

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2008

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, September 8, 2008 in West Valley Transportation Center, 7509 Ahtanum Road, Yakima, Washington, at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors present: Staci Verbrugge, President, Sasha Kinloch, Vice-President, Mike Carey, Mike Meyer, Jim Roberts and Student Representatives Ashley George and Joel Heiser.

Administrative Staff

Present: Dr. Peter Ansingh, Superintendent, Peter Finch, Asst. Supt., Tom Fleming, Asst. Supt., Terry Faletto, WH Principal, Jean Seibert, HS Principal, Richard Pryor, AhV Elementary Principal, Jim Fannin, Middle School Asst. Principal, and Nona Bunger, Recording Secretary.

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:

Dr. Ansingh explained that because this was the first Board meeting for the two new high school student representatives, Ashley and Joel, the table arrangements and seating were changed.

Additional changes to the Agenda:

- VII. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Travel request
 - a. WVMS Leadership; Middle Level Team Retreat; Chewelah, WA, October 18-21, 2008
- XV. Executive session
 - 1. Personnel

Program - Introduction of New Staff

Dr. Peter Ansingh, Superintendent

Dr. Ansingh introduced and welcomed the following new employees: Mary DeWitt, Rhonda Hutton, Arin Lee, Bill Stuebs, Melody Pryor, Matt Hanson, and Megan Trammel Brown. Dr. Ansingh also introduced the current School Board Members. A brief recess while refreshments were served after the introductions. The meeting resumed at 7:30 pm.

Introduction of Visitors: Debbie Catron (bus driver) and her daughter, Brooke.

Communications:

Dr. Ansingh stated he had received a fax from WSSDA regarding the regional meeting in September. (He will scan the document and send it to the Board members)

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. August 25, 2008 - Regular Meeting
 - 2. September 3, 2008 - Study Session
- B. Approval of Vouchers
- C. Approval of Enrollment Report
- D. Approval of Employment Contracts
 - 1. Benjamin Fletcher - Computer Support Specialist 2 (IT)
 - 2. Jerry Cox - RAP/Math Teacher (HS)
 - 3. Melisa Krienke - Office Paraprofessional (WH) +1hr
 - 4. Arin Lee - Fourth Grade Teacher (MV)
 - 5. Melody Pryor - Fifth Grade Teacher (CW)
- E. Approval of Resignations
 - 1. Adrian Almanza - Paraprofessional (MS)
 - 2. Liana Bigham - Math/Science Teacher (MS)
 - 3. Vennessa Busch - Paraprofessional (CW)
 - 4. Gretchen Johnson - Fifth Grade Teacher (ApV)
 - 5. Kim Leonard - Resource Room Teacher (SV)
- F. Approval of Leave Requests
 - 1. Malissa Durbin - Psychologist/Counselor (MV)
 - 2. Kristen Kegley - Speech/Language Pathologist (WH) .4FTE
- G. Approval of Travel Requests
 - 1. WVHS ASB/Activities Leadership - WASC State Conference; Richland; October 10-12, 2008

Approval of Consent Agenda cont.

- G. Approval of Travel Requests
 2. WVHS Marching Band - NW Marching Band Championships; Spokane; October 11-12, 2008
 3. WVHS JROTC - JROTC Drill/Rifle Meet; Walla Walla; November 14-16, 2008
 4. WVHS Concert Band - WIBC Honor Band Clinic; Seattle; November 21-24, 2008
 5. WVHS Girls' Soccer - State Tournament; Lakewood, WA; November 20-22, 2008
 6. WVHS JROTC - JROTC Drill/Rifle Meet; Madras, OR; January 23-25, 2009
 7. WVHS JROTC - JROTC Drill/Rifle Meet; Bend, OR; February 13-15, 2009
 8. WVHS JROTC - JROTC Drill/Rifle Meet; Prineville, OR; March 13-15, 2009
 9. Peter Finch - Effective Schools Conference; Scottsdale, AZ; March 4-8, 2009
 10. WVMS Leadership; Middle Level Team Retreat; Chewelah, WA October 18-21, 2008

Mike Meyer moved to approve the consent agenda. MC 5-0.

Action Items:

- A. Approval of Resolution #08-09-535 - Elementary Bond Levy

Mike Meyer moved to approve the Approval of Resolution #08-09-535. MC 5-0.

- B. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s)

1. Second Reading
 - a. 3230 - Student Privacy

Sasha Kinloch moved to approve Policy #3230. MC 5-0.

2. First Reading
 - b. 2336 - Require Observances

Staci Verbrugge moved to approve the first reading of Policy #2336. MC 5-0.

Discussion Items:

- A. WSSDA Legislative Assembly

Mike Meyer is the Board representative to the Legislative Committee. Mike stated he will not be able to attend the Representative Assembly later this month. He said the Assembly will review Transportation and Kindergarten topics during this meeting.

Items Arising:

Mike Carey asked if there had been any questions, feedback or issues regarding the bus stops that have been recently changed in order to save fuel costs. Dr. Ansingh stated that Tom Fleming and April Heiser have received several comments, and one modification had been made as a result of a parent's request.

High School Student Representative(s) Report:

Dr. Ansingh stated that is the portion of the meeting where the Student Reps can update the Board members on activities that they have been involved in, any current happenings at the High School, or other items of interest to the Board.

Joel Heiser stated that he had taken a tour of the construction site of the new high school, and it was pretty cool. He is excited to attend in the future. He also stated that Mr. Lacy has required students to attend two Board meetings as part of the Leadership class. Ashley and Joel also commented on the activities of the HS Homecoming.

Administrative Reports: ApV, CW, MV, SV, JHS

Dr. Ansingh referred to the reports in the Board members' handout materials.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Ansingh handed out his report, which outlined the following items: Important Dates, Board Operating Procedures, Coaches Association Agreement

Board Reports/Board Development:

Sasha Kinloch welcomed Ashley and Joel, the new Student Reps. She stated she is the liaison for the Board and the Student Reps and that she is very excited to have them join the School Board.

Executive Session:

1. Personnel

The Board adjourned into Executive Session, expected to last 30 minutes, at 7:55 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The Board reconvened into regular session at 8:37 p.m.

Adjournment followed at 8:38 p.m.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Superintendent

Staci Verbrugge
President