

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 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, February 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Summitview Elementary School Library, 6305 W. Chestnut, Yakima WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: Staci Verbrugge, President, Sasha Kinloch, Vice-President, Mike Carey, Mike Meyer, Jim Roberts, and Ashley George, Student Representative. Joel Heiser was not present for the meeting.

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Peter Ansingh, Superintendent, Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent, Tom Fleming, Assistant Superintendent, Nona Bunger, Recording Secretary, Also present were Crystal McDonald, Summitview Elementary Principal, and Debbie Gaidos, SV Counselor/Psychologist, Elementary Principals Karen Craig, Georgia Bonari and Middle School Principal Dave Jaeger.

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: A new agenda was passed out listing the addition of Procurement warrant numbers.

Program: Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Gaidos shared some of the work they are doing related to their School Improvement Plan. Summitview Kindergarteners sang two songs utilizing their social skills in singing, signing, and counting. Kindergarten Teacher Kathy Lennihan shared how SV is encouraging healthier eating habits with healthy snacks and lunches. Healthy refreshments were provided after the kid's program during a five minute break.

Mrs. Lennihan shared how she is using rubrics in her classroom to help her kinders learn about their writing skills and habits.

Introduction of Visitors:

A. Distinguished Principal Presentation

Crystal McDonald presented Karen Craig, Apple Valley Elementary Principal, with a Distinguished Principal Award from the Elementary School Principals' Association of

Introduction of Visitors (cont):

Washington. The certificate is given in recognition for Karen's outstanding work and dedication as an elementary school principal.

Visitors Present: Natasha Attaway, Canming Xiao, Gretchen Ardias, Sandra Roberts, Ed Cox, Leslie Shaw, Hazel Scott, Drew & Pamela Shaw, Tiffany Williams, Jennifer Martin, Anita Castellon, Allie Glover, Chelsea Nell, Michael Risley, Ryley Hausken, Todd Cozzocrea, Blake Cozzocrea, Dennis Cozzocrea.

Communications: The Board members received an email from a JHS parent regarding his concerns with the block schedule at the high school.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. January 26, 2009 - Regular Meeting
 - 2. February 4, 2009 - Study Session
- B. Approval of Vouchers
 - 1. ASB Procurement - Warrants #10772 - 10773
 - 2. General Fund Procurement - Warrants #109830 - 109831
- C. Enrollment Report
- D. Approval of Employment Contracts
 - 1. Kimberly Farabee - Food Server (CN)
 - 2. Laurie Reid - Volunteer Girls' Tennis Coach (HS)
 - 3. Robin Sills - Head Custodian (HS)
- E. Approval of Leave Requests
 - 1. Lindsay Gaskell - Visual Arts Teacher (JHS)
- F. Approval of Travel Requests
 - 1. WVHS German Club; German Immersion Camp; Carnation, WA; March 20-21, 2009

Jim Roberts moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MC 5-0.

Sasha said she would like the January 26, 2009 Minutes to be revised under Items Arising to reflect that she asked questions about kindergarten classes, the start time schedule, and current math books. The minutes were revised as requested.

Action Items:

- A. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) - Second Reading
 - 1. 3413 - Student ImmunizationSasha moved to approve the second reading of Policy #3413. MC 5-0.

Action Items (cont):

2. 6810 - Energy Management/Education

Staci moved to approve the second reading of Policy #6810. MC 5-0.

Chance Dolezal explained that he is learning about the energy systems (HVAC and air conditioning) in the District as part of his new position as WVSD Energy Education Manager. He also explained that he is sharing his knowledge with the District staff on how to avoid excessive energy usage and costs in an effort to save energy and money. He is also performing audits with the building administrators to help the buildings manage and conserve energy more efficiently.

Discussion Items:

A. Bond Levy Update

Dr. Ansingh stated the Bond Levy Committee is currently organizing activities (doorbelling, holding signs on street corners, telephoning), and asked the Board members if they would like to be contacted to participate in any of the activities that are being scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

Items Arising: Sasha handed out a draft proposal for the Board's consideration of a proclamation for Administrator Appreciation Week. The proclamation recognizes the school administrators for their work and dedication to the students in our District. The Board gave their approval for Sasha to proceed with the proclamation.

High School Student Representative(s) Report: Ashley reported on the following upcoming activities at the High School: Students are working on having a second Spirit Week, since the first one didn't go well; Pirates versus Ninja Day is this Thursday; Sr. Night for basketball is Friday night; WV's production of the musical, Oklahoma!, will be held Feb. 21-23; and the Mr. West Valley Contest is March 25.

Administrative Reports: ApV, CW, MV, JHS

Reports from Cottonwood and the Junior High School were included in the Board packets. Apple Valley and Mountainview reports were handed out at the meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Ansingh's report was included in the packet. The report outlined the following items: Important Dates, Perry Tech/YV-Tech Tours, Family Access Information, Continuously Enrolled Students, New Board-E-mail Address, Levy Equalization Update, Parent-Child Home Program, New WV High School.

Board Reports/Board Development: Sasha stated she spent the past weekend attending a school finance class. She said she better understands and values what the Business Manager does and how much she appreciates the hard work and dedication that goes into working with

Board Reports/Board Development (cont):

school finances.

Mike Carey stated the Board still has not held their debriefing session on the recent WSSDA conference they attended. Dr. Ansingh stated that the debriefing is scheduled for the Board's next Study Session on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Executive Session:

A. Personnel

The Board adjourned into Executive Session, expected to last 20 minutes, at 8:05 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The Board reconvened into regular session at 9:09 p.m.

Adjournment followed at 9:10 p.m.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Superintendent

Staci Verbrugge
President