

**West Richland City Council
And
Richland School Board
Joint Meeting/Workshop
December 4, 2008
6:00 p.m.
Sandberg Event Center**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dale Jackson and School Board President Richard Jansens. Both provided welcoming statements.

Present:

West Richland City Council:

Dale Jackson, Mayor
Rich Buel, Mayor Pro Tem
Tony Benegas
Gail Brown
Ken Dobbin
Mark Hanneman
Merle Johnson
Julie Jones

West Richland City Staff:

Dave Weiser, City Administrator
Bob Leedy, Community Development Director
Roscoe Slade, Public Works Director
Julie Richardson, City Clerk

Richland School Board:

Richard Jansons, President
Phyllis Strickler
Heather Cleary
Mary Guay

Richland School District Staff:

Jean Lane, Superintendent
Mike Kirby, Assistant Superintendent
Mark Panther, Executive Director of Support Services
Rich Puryear, Executive Director of Financial Services
Rhonda Pratt, Tapteal School Principal
Heidi Weisert-Peatow, Wiley School Principal

Mayor Jackson discussed the "We the People" competition and commended the team from Rivers Edge High School. He mentioned that he is a judge for the competition in Olympia.

Economic Development – West Richland City Administrator Dave Weiser provided an update on economic development activities in West Richland.

Mayor Jackson commented on the proposed master planned community at the Lewis & Clark Ranch. He said the timeline for build-out could be anywhere from 15 to 50 years with a possible population increase to 60,000 people. He also announced that the existing winery in West Richland is considering the addition of a tasting room and another winery has purchased property for construction of their winery in West Richland.

Mayor Jackson updated the Board on the Red Mountain Wine Village and said they are planning for 3 to 5 wineries and tasting rooms, 20 acres of vineyards, a bed and Breakfast and a restaurant.

Residential Development – Community Development Director Bob Leedy displayed a map showing the estimated population growth areas and he distributed a population growth comparison by year. He said to date there have been 130 single family residence building permits issued in 2008.

General Information – Superintendent Jean Lane introduced Tapteal School Principal Rhonda Pratt and Wiley School Principal Heidi Weisert-Peatow.

Strategic Planning – Superintendent Lane talked about the District’s strategic planning process and extended an invitation to attend the Richland School District Strategic Planning Summit being held on February 20 and February 21, 2009.


Student Enrollment - Executive Director of Financial Services Rich Puryear provide information on student enrollment. He reported that enrollment is currently at 10,000 full time students and an additional 500 part time students. Mr. Puryear said during his first eight years with the District, enrollment increased eight to ten percent and in the past three years, it has increased by three percent.

Programs – Assistant Superintendent Mike Kirby distributed and provided an overview of Richland School District programs, including Rivers Edge High School programs, Three Rivers Home Link and Richland Online.

Mr. Kirby reported on the District’s emergency response activities, including school buildings scenarios, rapid responder website, Community Safety Committee and incident command system. He also said there is a 1-800 phone number setup for Richland High School students to report bullying and harassment. He extended an invitation to serve on the Community Safety Committee.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


Dale E. Jackson, Mayor


Julie Richardson, City Clerk