

**Washougal School District 112-6
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

Work Session, 5:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Online Zoom Meeting

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PRESENT: Cory Chase, Board Director; Donna Sinclair, Board Director; Jim Cooper, Board Director; Chuck Carpenter, Board Director; Renae Burson, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Aaron Hansen, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Student Services; and Mary Templeton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board. The pre-arranged absence of Board Director Angela Hancock was excused.

1. Work Session, 5:00 p.m.

A. Hathaway Elementary School Improvement Plan Presentation

The work session began at 5:00 p.m. Principal Wendy Morrill, Dean of Students Cindy Coons, and Counselor Alysia Noriega presented the Hathaway Elementary School (HES) School Improvement Plan for 2020-21.

2. Opening Items - Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

A. Call to Order, Regular Meeting

Cory Chase called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Agenda Revisions

None.

C. Comments - Board of Directors

Donna Sinclair shared her appreciation for the HES SIP. Donna also noted the two crises (COVID-19 and the riots in Washington, D.C. last week) we are facing as a nation, and stressed the importance of what we do to make distinctions with information. Donna also stressed the importance of history and civics in the ability to judge good versus bad information.

Jim Cooper wished everyone a Happy New Year, and shared that hopefully this is the last zoom Christmas celebration he'll have to experience. Jim said that we are living in historic times, and it will impact the rest of our lives. Jim thanked the HES staff for their presentation, and thanked all staff in the district for the hard work and for doing their best in a tough situation.

Chuck Carpenter said he was disappointed there was no Festival of Trees this year, but is looking forward to the Youth Arts Month in March, and is hoping it will be able to happen.

Cory Chase said that these are tough, unprecedented times, and there is no script for what to do. Cory commended his fellow board members and district staff for getting through this the best we can.

D. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Mary Templeton shared that this is a very important time, and it is important to value what others have to say while remaining civil and respectful. Next week some students will be returning to school in a hybrid model, and we are approaching the one-year anniversary of closing school on March 13th. Through this year, the district has been partnering, listening, and collaborating with the Department of Health, OSPI, Labor and Industries, Clark County Public Health, and the Governor's office, as well as meeting weekly with area superintendents. With the new guidance and new research, and the vaccine as part of the conversations, we feel confident. There is strong advocacy to prioritize school staff in the vaccine efforts.

Assistant Superintendent Aaron Hansen reviewed the safety checklist used in buildings including: PPE, who is considered high-risk, transportation, and monitoring symptoms. Aaron gave kudos to principals for their work 24/7 in planning and communicating.

Assistant Superintendent Renae Burson gave her appreciation for the HES SIP presentation. Renae gave an overview of the hybrid planning process, her work with principals, the leadership team, and Goldendale school district. Renae shared how the schedules will look, and reminded that Washougal Learning Academy (WLA) is still an option for families.

E. Citizen Comments - General

Parent Brad Maas joined the zoom meeting and advocated a return to school for student mental health, gave suicide statistics, and noted two recent local suicides.

Parent Renee Sanders submitted an email (read aloud by Kori Kelly) asking to represent her and other constituents like her who desire to see an option for full return to in person education.

Teacher Allison McGranahan shared how through zoom she is closer to families than ever before, and shared her concerns with logistics and safety with a return to in person instruction. Why the rush?

Parent Jason Ferrier asked the district to reconsider opening due to the record number of cases and deaths in the U.S., especially with the vaccine just around the corner.

Elizabeth Hilt submitted an email (read aloud by Kori Kelly) asking the district to reconsider returning in a hybrid model due to high case counts right before the vaccine is distributed.

Parent Ami Jones submitted an email (read aloud by Kori Kelly) asking the district to continue to support and offer remote learning options for students who are uncomfortable returning in person for school at this point in time.

Parent Lisa Knapp asked the district to more aggressively pursue in person learning, sharing that kids depend on school for much more than just education.

Teacher Lyndsey Russell submitted an email (read aloud by Kori Kelly) for a group of Gause Elementary teachers with concerns about not putting students, families and teachers at risk with in person education, and concerns about instructional time for students.

Parent Shawna Portner shared that she has a 3rd grader at Columbia River Gorge Elementary at high risk for COVID, and has concerns about a fair and equal education for those students who remain in remote learning once others return to hybrid.

Parent Emily Watts referenced a recent local suicide and again asked questions she previously asked in November regarding what the district is doing to bring all kids onto campus.

Board President Cory Chase concluded the 30-minute public comment portion of the meeting (per Board Policy 1400 - Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum), inviting the remaining patrons who had signed up to be first to speak at the next meeting on January 26th.

3. Consent Agenda

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

A. Minutes (December 8, 2020)

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:

General Fund

Warrant Numbers 245628-245628, totaling \$7,698.00 (Pay date: 12-21-20)
Warrant Numbers 245629-245756, totaling \$487,075.11 (Pay date: 12-23-20)
Warrant Numbers 245758-245758, totaling \$545.00 (Pay date: 12-24-20)
Warrant Numbers 245757-245757, totaling \$820.43; Voids/Cancellations, totaling \$820.43 (Pay date: 12-24-20)
ACH Numbers 202100052-202100057, totaling \$11,616.77 (Pay date: 12-23-20)
Manual Checks #47, totaling \$59,507.22 (Pay date: 11-10-20)
Manual Checks #48, totaling \$64,889.79 (Pay date: 12-10-20)
Warrant Numbers 245771-245826, totaling \$229,421.97 (Pay date: 1-15-21)

ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 24429-24437, totaling \$12,324.98 (Pay date: 12-23-20)
Manual Checks #47, totaling \$82.26 (Pay date: 11-10-20)
Manual Checks #48, totaling \$188.76 (Pay date: 12-10-20)
ACH Numbers 202100061-202100074, totaling \$14,176.66 (Pay date: 1-15-21)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant Numbers 4545-4545, totaling \$10,000.00 (Pay date: 12-21-20)

C. Payroll (December 2020)

General Fund (\$3,161,282.24)

Warrant Numbers 1000703-1000707 totaling \$2,243.79 (Pay date: 12-31-20)
Warrant Numbers 245759 - 245770, totaling \$583,606.77 (Pay date: 12-31-20)
ACH Numbers 202100059 - 202100060, totaling \$18,490.42 (Pay date: 12-31-20)
Non-Warrants, totaling \$2,556,941.26 (Pay date: 12-31-20)

D. Personnel

Appointments:

Emma Burnett, Playground Asst, HES, 11/16/20*
Playground Asst, CHS, 12/9/20
Dena Randall, Para, GES, 1/6/21
Matthew Brumfield, Para, CCMS, 1/4/21
Alexandra Yost, CTE Pro Tech, WHS/GES, 1/4/21

*Correction only: Previously listed as Megan Burnett on 11/24/20 report

Retirements:

Rhonda Reeser, Teacher, CHS, 8/20/21
Pat Jones, Speech Language Pathologist, District Wide, 2/1/2021

Leaves of Absence:

Dana Wilson, Playground Asst, HES, 11/9/20 - 2/28/21
Jessica Burleson, Para, CRGE, 11/25/20-7/1/21
Arturo Garza, Para, WHS, 1/4/21 -1/3/22
Heather McFadden, Para, CRGE, 1/4/21-6/30/21
Leon LaFrance, Night Custodian, GES, 1/4/21-3/26/21
Jacob Casteel, Cook/Server I, CCMS, 12/7/20-12/18/20
Teresa Nelson, Secretary, WHS, 12/4/20-12/11/20
Jack Lape, Mechanic, BB, 11/23/20-12/4/20
Brenda Brock, Dispatcher, BB, 11/23/20-12/4/20
Janet Yanzick, Dispatcher, BB, 11/30/20 - 12/11/20
Cali Newby, Playground Asst, CRGE, 12/11/20-12/18/20
Al Seaman, Maintenance Lead, DO, 11/30/20 - 12/11/20

Angela Cummings, Preschool Instructor, CHS, 12/7/20-12/14/20
Megan Lambert, Preschool Instructor, CHS, 12/1/20-12/11/20
Pat Jones, Speech Language Pathologist, District Wide, 9/21 - 1/31/21
Sacha De Beaumarchais, Teacher, WHS, 1/4 - 1/15/21
Leslie Gillispie, Teacher, CRGE, 2/10 - 3/2/21
Laurie Brown, Teacher, CHS, 1/4 - 3/5/21
Mary Murray, Teacher, JMS, 8/25/20 - 6/16/21

Out-of-Endorsement Placements:

Shannon McFadden-Sullivan, Teacher, WHS, 8/25/20 - 6/16/21

E. Contracts

F. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chuck Carpenter moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, and Donna Sinclair seconded. The board voted by roll-call vote as follows: Chase, aye; Sinclair, aye; Cooper, aye; Carpenter, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Policy Governance

A. Executive Responsibility 7 - Budget Planning

Business Services Director Kris Grindy presented Executive Responsibility 7 (ER 7) for 2020-21. Highlights included: timelines, board priorities, and enrollment.

5. Future Agenda Items

Donna Sinclair asked to hear about the district's civics education at some point this spring, and Superintendent Mary Templeton said that Board Appreciation will happen at the next meeting.

6. Adjourn

Cory Chase moved to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., and Donna Sinclair seconded. The board voted by roll-call vote as follows: Chase, aye; Sinclair, aye; Cooper, aye; Carpenter, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2021

President

Secretary to the Board