

**WASHOUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 112-06**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 24, 2017**  
**Executive Session, 5:30 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Washougal School District Office**

**PRESENT:** Ron Dinius, Board Director; Elaine Pfeifer, Board Director; Teresa Lees, Board Director; Jaron Barney, Board Director; Cory Chase, Board Director; and Mike Stromme, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

Ron Dinius called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The board immediately recessed to executive session for personnel and legal discussions.

**1. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Personnel – RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)**
- B. Legal – RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

**2. CALL TO ORDER, REGULAR MEETING—PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ron Dinius called the regular meeting back to order at 6:30 p.m. and Cory Chase led the pledge of allegiance. Teresa Lees was present for the Executive Session, but absent for the Regular Meeting.

**3. AGENDA REVISIONS**

Mike Stromme noted the addition of a recommendation to approve revisions to the 2016-17 district calendar. This will be a proposal for action as agenda item 8.B.

**4. COMMENTS—BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS**

Cory Chase thanked Mike Stromme and Joe Steinbrenner for showing him the district's construction projects, since he was unable to attend an earlier tour for the board. He noted that it was great to see the impressive progress being made on these buildings.

Jaron Barney expressed appreciation to Jesse Miller and Mike Stromme for the care and prudence shown in the weather-related school closure decisions. He thanked them for putting kids' safety first.

Ron Dinius echoed Jaron in thanks to Mike and Jesse for handling the huge job of school closure determinations over the past couple of months.

**5. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

**A. Board Appreciation**

Mike Stromme thanked Washougal's board directors on behalf of the district and read from Governor Inslee's proclamation expressing appreciation for school board members and their vast contributions. Gifts of appreciation were received by each director.

Mike updated the board and audience about the impacts of weather closures to district calendar. Communications between districts affected has been valuable.

The Quality Schools Task Force is being revitalized. The group will be looking at the elements of the Clark County Comprehensive Growth Plan that impact schools. A Clark County Council work session will be held on February 22, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Up to two board members may attend with Mike.

## **6. COMMENTS—CITIZENS**

Paul Greenlee, Washougal City Council, shared that he is one of three council members who will share the School Board Liaison position. Paul, Joyce Lindsay and Michelle Wagner will “tag team” to cover meetings involving the schools and board. In his ten years on council, Paul has never felt stronger about the importance of good relationships between the City and District.

Mike Sprinkle, Chair of the 2017 Levy Committee, provided a brief update about meetings with community groups, signs, literature distribution and sign-waving. Interested community members can go to [www.washougal4schools.org](http://www.washougal4schools.org) for more information.

Gail Anderson thanked Mike Stromme and Jesse Miller for putting the safety of kids first, in a district with such unique geographical boundaries, in school closure decisions. She also thanked the board members for the huge commitment they make to the district. Their work is very appreciated. Gail updated the board and audience on her “staffing journey”, explaining the complications involved in replacing and re-training staff in her classroom. While an inconvenience for Gail, she is concerned about the detrimental interruption in learning for her students as a result of these transitions. She will continue to bring up these issues so that they can be considered when contract renewals are discussed.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Board members received and reviewed these documents in advance of the meeting.

### **A. Minutes (January 10, 2017)**

### **B. Accounts Payable**

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the board.

As of this date the board, by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the below list and further described as follows:

#### ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 21144 – 21158, totaling \$16,658.30 (Pay date: 01/27/2017)

ACH Numbers 161700183 – 161700190, totaling \$1,186.35 (Pay date: 01/27/2017)

#### Capital Projects Fund

Warrant Numbers 4182 – 4190, totaling \$3,388,754.00 (Pay date: 01/27/2017)

#### General Fund

Warrant Numbers 210426 – 210527, totaling \$503,786.04 (Pay date: 01/27/2017)

ACH Numbers 161700169 – 161700182, totaling \$21,909.35 (Pay date: 01/27/2017)

### **C. Budget Status Reports (November 2016; December 2016)**

### **D. Payroll (Pre-Authorization January 2017)**

### **E. Personnel Report**

#### Retirement:

- Boyden, Carol – Assistant Principal @WHS/Excelsior, effective 6/30/2017.

#### Leave of Absence:

- Dodge, Misti – Teacher @CH-S, effective 2/01/2017 – 2/28/2017.

### **F. Contracts**

### **G. Field Trips**

### **H. Donations**

Jaron Barney moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Cory Chase seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **8. PROPOSALS FOR ACTION**

### **A. Recommendation to Approve Purchase of a ShoreTel Phone System**

Mike Stromme shared a recommendation to approve the purchase of a ShoreTel phone system. Les Brown, Technology Director, answered board questions related to the system and agreement. Elaine Pfeifer moved, seconded by Jaron Barney, to approve the purchase. The motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Recommendation to Approve Adjustment to 2016-2017 School Year Calendar**

Mike Stromme presented the board with a recommendation to adjust the current year's calendar due to recent school closures related to inclement weather. Elaine Pfeifer moved to approve the revisions to the 2016-17 calendar as presented. Cory Chase seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **9. POLICY REVISION, second reading**

### **A. Policy 2162 – Education of Students with Disabilities**

Jaron Barney moved, seconded by Cory Chase, to approve the revisions to Policy 2162 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Policy 3140 – Release of Resident Students**

Elaine Pfeifer moved to approve the proposed revisions to Policy 3140 as presented. Cory Chase seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **10. POLICY GOVERNANCE**

### **A. Executive Responsibilities 4 – Staff Treatment**

Marian Young presented evidence in support of Executive Responsibilities (ER) 4 related to staff treatment.

### **B. Executive Responsibilities 6 – Staff Evaluation**

Marian Young shared information related to ER 6 and the district's staff evaluation processes.

Board members thanked Marian for the detailed, relevant evidence supporting these two ERs. The work in both of these areas of staff interaction is impressive. Ron Dinius collected monitoring report response forms for both ERs. The board agreed by consensus on the approval of both ER 4 and ER 6.

## **11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE BOARD PLANNING CALENDAR**

None mentioned.

## **12. BOARD EVALUATION**

Ron Dinius collected the board's self-evaluation forms. The results are attached.

## **13. ADJOURN**

Jaron Barney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Cory Chase seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017.**

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**President**

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**Secretary to the Board**

BOARD MEETING EVALUATION SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: January 24, 2017

Instructions for 1: S = Satisfactory I = Needs Improvement U = Unsatisfactory

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| 1. I was prepared for the meeting.  | 3                                  |
|   | <b><u>YES</u></b> <b><u>NO</u></b> |
| 2. Our agenda was designed to meet our obligations and objectives (district governance, future planning, board goals) | 4                                  |
| 3. Meeting Elements:  |                                    |
| a. The Board President facilitated management of the meeting time and agenda  | 4                                  |
| b. Ample time was given to discuss agenda topics  | 4                                  |
| c. Each board member was given the opportunity to speak   | 4                                  |
| d. Directors, presenters and the public were treated in a dignified and respectful manner                             | 4                                  |
| e. Adherence to policy leadership vs administrative detail  | 4                                  |
| 4. The board demonstrated a sense of responsibility for excellence in governing the district.                         | 4                                  |

**Comments** (If you answered “no” to any of the above, please provide comments):