendment #6
Tom Fleming distributed the GC/CM Contract Amendment #6. He explained the reason for the amendment. The bid opening will take place on December 11 at 10:00 am.
Mike Meyer made a motion to approve GC/CM Contract Amendment #6. MC 5-0.
- F. Approval of Right-of-Way Easement
Tom explained that included in the Board packets was a Right-of-Way Easement.
Staci made a motion to approve the Right-of-Way Easement. MC 5-0.
- G. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s)
1. Second Reading
a. 1150/1150P - Student Representation to the Board
Mike Carey made a motion to approve the Second Reading 1150/1150P - Student Representation to the Board. MC 5-0.

- b. 3243 - Telecommunications/Electronics Devices
Mike Carey was concerned about distractions of cell phones to bus drivers. He also questioned the use of the cell phones at the secondary level. Mr. Carey is not in agreement of students using cell phones in the secondary level during passing time. He feels that passing time should be a social time with friends. The current policy does not allow cell phones in the MS during school time. He would like to see that is also enforced at the JH. Mike Meyer would like to enforce no cell phone usage District wide in all schools during the school day. This includes no phones during passing, lunch time and class time. Staci Verbrugge feels that the Board should rely on the administrators at the JH and HS and adhere to the policy as proposed. Discussion followed regarding enforcement, discipline, cell phone camera picture taking, etc.
Staci Verbrugge made a motion to pass the 3243 - Telecommunications/Electronics Devices policy. MC 3-2. Mike Carey and Mike Meyer voting nay.

- c. 5000 Policy Series
Rick Ferguson discussed the 5000 Policy Series. He asked for feedback regarding organizations and costs associated. No vote was taken. Rick will return to the Board with additional information and clarifications on figures and facts.

2. First Reading

- a. 2125 - Health, Family Life and Sex Education
Peter Finch reviewed the current Policy.
- b. 2410 - High School Graduation Requirements
Peter Finch reviewed that students will not receive an academic achievement if they do meet the standard on the WASL.
- c. 3210 - Nondiscrimination
Peter Finch reviewed the change to the discrimination law.
- d. 3413 - Student Immunization and Life Threatening Health Conditions
Peter Finch reviewed current changes from WSSDA.
- e. 3414 - Infectious Diseases
Peter Finch reviewed an update to wording on the Policy and clarification. Mike Carey would like to see the diseases listed or at least referenced in the Policy. Peter Finch will make those changes and bring it back for the second reading.

- f. 5010 - Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action
Peter Finch reviewed changes to this Policy.
Staci made a motion to approve the First Reading of Policy 2125 - Health, Family Life and Sex Education, Policy 2410 - High School Graduation requirements, Policy 3210 - Nondiscrimination, Policy 3413 - Student Immunization, Policy 3414 - Infectious Diseases and Policy 5010 - Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action. MC 5-0.

Discussion Items:

M&O Levy

Tom Fleming updated the Board as to the status of the M&O Levy.

Items Arising:

The Board discussed a special meeting for December 19th. The vouchers will be presented at this meeting and the meeting will be advertised. The Board would like the math teachers to present their ideas on the math program at another date when all Board members can be present. Not all members will be in attendance on December 19, 2007.

WVEA Report:

None.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent's Report:

The District office staff participated in the Salvation Army's bell ringing for the holidays.

Board Reports/Board Development:

Sasha thanked the District staff for making a DVD of the Community Forum

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Superintendent

Staci Verbrugge
President