

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 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, November 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Valley Junior High Cafeteria, 7505 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: Staci Verbrugge, President, Sasha Kinloch, Vice-President, Mike Carey, Mike Meyer, and Jim Roberts. Student Reps Ashley George and Joel Heiser were not present.

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Peter Ansingh, Superintendent, Peter Finch, Assistant Superintendent, Tom Fleming, Assistant Superintendent, and Nona Bungler, Recording Secretary. Also present were Tom Schend, Bill Oppliger, Jim Fannin, Jake Hall, Jim Berndt, Dave Jaeger, and Karen Craig.

Visitors Present: Amy Osborn, Sandy Jennings, Jerry Prescott, Craig Lacy, Pam Ansingh, Michael Day, Renae Weedin, Drew Goodman, Parke Fannin, Michael Risley, Hillary Pratt, Jane Gargas, Anthony O'Brien, and Cory Leman.

Call to Order - verification of quorum.

At 7:03 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: There were no changes to the agenda. Jim Roberts asked Dr. Ansingh to amend the October 27 minutes to reflect that the Board will select the hiring date for the Facilities Coordinator position. The amended minutes will be available at the November 24th meeting for approval.

Communications: There were no communications for the Board.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. October 27, 2008 - Regular Meeting
 - 2. November 5, 2008 - Study Session

Approval of Consent Agenda (cont):

- B. Approval of Vouchers
 - 1. General Fund - Warrants #108804 - 10880
 - 2. ASB Fund - Warrants #10566 - 10567
- C. Enrollment Report
- D. Approval of Employment Contract
 - 1. Neil Brumley - Paraprofessional (SV) +1.5hrs
- E. Approval of Travel Requests
 - 1. Girls Basketball Tournament; Edmonds, WA; Dec. 29-30, 2008;
 - 2. Boys Swim/Dive Kentridge Invite; Federal Way, WA; Jan. 16-17, 2009;
 - 3. Boys Swim/Dive State Championships; Federal Way, WA; Feb. 19-21, 2009
 - 4. Girls Basketball State Championship, Tacoma, WA; Mar. 10-17, 2009

Mike Meyer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MC 5-0.

Community Forum - Closed High School Campus During Lunch

President Staci Verbrugge opened the Community Forum with discussion centering on the possibility of closing the new High School campus during lunchtime when the new high school is opened in 2009. Dr. Ansingh stated there was a concern from a parent regarding what happens during the lunch hour as students leave the campus for lunch. As a result, a survey of other high schools in the area was conducted, and the results were available for the audience. The results showed some high schools had open campus and others had closed campus during lunch. Also included in the handout was a list of pro's and con's involved in closing the campus during lunch period. The pro's including fewer student tardies and fewer risks of students being involved in traffic accidents as they leave and return to the campus. The con's included the difficulty in monitoring the students that leave the campus for school-related programs such as Running Start. The possibility of having gated entrances with a security guard monitoring one gate was also discussed.

President Verbrugge opened floor and microphone to questions or comments from the audience. WVHS student Drew Goodman stated he wasn't in favor of a closed campus. Student Hillary Pratt stated there is not enough room in the current cafeteria now for all the students, and she believes there will not be enough room for all students to have lunch at the same time in the new HS cafeteria. The possibility of having several lunch periods was also discussed.

The Board and staff members in the audience also discussed the configuration of current 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade buildings once the 9th grade campus is opened. Dr. Ansingh

Community Forum (cont):

passed out the current timeline for the planning and construction of the 9th grade campus and the new Apple Valley and Summitview elementary schools. Board members Staci Verbrugge and Sasha Kinloch stated they would like staff members to be involved in making decisions regarding the configurations of the campuses, and that the Board does not want to make final decisions without staff input.

Information was also available on the Bond Levy, which will be the March 10, 2009 ballot. The proposal is to replace our current Apple Valley and Summitview elementary schools. Those students will be moved to the 9th grade campus during the construction phase of the two new schools.

Peter Finch provided updated timelines for the math curriculum during the 2008-09 school year, including adoption of new materials and the alignment of new materials with new state standards.

Items Arising: There were no items arising.

High School Student Representative(s) Report: Our Student Reps were not present tonight, as they were attending the High School Honor Society tapping.

Administrative Reports: ApV, MV, and SV reports were included in the Board packets. CW and JHS reports were passed out at the meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Ansingh's report was included in the Board packet. The report outlined the following items: Important Dates; District Improvement Plan, Professional Development Day; Writing Update, and Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Board Reports/Board Development: There were no reports from Board members.

Adjournment followed at 7:55 p.m.

Dr. Peter Ansingh
Superintendent

Staci Verbrugge
President