

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2010

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 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the WVHS Board Room, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

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

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

Call to Order - verification of quorum.

At 7:00 p.m., President Sasha Kinloch called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Sasha Kinloch. Nicole Stine read the Mission Statement.

Changes to the Agenda:

Deleted:

- X. Discussion Items
 - B. 2010-11 Budget Development (cont.)

Added:

- XVII. Executive Session
 - A. Personnel - Superintendent Search Consultant

Program: Reading and Writing Updates

Dr. Peter Finch, Asst. Superintendent - Learning & Teaching

Dr. Finch updated the Board on the progress the District has made in the areas of reading and writing. He passed out several handouts to the Board. Lisa Petre, Cottonwood Elementary, spoke about her work as a 1st grade teacher in reading and writing. Kristin Williams and Jim Fannin shared a PowerPoint presentation and spoke about the work that the Middle School is doing in reading and writing assessment. Dr. Finch spoke about the work



that the HS Language Arts Department has done to increase the course offerings for students in Grades 11 and 12.

Introduction of Visitors: Kari Erwin, Kristin Williams, Debbie Gaidos, Gary Masten, Sally Schlect, Lori Jones, Sandie Hennessy, Jenna Stratton, Rachel Hanses, Lisa Petri, Jackyn Griggs, Paige Atterberry, Lee Hanses, Connor Nathe, Alyssa Kimzey, Tom Schend, Sherry Adams, Jim Fannin, Jerry Prescott, Rick Beck and Jennifer Vorhees,

Communications: None to report.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. February 8, 2010 - Regular Meeting
 - 2. February 17, 2010 - Study Session
- B. Approval of Vouchers & Payroll
 - 1. General Fund - Warrants #113898, 113899 - 114016, 114017
 - 2. Capital Projects Fund - Warrant #2433, 2434 - 2446
 - 3. ASB Fund - Warrants #11439 - 11474, 11475
- C. Approval of Employment Contract(s)
 - 1. Patricia Bobovsky - Volunteer Tennis Coach (HS)
- D. Approval of Resignation(s)
 - 1. Raegan Clarke-Cappelletti - SLP Parapro (AhV)
 - 2. Jeff Smith - Elementary Band Director (WH)
- E. Approval of Leave Request(s)
 - 1. Jennifer Balderston - Kindergarten Teacher (WH)
- F. Approval of Travel Request(s)
 - 1. JHS/HS German Club; Germany Immersion Camp; Carnation, WA; March 12-13, 2010
 - 2. HS Girls Golf; Pendleton Invite; Pendleton, OR; April 9, 2010
 - 3. HS Boys Golf; Pendleton Invite; Pendleton, OR; April 16, 2010
 - 4. HS Boys Golf; Inland Empire Tournament; Spokane, WA; April 25, 2010
 - 5. HS Boys Golf; Bill Egbers Memorial Golf Tournament; Skagit Valley, WA; May 6-7, 2010
 - 6. HS Boys/Girls Golf; State Championship; Richland, WA; May 24-26, 2010



Approval of Consent Agenda: (cont.)

7. HS Boys Soccer; State Championship; Tacoma, WA;
May 27-29, 2010
Mike Carey again asked that the Travel Request forms be filled out completely with chaperone names and method of transportation. Mike Meyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
MC 5-0.

Action Items

- A. Approval of Labor Agreement - West Valley Education Association
The Administration is recommending the approval of a two year contract for the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 school years. Rick Ferguson explained the changes of the new contract. Mike Carey asked Tom Fleming for the estimated increased cost of the new contracts. For 2010, the estimated increase is \$110,000, and for 2011 the increase is estimated at \$145,000. Staci Verbrugge moved that the Labor Agreement with WVEA be approved. MC 4-0 with one abstension. Mike Carey abstained because of a conflict of interest.
- B. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Amendment(s)
 1. Second Reading
 - a. 6800 - Operations and Maintenance of School Property
Jim Roberts made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy #6800. MC 5-0.
 2. First Reading
 - a. 1114 - Board Member Resignation
Sasha Kinloch made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1114 - Board Member Resignation. MC 5-0.
 - b. 6220 - Bid Requirements
Staci Verbrugge moved to approve the first reading of Policy 6220 - Bid Requirements. MC 5-0.
- C. Approval of Resolution(s)
 1. 10-02-554 - Imprest Account Balance Increase
Jim Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution #10-02-554 to increase the Imprest Account Balance. MC 5-0.

Discussion Items

- A. Elementary Attendance Areas
Dr. Ansingh explained that the Board is studying/reviewing changing boundary areas to 1) increase efficiency in transportation issues and 2) balance the size of the six elementary schools in the District with enrollments of potentially 500



Discussion Items (cont.)

students in each school. Gary Masten, former MV Elementary School Principal and Highland School District Superintendent, is exploring the options of changing the boundaries, which haven't been changed since 1993. The targeted timeline is late March/early April for preliminary recommendations/changes to be presented to the Board with final recommendations by May 1.

B. Transitions Update

Rick Ferguson updated the Board on the work being done in preparation for the upcoming building transitions. He noted the need for consistency or seamless transitions for grades 5-8, and the possible staffing impacts due to budget limitations. Dr Ansingh pointed out there may be an impact to the World Languages Program as the result of the proposed schedule for the 7/8 building. Both German and Spanish would move from an 8-12 offering to a 9-12 offering. He will share additional information at the next regular meeting.

C. Superintendent Search Consultant - Sasha moved the Superintendent's Search Consultant to an Executive Session so the Board could discuss the qualifications of the two agencies being tentatively considered for hire.

Items Arising: Nothing.

High School Student Representative(s) Report: Nicole and Keenan reported on the following events and activities at the HS: Nicole and Keenan will hold a HS Forum on March 24 in the HS Commons. Topics and activities would include athletics; activities in the HS setting; video presentations; "teasers" ("Did you know?" questions to engage student interest); Nicole and Keenan would speak to Ram Prep classes to let them know who the Students Reps are and what they do as School Board members. Nicole and Keenan are recommending changes to Procedure 1150 - Student Representation to the Board, regarding a change of having one junior and one senior on the Board, instead of two seniors, and Student Rep visits to each of the schools in the District as their schedules permit. Mr. Roberts will make the necessary changes to Procedure 1150 and submit the changes to the Board.

Administrative Reports: AhV, WH, MS, HS

Board reports from Wide Hollow, the Middle School and the High School were included in the packet. Ahtanum Valley's report was passed out at the meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Ansingh's report was included in the Board packet. The report outlined the following items: Important Dates, Facility Task Force, Ram Projects, Administrator Evaluations, Building Climate Surveys, Summer School Update and Travel Log.



Board Reports/Board Development: Mike Meyer passed out an update on Senate Bill 6858 regarding K-12 funding. Mike Carey complimented Keenan on his participation in the Mr. West Valley Pageant. Sasha Kinloch stated she has been attending several basketball games and recently met with Eva Lust-Wright to better understand the foreign language program at the HS. Dr. Ansingh brought Policy 1250a and 1250b (Board email) to the Board's attention for review and recommendations.

Executive Session: At 9:05pm, the Board moved into Executive Session, expected to last ten minutes, to review references for a consultant being considered for a contract for services with the District. At 9:14pm, the Board reconvened into Regular Session.

Adjournment followed at 9:15 p.m.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Superintendent

Sasha Kinloch
President