

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Minutes

March 4, 2009

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Having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met for a Study Session on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, in the West Valley High School Conference Room, 9206 Zier Rd., Yakima, WA 98908.

Staff present for the study session were: Sasha Kinloch, Mike Meyer, Mike Carey and Jim Roberts, Ashley George, Joel Heiser, Dr. Peter Ansingh, Tom Fleming and Rick Ferguson.

Others Present: Greg Porter, Eric Curnutt, Mary Ellis, Chris Bartheld, Tim Critchlow, Robyn Biglow, Karen Barker, Susan Allen, Arlene Smith, Jake Hall, Bob Allen, Jeff Caldwell, Adam Eldridge, Jim Berndt, Mike Welch.

Call to order: At 6:30a.m. Vice President Sasha Kinloch called the meeting to order.

Study Session:

The purpose of meeting/items discussed:

1. Sasha led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Peter shared the following communications:
 - a. Thank you letter from FFA;
 - b. Email regarding concern at MS; and
 - c. Letter from Auditor's Office about filing period for upcoming election of Board members.
3. Peter introduced members of the K-5 Math Adoption Committee: Eric Curnutt, Greg Porter and Mary Ellis. They presented an overview of the new recommended instructional materials - Math Connects. The Board is being asked to adopt the materials at their next regular meeting.
4. Peter introduced members of the 9-11 Math Adoption Committee: Chris Bartheld, Jeff Caldwell, Bob Allen, Adam Eldridge and Jake Hall. They presented an overview of their recommended material - Holt Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2. The Board will be asked to adopt the materials at the March 23rd regular meeting.
5. Teachers from Apple Valley expressed their concerns about the K-5 adoption from the cost perspective and because the State seems to be transitioning with a new Superintendent. Their idea was to possibly wait with the adoption.
6. Peter suggested the topics for the upcoming Community Forum could be the following:
 - a. 2009-10 budget;
 - b. bond levy debrief, and
 - c. late-start schedule.

Study Session (cont):

The Board expressed a strong interest in improving advertising so we get a good turnout.

7. Mike and Rick presented a proposal to restructure the duties and salaries for the staff in the IT Department.

Adjournment was declared at 7:50 a.m.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Secretary of the Board

Sasha Kinloch
Vice President