

WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 208

Board of Directors Study Session Minutes September 9, 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, September 9, 2009, in the West Valley Facilities Department Conference Room, 8902 Zier Road, Yakima, WA 98908.

Those present for the study session were: Sasha Kinloch, Mike Meyer, Mike Carey, Jim Roberts, Student Reps Nicole Stine and Keenan Schoen, and Dr. Peter Ansingh.

Others Present: Pam Berndt.

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

Study Session:

The purpose of meeting/items discussed:

1. Sasha Kinloch lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Mike Meyer moved to excuse Staci from the meeting; MC 4-0.
3. Peter distributed current elementary class size information, a final copy of the Superintendent's Goals and a current copy of the District's organizational chart.
4. The Board recessed into a Closed Session to discuss bargaining with the Secretaries' Union at 6:33 a.m.
5. The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 6:52 a.m.
6. Sasha did a brief introduction of our new student reps, Nicole and Keenan.
7. The Board members identified issues on the list of study session topics they were interested in early in the school year. They included high school course offerings/AP/CHS classes, long-range facility plan and elementary highly capable program. Peter distributed copies of the book "Good to Great." Board members will discuss it at their November meeting devoted to Board relations.
8. The Board reviewed evaluation forms used for Administrative staff. They would like the forms modified to include a 5-point numeric evaluation scale with comments required for 1's and 2's; they would like to eliminate the rating under the summary section and reverse the order of the Action to be Taken and Comments with the comments to relate to the action to be taken. For the principals, they would like some recognition for principals who have achieved National Board Certification.
9. The Board reviewed the form used for the Building Climate Surveys. They would like the School Leadership section modified to differentiate the secondary building administrators; they would like the "I's" changed to "we's"; they would like the rating scale be changed to a numeric scale.
10. The Board shared topics they were interested in related to the District's long-range financial plan. They included updating the 10 year plan, summarizing the fund balance



reserve, showing benchmarking to other districts, updating business card data “cheat sheet cards” and revenues.

11. The Superintendent’s report and the grievance log were included in the Board packets.

Adjournment was declared at 7:56 a.m.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Secretary of the Board

Sasha Kinloch
Vice President