

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

September 24, 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, Transportation Center Lounge, 7509 Ahtanum Rd., Yakima, Washington, at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors present: Mike Meyer, President; Sasha Kinloch, Vice President; Mike Carey, Steve Wolcott 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 7:02 pm, President Mike Meyer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by President Mike Meyer at 7:02 pm.

Changes to the Agenda:

- A. Paragraph IV. Introduction of Visitors was amended by the addition of:
 - 1. Subparagraph B - Blair Shean - District Math Curriculum
 - 2. Subparagraph C - Andrew Oman
- B. Paragraph VIII. Approval of Consent Agenda, Subparagraph C. Approval of Employment Contracts was amended by the addition of the following:
 - 7. Central Office Support Staff
 - 8. Superintendent's Contract
- C. Paragraph VIII. Approval of Consent Agenda, Subparagraph E. Approval of Travel Requests was amended by the addition of the following:
 - 7. WVHS Girls' Soccer Team - Regional Soccer Semifinals; Spokane, WA; 10/26-10/27/07
 - 8. WVHS Girls' Soccer Team - State Soccer Tournament; Spokane, WA; 11/2-11/3/07
 - 9. WVHS Business Department; (DECA) - DECA Sports & Entertainment Conference; Orlando, FL 2/6-2/11/08
- D. Executive Session will be added to the Agenda

Introduction of Visitors:

- A. Introduction of New Staff
Peter Ansingh introduced the Board members to the new staff in attendance. Peter then introduced the new staff members including: Tom Winslow, Gretchen Johnson, Tara Wyckoff, Teresa Foster, Annette McGrath, Debbie Albright, Dana Lemieux and Michael Cabbage.
- B. Blair Shean - Math Curriculum Concern. Blair shared his concerns about the breaks in the math program. It isn't consistent throughout the year. Mr. Shean is a biology teacher at the community college. He explained that there is disconnect in math from high school to college. Collected data has shown that 92% of incoming freshman attending YVCC need to take one or more intermediate math classes. Dr. Ansingh explained that the District has increased the math graduation requirement to three years for West Valley students.
- C. Andrew Oman reported on 4204 Simple Majority Campaign. The campaign allows 50% plus 1 vote to pass a levy. A list was distributed for individuals to sign up to phone bank. The Board would like to endorse this campaign at the October 8, 2007 meeting.

Visitors included: Debra Albrecht, Blair Shean, Crystal McDonald, Andrew Oman, Karen Craig, Tara Wyckoff, Teresa Fletcher, Nannette McGrath, Tom Winslow, Dana Lemieux, Jerry Prescott, Gretchen Johnson and Jim Fannin.

Program

April Heiser, Transportation Director

April presented a Transportation Department Update. Two additional routes were added this year. There are two separate student bus counts this year. They will take the best five consecutive days. They will start on October 8th. The state will change their formula to reflect actual miles versus straight miles. The Transportation Dept has been working on improving attendance. April was pleased to report to the Board that Lynn Simpson, a bus driver, has not used any sick leave since February 2002. Edulog is a routing program utilized by transportation. You can track students by any demographic. It will display the children and routes. School delays and closures were discussed. Discussion followed regarding the report and questions about training.

Communications:

None.

High School Representative:

None.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. September 10, 2007 - Regular Meeting
 - 2. September 17, 2007 - Special Meeting
 - 3. September 19, 2007 - Study Session

Approval of Consent Agenda (cont.):

- B. Approval of Vouchers & Payroll
- C. Approval of Employment Contracts
 - 1. Cheryl Helms - Food Server (CN) .5 hr.
 - 2. Casey Bayle - Transportation Secretary (TN)
 - 3. Danilo (Dan) Diaz - HVAC/Boiler Technician (FAC)
 - 4. Gary Dale - Resource Room Teacher (HS) +.084 FTE
 - 5. Jeannine Martin - Sports Medicine Teacher (HS) +.086 FTE
 - 6. West Valley District Administrators
 - 7. Central Office Support Staff (see attached lists)
 - 8. Superintendent's Contract
- D. Approval of Resignations
 - 1. Debra Altshuler - Paraprofessional (HS)
- E. Approval of Travel Requests
 - 1. WVHS Volleyball Team - Spokane Cross Over Tournament; Spokane, WA; 10/12-10/13/07
 - 2. WVHS Cross Country Team - Regional Cross Country Meet; Spokane, WA; 10/26-10/27/07
 - 3. WVHS Football Team - Columbia Basin League Playoffs; Spokane, WA; 11/2-11/3/07
 - 4. WVHS Cross Country Team - Cross Country State Meet; Pasco, WA; 11/2-11/3/07
 - 5. WVHS Volleyball Team - Regionals; Spokane, WA; 11/2-11/3/07
 - 6. WVHS Girls' Swim/Dive Team - State Swim Meet; Federal Way, WA; 11/8-11/10/07
 - 7. WVHS Girls' Soccer Team - Regional Soccer Semifinals; Spokane, WA; 10/26-10/27/07
 - 8. WVHS Girls' Soccer Team - State Soccer Tournament; Spokane, WA; 11/2-11/3/07
 - 9. WVHS Business Department (DECA) - DECA Sports & Entertainment Conference; Orlando, FL; 2/6-2/11/07

Sasha moved to approve the Consent Agenda. MC 5-0.

Action Items:

- A. Approval of Termination of Employment
 - 1. Mark Epperson - Bus Driver
Sasha moved to approve the Termination of Employment of Mark Epperson - Bus Driver. MC 4-0.
- B. Approval of Resolution 07-09-521 - Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants
Staci moved to approve Resolution 07-09-521 - Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants. MC 5-0.
- C. Approval of Resolution 07-09-522 - West Valley High School Replacement
Mike Carey moved to approve Resolution 07-09-522 - West Valley High School Replacement. MC 5-0.
- D. Approval of Policy Addition(s)/Revision(s) - Second Reading
 - 1. Policy 2108 - Remediation Programs
 - 2. Policy 4130 - Title I Parental Involvement
 - 3. Policy 2161 - Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
Policy 4130 was discussed. Mike Meyer moved to approve Policy 2108 Remediation Programs, Policy 4130 - Title I Parental Involvement and Policy 2161 - Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students. MC 5-0.

Discussion Items:

- A. Board Goals
Peter asked for any changes to Board topics/discussions. Peter distributed the Board goals to the members. The goals were dated 9/19 as adoption date.

Items Arising:

None.

WVEA Report:

Jerry Prescott reported that leadership is still to be determined. It should be decided by vote early next week.

Administrative Reports: AhV, WH, MS, HS

Reports were distributed in the Board packets.

Superintendent's Report:

Peter highlighted the Lt. Governor program at the MS regarding bullying and harassment on 10/2/07 at 12:45 and 1:45 pm. The Certificated Seniority list was distributed at the meeting. The Board would like to have an updated seniority list when it is done later this fall. Facility use procedure was shared.

Board Reports/Board Development:

Last weekend state legislative school board directors met. The committee prioritized the subjects that they want to lobby the strongest. Transportation, all-day kindergarten and school construction were the top three priorities. Many other discussions were held during the meeting.

Executive Session:

The Board broke into executive session at 8:17 pm for approximately 35 minutes to discuss a personnel issue. The Board reconvened into regular session at 8:58 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Superintendent

Mike Meyer
President