

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Minutes

March 18, 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 18, 2009, in the West Valley High School Conference Room, 9206 Zier Rd., Yakima, WA 98908.

Those present for the study session were: Staci Verbrugge, Sasha Kinloch, Mike Meyer, Mike Carey Jim Roberts, Joel Heiser, and Dr. Peter Ansingh.

Others Present: Sam Liu, Ping Wang, and Jim Berndt.

Call to order: At 6:30a.m. President Staci Verbrugge called the meeting to order.

Study Session:

The purpose of meeting/items discussed:

1. Staci led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Peter shared an email from the Middle School updating them on a situation they had been made aware of earlier. He also shared an update from WSIPC on future scheduled shutdowns of Skyward. Peter was asked to communicate the Board's desire to have shutdowns occur during the night. Peter gave the Board an invitation to the upcoming JROTC Military Ball, April 18th. Finally, he shared an offer from the WVHS FFA Parliamentary Procedures Team to come and make a presentation to the Board at some future date.
3. The Board carried on a conversation about the schedule at the JHS and HS related to math. Mr. Liu had sent an email expressing concern about the fact kids do not take math all year long. The Board will continue the conversation into next year as we transition to a 5/6, 7/8 and 9th grade building. An interest in regularly scheduled discussion was expressed.
4. Several of the Board members shared information from the sessions they attended at the WSSDA Annual Conference November, 2008. Staci gave an overview of a computer-based program, BoardDocs, which manages board meeting information. Jim shared handouts from a session he attended by the North Thurston School District on reporting financial data to the Board. He also noted the Data Dashboard information provided by WSSDA. Mike Carey shared information about presentations he attended on Title IX and employee sexual misconduct. There was interest in following up on both topics at a later date.
5. Peter noted the Safety/Security Report that was in the packet.



6. Item Arising: Tom asked the Board for clarification on the proposed trip by the FFA Parliamentary Procedures Team. He was concerned about an invoice for a charter fishing trip that involved three boats when there would only be two adult chaperones. The Board will continue the discussion at the regular meeting on Monday, March 23, 2009.

Adjournment was declared at 7:50 a.m.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Secretary of the Board

Staci Verbrugge
President