

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2007

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 10, 2007, Mountainview Elementary, 830 Stone Rd., Yakima, Washington, at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors present: Mike Meyer, President; Sasha Kinloch, Vice President; Mike Carey, and Staci Verbrugge.

Administrative Staff present: Dr. Peter Ansingh, Superintendent; Tom Fleming, Assistant Superintendent; Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent and Kristie Presler, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order - verification of quorum.

At 7:01 pm, President Mike Meyer called the meeting to order. Staci Verbrugge made a motion to excuse Steve Wolcott from the meeting. MC 4-0.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by President Mike Meyer at 7:01 pm.

Changes to the Agenda:

- A. Approval of Consent Agenda, is amended by the addition of Item 3, Paragraph F - Approval of Resignations: 3. Victoria Elkey - Paraprofessional (ApV)
- B. Item 2 and 3 are added to Approval of Consent Agenda, Paragraph H - Approval of Travel Requests:
 - 2. WVHS Marching Band - Northwest Marching Championships; Spokane, WA; 10/13-10/14/07
 - 3. WVHS Leadership Team - Chewelah Peak Leadership Camp; Chewelah, WA; 10/20-10/23/07

Program

Georgia Bonari, Mountainview Elementary Principal

Georgia shared with the Board objectives for the Mountainview staff this year that included: monitoring and reflecting, learning walks, peer observations, reflection, lesson studies and parent involvement. These are practices and procedures that are being built into their teaching strategies.

Program (cont.)

Character Counts Education

Malissa Durbin presented to the Board the Character Counts Education program. She explained that it is a common language framework that teaches students good, moral and ethical decisions. This can be implemented into the classroom easily. It teaches trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Mountainview Elementary will make a conscientious effort to implement this program. The staff will be focusing on one core trait per month.

Introduction of Visitors:

Rich Reese, Jerry Prescott, Hans Michielsen, Crystal McDonald, Karen Craig, Charis Weber, Sherry Adams, Abby Barrett, Jim Roberts, Linda Miller, and Malissa Durbin.

Communications:

None.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. August 27, 2007 - Regular Meeting
 - 2. September 5, 2007 - Study Session
- B. Enrollment Report
- C. Approval of Employment Contracts
 - 1. Tyrone Sissom - Social Studies Teacher (JHS)
 - 2. Rhonda Hutton - Music/Physical Education Teacher (ApV/MV)
 - 3. Gary Dale - SPED Resource Room Teacher (HS)
 - 4. Shelly Weiler - Food Server (CN) 1.5 hours/day
 - 5. Becki Benoit - Food Server (CN) 2.5 hours/day
 - 6. Cindy Gibson - Food Server (CN) 2.5 hours/day
 - 7. Rachael Lenzi - Food Server (CN) 2.5 hours/day
 - 8. Kim Dauenhauer - Bus Driver (TC) 4.0 hours/day
 - 9. Mike McMurry - Bus Driver (TC) 4.7 hours/day
 - 10. Kathryn Davis - Bus Driver (TC) 2.7 hours/day
 - 11. Marion Wyatt - Food Server (CN) 2.5 hours/day
- D. Approval of Resignations
 - 1. Jamie Lennartz - Paraprofessional (HS)
 - 2. Stacey Hudson - Bus Monitor (TC)
 - 3. **Victoria Elkey - Paraprofessional (ApV)**
- E. Approval of Leave Requests
 - 1. Christian Talbot - Kindergarten Teacher (SV)
 - 2. Theresa Hoff - SPED Paraprofessional (AhV)

Approval of Consent Agenda (cont.):

F. Approval of Travel Requests

1. WVHS ASB/Leadership Class - Washington Association of Student Council's State Conference; Tacoma, WA; 10/12/07 - 10/14/07
2. **WVHS Marching Band - Northwest Marching Championships; Spokane, WA; 10/13-10/14/07**
3. **WVHS Leadership Team - Chewelah Peak Leadership Camp; Chewelah, WA; 10/20-10/23/07**

August 27, 2007 meeting minutes were amended under Action Items, Paragraph B - Approval of 2007-08 Calendar Amendment, by changing the vote to MC 4-0. Mike Carey did not vote. Sasha asked to have all visitors listed in the meeting minutes by name.

Sasha moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the changes requested. MC 4-0.

Action Items:

A. Approval of Policy Revision(s)/Addition(s)

1. Second Reading

- a. Policy 5001 - Hiring of Retired School Employees

Mike Carey moved to approve Policy 5001 - Hiring of Retired School Employees. MC 4-0.

2. First Reading

- a. Policy 2108 - Remediation Programs
- b. Policy 4130 - Title I Parental Involvement
- c. Policy 2161 - Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students

Hans Michielsen reported on changes and requirements by the state and reviewed the policies with the Board.

Mike Meyer made a motion to approve Policy 2108 - Remediation Programs, Policy 4130 - Title I Parental Involvement, and Policy 2161 - Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students. MC 4-0.

Discussion Items:

A. 2007 Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) Results

Peter Ansingh shared with the Board the preliminary data. Additional WASL information was included in the Board packet. Peter Finch will follow up with the Board by content area with in-depth information and classroom based assessments. We are currently at 97% not considering the August retakes. The Board would like to see class trends.

Discussion Items: (cont.)

B. 2007-08 Superintendent's Goals

The Board will also need to complete their goals for 07-08. Dr. Ansingh asked the Board for the goals for the Superintendent. The Board still needs to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and at that time they will discuss the goals based on items they would like to be done differently next year. The proposed goals were briefly discussed. Curriculum goals for 9-12 curriculum to prepare our students for college. Curriculum committee was discussed. Dr. Ansingh would like to have guidance of a target from the Board. The Board is concerned that our students are not prepared for college and to take the SAT. The Board would like to see data that proves certain math programs are working in the state. The Board would also like to see that the committee is a diverse committee that is not just staff. Dr. Ansingh asked for the Board to submit names of individuals they feel would be appropriate and credible for the committee.

Items Arising:

None.

WVEA Report:

Charis reported on the LID days before school started. Charis resigned as president of the organization.

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

The Board wanted clarification on what they believed to be differences in math between the buildings. All schools are using the same program and they all received training on it and aligning it with the GLEs, as well as looking beyond to prepare students for their next grade.

Superintendent's Report:

Report was included in the Board packets. Dr. Ansingh talked about the safety/security future agenda item to be scheduled for 10/3 study session and the Superintendent's evaluation. The first quarterly budget discussion will take place on 12/5. The Board may meet on 9/24 at 6:30 pm for a special meeting before the regular Board meeting to discuss a personnel issue. Peter Ansingh will notify the Board if this special meeting is to take place.

Board Reports/Board Development:

Mike Meyer distributed information on the 2007 WSSDA Legislative Assembly to be held at the Yakima Convention Center on 9/21-22/2007. Peter asked the Board to bring to the any items they would like WVSD to bring forward to the legislature to the 9/19/07 study session.

Closed Session

The Board went into closed session from 8:10 pm to discuss the following:

- A. Central Office Staff Salaries

The Board came back into session at 8:26 pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Superintendent

Sasha Kinloch
Vice President