

**Board of Directors Study Session Minutes
October 8, 2008**

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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, October 8, 2008, 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, Ashley George, Joel Heiser, Dr. Peter Ansingh, Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent, and Rick Ferguson, Assistant Superintendent.

Others Present: Dr. Jean Seibert, Bill Oppliger, Jake Hall, and Eric Knudsen.

Call to order: At 6:30 a.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 A. noted an addition to the agenda - Approval of Travel Request - and handed out a copy of the request.
3. There were no communications for the Board.
4. The Board engaged in a conversation with the staff and visitor regarding the course offerings at the high school level; specifically the discussion centered on World Languages and AP/CHS course offerings; concern was expressed about the relevance of the type of Spanish we offer and of German; the District will evaluate our options as we open the 9th grade campus and as we implement the new CORE 24 graduation requirements; the other concern was regarding the AP and college in the High School offerings; we are currently offering CHS when available because it is accepted by in-state colleges where most of our students attend; the Board will continue the conversation at a later date.
5. The Board recessed into Closed Session at 7:20 a.m. to review negotiations with the Coaches' Union; the Board reconvened into Regular Session at 7:30 a.m.
6. The Board discussed Policy 1150; it was okay as presented and will be presented at the next regular meeting.
7. Sasha moved to approve the travel request; MC 4-0. (Mike Meyer had to leave the meeting, but stated he supported the request.)
8. The Board again expressed its interest in talking about the timeline for opening the 9th grade campus; Peter A. will have something to review soon.

Adjournment was declared at 7:50 a.m.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Secretary of the Board

Staci Verbrugge
President