

**Washougal School District 112-6
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

Executive Session, 4:00 p.m.; Work Session, 5:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Online Zoom Meeting

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PRESENT: Angela Hancock, Board Director; Donna Sinclair, Board Director; Jim Cooper, Board Director; Chuck Carpenter, Board Director; Renae McMurray, 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 Cory Chase was excused.

1. Executive Session, 4:00 p.m.

A. RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) - Personnel

Angela Hancock called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and immediately recessed to executive session. The executive session concluded at 4:56 p.m. and the board moved into the work session.

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

A. Cape Horn-Skye Elementary School Improvement Plan

The work session began at 5:00 p.m. Principal Brian Amundson, Associate Principal Alden Clark, and Administrative Intern Heather Kassel presented the Cape Horn-Skye Elementary (Cape) School Improvement Plan for 2020-21.

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

A. Call to Order, Regular Meeting

Angela Hancock called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Agenda Revisions

None.

C. Comments - Board of Directors

Donna Sinclair thanked Cape for the great presentation. Donna also thanked all teachers and parents for their flexibility.

Jim Cooper thanked the Cape team for the great work, and shared his pride in the district for using restorative practices. Jim stated he is happy the vaccine is on the horizon, and is thankful to everyone for hanging in there.

Chuck Carpenter said he is delighted to have some kids back in the classroom, and also thanked Cape staff for their presentation.

Angela Hancock echoed the thanks for the great presentation and the great team. Angela shared she is happy that the COVID numbers are dropping this week, and she knows there is no one answer to make everyone happy. Angela also shared the Legislative Conference is coming up.

D. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Mary Templeton shared her excitement to have K-5 students back. Mary recognized the board for School Board Appreciation Month, and thanked them for all their work during these most challenging times. Mary read the Governor's Proclamation and shared that there are thank-you gifts at the district office to pick up. Mary said that the metrics are on the way back down, and we are hopeful middle school students will be able to return soon. Clark County Superintendents continue to meet weekly, and have offered to be vaccination stations in the future.

Assistant Superintendent Renae McMurray gave her thanks to the dual-language planning team, and for the huge team effort in shifting to hybrid. Renae shared that performing arts guidance was released this week, and a team will be meeting soon to iron out the details.

Assistant Superintendent Aaron Hansen thanked the school board for their effort, dedication, and support of the district. Aaron also thanked the entire district team for the huge effort to get K-5 back. Aaron said that principals are thrilled and proud to get here. Aaron thanked the Cape team for the outstanding presentation.

E. Citizen Comments - General

Parent Brad Maas joined the zoom meeting and read from the WHS handbook, sharing his thoughts on how the district is discriminating against high school students. He cited failure rates and the recent news from the CDC stating schools should re-open.

Parent Lisa Knapp joined the zoom meeting and cited a news article about Clark County, Nevada with information on mental health issues and increased student suicides. She applauded the district for bringing back elementary, but asked the district to be bold and bring back middle and high school.

Parent Darnella Barrow joined the zoom meeting and shared her son's experience with online learning as being confusing and difficult to manage. She stated it is inconsistent and that we are failing our kids everyday. She is hopeful with K-5 back, and requested all students have the same importance.

Ernie Suggs submitted written comment stating the Washougal City Council supports the district, and thanked staff for their efforts.

4. Consent Agenda

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

A. Minutes (January 12, 2021)

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 245827-245830, totaling \$15,993.64 (Pay date: 1-21-21)

Warrant Numbers 245831-245874, totaling \$270,753.71 (Pay date: 1-29-21)

ACH Numbers 202100075-202100076, totaling \$5,171.44 (Pay date: 1-29-21)

ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 24438-24440, totaling \$6,866.51 (Pay date: 1-13-21)

Warrant Numbers 24441-24443, totaling \$427.85 (Pay date: 1-29-21)

ACH Numbers 202100077-202100077, totaling \$21.96 (Pay date: 1-29-21)

C. Payroll (Pre-Authorization January 2021)

D. Budget Status (November 2020; December 2020)

E. Personnel

Appointments:

Alexis Webb, Paraeducator, CRGE, 1/12/21

Cali Newby, Paraeducator, CRGE, 1/11/21

Hallie Morris, Server II, GES, 1/14/21

Alla Matveyenko, Speech Language Pathologist, District, 2/4/21

Resignations:

Christy Zillman, Preschool Instructor, GES, 1/1/21

Ryan Todd, Basketball Coach, WHS, 12/18/20

Stephanie MacDonald, Server II, JMS, 1/11/21

Leslie Rappe, Volleyball Coach, CCMS, 1/4/21

Heidi Kellar, Volleyball Coach, CCMS, 1/4/21

Leaves of Absence:

Marianne Harte, Playground Asst, CHS, 11/30/20-12/10/20

Cindy Schroeder, Paraeducator, WHS, 11/23/20-12/4/20

Amber Blackwell, Bus Driver, BB, 12/1/20-12/11/20

Sacha DeBeaumarchais, Teacher, WHS, 1/4 - 4/5/21

Leslie Gillispie, Teacher, CRGE, 2/11 - 4/2/21

Darcy Habersetzer, Teacher, WHS, 2/1 - 5/4/21

Jaymi McQueen, Teacher, HES, 4/22 - 9/30/21

F. Contracts

G. Approval of WAA Collective Bargaining Agreement

H. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chuck Carpenter moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Donna Sinclair seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Informational Presentations

A. Student Representatives Selection Process

Washougal High School (WHS) Principal Sheree Clark shared that selection for this year's student representatives should have started in March of 2020, but then the pandemic hit. She tried again in September, but the students who were asked said they don't have capacity. Many students are interested, just not right now. Sheree asked for a pause this year, and she will begin the process again in the spring. Sheree suggested a few changes to the process, including recruiting younger students, having longer terms (2-4 years instead of just 1 year), and allowing applications as well as staff recommendations. The board supported the new plan, discussed and gave feedback.

B. Re-opening Update

Aaron Hansen and MTSS Coordinator Jerolyn Friesen gave an update on what the district is doing with Social-Emotional Wellness throughout the district. Highlights included: using Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) standards, focus on teaching school wide expectations and safety procedures, classroom meetings and community circles, community building exercises, counseling, home visits, encouragement and recognition, virtual clubs, and sports practice. Aaron also gave an update on health and safety. Highlights included: new Department of Health guidance, COVID-19 activity data, and the newly released performing arts guidelines. Aaron also gave an update on labor relations, and shared his appreciation of the work with Washougal Association of Educators (WAE), Public School Employees (PSE), Washougal Activities Association (WAA) and Principals Association of Washougal (PAW). All groups meet regularly with the district and have great relationships.

Rena McMurray, Washougal Learning Academy (WLA) Principal Jason Foster, and Director of Special Education Penny Andrews gave updates on the WLA program, small group supports, and special services. Highlights included: hybrid model, student grades, support for remote learners, curriculum, progress monitoring, familiarity with safety protocols, transitioning to hybrid, and positive outcomes.

Director of Communications and Technology Les Brown and Technology Supervisor Mat Hutton gave an update on technology. Highlights included: tech team support of 4000 devices and 140 hotspots across the district, the development of a dedicated phone number and email for tech support, major projects including switching web filters, WiFi enhancements, and future projects including updating the board room audio, fiber optic replacement, and replacing the oldest 1:1 devices.

6. Policy Governance

A. Executive Responsibility 4 - Staff Treatment

B. Executive Responsibility 6 - Staff Evaluation

Aaron Hansen presented Executive Responsibilities (ER) 4 and ER 6 together. Highlights included: providing a safe and civil working environment, the importance of relationships and respect, staff training, and the hiring process.

7. Future Agenda Items

None.

8. Adjourn

Chuck Carpenter moved to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Donna Sinclair seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 9th day of February 2021

President

Secretary to the Board