

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2009

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, October 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the WVHS Board Room, 9800 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: Staci Verbrugge, Sasha Kinloch, Mike Carey, Mike Meyer, Jim Roberts, Nicole Stine and Keenan Schoen.

Administrative Staff present: Dr. Peter Ansingh, Superintendent, Dr. Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent, Tom Fleming, Assistant Superintendent, and Nona Bunger, Recording Secretary. Also present were Jake Hall and Bill Oppliger.

Call to Order - verification of quorum.

At 7:02 p.m., President Staci Verbrugge called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Staci Verbrugge.

Changes to the Agenda:

VII. Approval of Consent Agenda

- B. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll**
 - 3. Capital Projects Fund - Warrants #2349-2375, 2376**
- F. Approval of Leave Request**
 - 1. Lori Davenport - Paraprofessional (ApV)**

Introduction of Visitors - , Chance Dolezal, Mark Giugni (Energy Education), Denyse Gladson, Sally Schlect, Amy Olander, Jeanne Rothenbueler, Renae Weedon, Leadership class students Samantha Chandler, Griselda Silva, Brandon George, Leif Nordstrom, Chelsea Nell, Haley Haubrich, Jerry Prescott, Taylor McDowell, Lee Hanses, Paige Atterberry, Andrew Oman, Michael Betancourt, Ty Gallaway, Cody Deccio, and Tanner Albrecht.

Dr. Ansingh introduced Amy Olander, who shared her concerns about the possible cutting of the High School Boys "C" squad basketball team due to funding cuts. She addressed the Board about the funding, coaching costs and sending a questionnaire to high school students to determine how much interest there would be from the students who wish to play basketball. She feels there is enough interest and participation to maintain the Boys "C" squad. Dr. Ansingh will contact Mr. Berndt regarding possible ideas to increase funding and invite him to attend the next study session for further discussion.

Program: English Language Learners Program

Joan Coomer, Teacher, English Language Learners (ELL)

At 7:15 p.m, the Board and audience members moved into Mrs. Coomer's classroom (Room 2109). Mrs. Coomer teaches 6-12th grade non-English speaking students in our District and helps them learn the English language. She provided an overview of the work she does with students teaching them English as a 2nd language. Also present were some of her students who shared their experiences from being a part of Mrs. Coomer's class and how learning English has helped them in their daily lives. A former student, Mireya Barajas, shared her experience and success in the program. Ms. Barajas graduated from West Valley and is now successfully enrolled in the dental program at Yakima Valley Community College. Refreshments were provided, and the Board returned to the Board Conference Room after Mrs. Coomer's presentation.

Communications: None.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. October 7, 2009 - Study Session (Amended)
 - 2. October 12, 2009 - Regular Meeting
 - 3. October 21, 2009 - Study Session
- B. Approval of Vouchers & Payroll
 - 1. General Fund - Warrants #112385 - 112678
 - 2. ASB Fund - Warrants #11196 - 11241
 - 3. Capital Projects Fund - Warrants #2349-2375, 2376
- C. Approval of Employment Contract(s)
 - 1. Kimberly Birch - Food Server (CN)
 - 2. Jean Brunstetter - Self-contained SPED Parapro (HS)
 - 3. Christian Berghoff - Volunteer Wrestling Coach (HS)
 - 4. Cody Hulme - Volunteer Wrestling Coach (HS)
 - 5. Darrell Smart - Volunteer Wrestling Coach (HS)
- D. Approval of Resignation(s)
 - 1. Michon Mancell - Head Secretary (HS)
- E. Approval of Travel Request(s)
 - 1. HS Wrestling Team; Fife Wrestling Invite; Fife, WA; Dec. 11-12, 2009
 - 2. HS Wrestling Team; District S/8 Tournament (3A); Spokane, WA; Feb. 5-6, 2010
 - 3. HS Wrestling Team; State Championship; Tacoma, WA; Feb. 18-20, 2010



Approval of Consent Agenda (cont.)

- E. Approval of Travel Request(s)
 - 4. HS Girls Basketball; Regional Tournament; Spokane, WA; March 5-6, 2010
 - 5. HS Boys Basketball; Regional Tournament; Spokane, WA; March 5-6, 2010
 - 6. HS Boys Basketball; State Championship; Tacoma, WA; March 9-13, 2010
 - 7. HS Girls Basketball; State Championship; Tacoma, WA; March 9-13, 2010
 - 8. HS Cheer Squad; Basketball State; Tacoma, WA; March 10-13, 2010

Mike Meyer noted that he was listed as attending the Oct. 12th meeting, but was also excused from the meeting. He was not present at that meeting. The minutes will be amended to reflect Mr. Meyer's absence. Jim Roberts would like the language on the amended Oct. 7th minutes to reflect that the Board would like to move forward with "staffing and transitions plans", instead of indicating that the Board would like to move ahead with the building of the 9th Grade Campus. The minutes will be amended to reflect that change. Mike Carey moved to approve the consent agenda with the above-mentioned changes and moving the travel requests to Action Items. MC 5-0.

Action Items

- A. Approval of Resolutions
 - 1. 09-10-550 - Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants
 - 2. 09-10-551 - Cancellation of Outstanding Checks

Jim Roberts made a motion to approve Resolutions 09-10-550 and 09-10-551. MC 5-0.
- B. Approval of Travel Requests

All Travel requests were moved to Action Items. Mike Carey questioned why there was a large disparity in hotel costs for traveling teams going to State tournaments in Tacoma (basketball team and cheerleaders). The Board would like to have explanations for the differences in costs at the next Board meeting before the requests are approved.

Items Arising:

- A. Approval of Leave Request
 - 1. Andrew Oman - Spanish Teacher (JHS)

Staci Verbrugge made a motion to approve the leave request made by Andrew Oman. MC 4-1.



Discussion Items

A. Energy Education Policy and Procedures

Mark Giugni (Energy Education) and Chance Dolezal presented an overview of our energy savings program from December 2008 to July 2009. During that time period, the District has saved \$124,372 or 15.8% in energy costs, totaling savings of \$53,653 for electrical, \$68,633 for natural gas, and \$2,087 for water. The goals for saving energy costs in the future are to focus on electricity costs, continue focusing on high cost centers such as the high school, and strive to achieve overall savings at or above 20% for the District.

Tom Fleming continued the discussion regarding changes made in our Energy Education Procedures (6810P). Dr. Ansingh asked the Board for directions on how they wish to proceed to enforce the current policy. The Board will review the policy and make future recommendations.

B. WVHS Gym Use - Semi-Professional Basketball

There is a new ABA Basketball Association that would like to use our gym for practices and games. Mike Carey questioned the precedence for WV of allowing this organization to use our facilities. The Board does not want to allow this semi-pro team to use our facilities. Our facility use policy will be amended to not allow the use of our facilities by professional sports teams and will be brought to the Board in the future.

C. 2011-2012 Maintenance and Operations Levy

Tom Fleming had shared preliminary information with the Board previously. He handed out an assessed valuation historical report, as well as a tax rate versus assessed valuation growth chart. Our assessed valuation growth has slowed significantly lowering the potential amount of money the District could request in the upcoming levy. The first meeting of the Levy Committee will be Nov. 10 at the JHS. The Board would like to hear the Levy Committee's recommendation about the cost of the levy before the Board makes their decision. The election date is February 9, 2010, but plans need to be prepared now.

High School Student Representative(s) Report: Nicole and Keenan reported on the following activities and events at WVHS: they would like to have their Board e-mails forwarded to their personal email addresses. Dr. Ansingh will speak to IT Director Mike Welch to make this change; they discussed lessons in their Leadership class that the students lead; Mike Carey asked if they had considered topic items for a student forum and input (i.e. budget, programs, curriculum, priorities).



Administrative Reports: AhV, WH, MS, HS

All reports were included in the packet.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Ansingh's report was included in the Board packet. The report outlined the following items: Important Dates, Energy Walkthroughs, Pastors' Lunch, YVCC Strategic Planning, Seattle University Advisory Board, AWSP Presentation, and Employee-of-the-Trimester. Also included with Dr. Ansingh's report was the current Travel Approval Request log for the Board's review. Peter passed out information about the elementary class sizes and out-of-district kids as they relate to class sizes. The number of out-of-attendance area kids (top portion of fraction) and out-of-district students (bottom portion of fraction) were indicated on the report as well as the number of kids in each class. School parking lot safety issues were also addressed. Revamping the parking lots is not an option due to high costs involved. Dr. Ansingh reminded the Board that Nov. 4 Study Session is the date they had set aside for discussing the book, "Good to Great."

Board Reports/Board Development: Sasha Kinloch shared that the staff was great, and she really appreciated their participation in Board meetings, however she felt that having two presentations during one Board meeting was too much due to the interest of time involved. She also stated she had met with secretaries about the large workload of the secretaries and the paraprofessionals doing a portion of the secretary's work. She would like to have a discussion about the number of secretaries and paraprofessionals per building and what the ramifications would be.

Mike Carey commented on how he perceived the article in the WV Schools Today was misleading and implied that we were \$717,000 over on expenditures and that people would wonder where this money was going to come from since it was not reflected as carry-over money.

Adjournment followed at 9:47 p.m.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Superintendent

Staci Verbrugge
President