

**Washougal School District 112-6
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

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

District Office & Online Zoom Meeting

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PRESENT: Cory Chase, Board Director; 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.

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

A. Columbia River Gorge Elementary School Improvement Plan

The work session began at 5:00 p.m. Principal Tracey MacLachlan, Dean of Students Erin Darling, 1st Grade Teacher Allison McGranahan and Counselor Janis Akseki presented Columbia River Gorge Elementary School's (CRGE) Improvement Plan for 2021-2022.

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

A. Call to Order, Regular Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance

Cory Chase called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

B. Agenda Revisions

None.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes (October 26, 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 247049 through 247056, totaling \$77,952.09 (Pay Date: 11-4-21)

Warrant Numbers 247057 through 247057, totaling \$276,653.06 (Pay Date: 11-12-21)

ACH Numbers 212200045 through 212200046, totaling \$11,341.90 (Pay Date: 10-26-21)

ACH Numbers 212200050 through 212200050, totaling \$7,797.47 (Pay Date: 11-5-21)

Manual Checks, totaling \$57,850.47 (Pay Date 10-10-21)

ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 24501 through 24501, totaling \$3,673.91 (Pay Date: 11-3-21)

C. Payroll (October 2021)

General Fund (3,492,904.40).

Warrant Numbers 1000847-1000851, totaling \$15,314.90 (Pay date: 10-29-21)

Warrant Numbers 247034 - 247048, totaling \$594,043.67 (Pay date: 11-1-21)

ACH Numbers 212200048 - 212200049, totaling \$20,817.42 (Pay date: 10-29-21)

Non-Warrants, totaling \$2,862,728.41 (Pay date: 10-29-21)

D. Personnel

Appointments:

LaDonna Davis, Campus Security, WHS, effective 10/25/21

Christy Zillman, Para/Playground Asst, CRGE, effective 10/26/21

Abby Lees, Wrestling, CCMS, effective 10/25/21

Lindsey Thomas, Asst Girls Basketball, WHS, effective 11/1/21

Mary Alvarez, Temporary Library Assistant I, GES, effective 10/19/21

Michael Asbjornsen, Temporary Day Custodian, WHS, effective 11/1/21

Nancy Schluter, Para, CHS, effective 11/4/21

Sharity Perry, Kitchen Assistant, WHS, effective 11/8/21

Karen Streeter, Health Room Assistant, JMS, effective 11/3/21
Carla Morgan, Health Room Assistant, HES, effective 11/3/21
Wendy Mooers, Para, GES, effective 11/8/21

Leaves of Absence:

Alexandra Yost, CTE ProTech/Food Truck Mngr, WHS, effective 11/1/21 -1/28/22
Jada Bea, Speech Lang Path Asst, District-wide, effective 10/28/21-12/1/21
Leon LaFrance, Night Custodian, GES, effective 10/28/21-11/2/21
Fran McCarty, Library Assistant I, WHS, effective 10/28/21-11/15/21
Stanelle Perry, Cook/Cashier, WHS, effective 11/1/21-11/19/21

Limited Certification:

Alexandra Yost, Teacher (CTE Culinary), WHS, effective 11/1/21 - 6/15/22. Has a conditional CTE teaching certificate for Culinary

E. Contracts

F. Donations

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, \$2,599.47, to purchase books for all Pre-K WSD programs.

G. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

4. Comments

A. Comments - Board of Directors

Chuck Carpenter commented on the recent election and the loss of a valuable member, Donna Sinclair. He said he looks forward to welcoming the new member, Sadie McKenzie. Chuck shared that there should be an award for the whole district office administrative team like the board received.

Jim Cooper thanked Donna for her service on the board for four years and commented that people don't realize how much work is involved. Jim congratulated the girls cross country team on their success at state.

Donna Sinclair thanked Chuck and Jim for their comments. She said she attended the WSSDA General Assembly two weeks ago and shared the top six points going to the state legislature. Donna said she is very proud of her work on the board and the foundational changes that have happened during the past four years and she will remain a steadfast supporter of the district. She said she wishes everyone in this room, even the parents who challenged her, all the best. She said she knows the board will welcome Sadie McKenzie.

Angela Hancock thanked Donna for being our legislative representative for the past four years. She reminded everyone that there is no school this Thursday in honor of Veterans Day and thanked all the veterans. She shared that the high school is having a drama production this weekend and Mary Templeton has a part in it. She also congratulated the boys and girls cross country teams and shared that Stuff the Bus is starting and will run through December 3rd. Angela thanked the school psychologists for all their work with students, especially during these trying times and noted that it is National School Psychologist Week.

Cory Chase said that tonight is Donna's last meeting and he remembers first meeting Donna and all the conversations they have shared, some with opposing viewpoints. He stated that what makes a board work well is having different perspectives and being able to have adult conversations about them. He said he appreciates where they have come together as a team and he thanked her for her service. This is not an easy job and it is nothing like he envisioned, but the work being done is extremely important. He also recognized Veterans Day and thanked all veterans.

B. Student Representatives

No students were able to join.

C. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Mary Templeton said she could go on and on about Director Sinclair. She said it has always been about being a team, even while disagreeing. She thanked Donna for her consistent commitment to all and she will be missed. That being said, we want to welcome Sadie McKenzie. Mary said she reached out to Sadie today and she is excited to join the team. She shared with her that she is joining an excellent team who are all about the children. Mary also shared that under the leadership of Donna Sinclair and this board, our graduation rate has gone up to 89% from 74% and schools are being recognized. She shared many of the awards and successes the district has enjoyed under this board's leadership. Mary ended her comment with a "thank you" to all the veterans for their service.

Assistant Superintendent Renae McMurray thanked Donna for her service to the board and being the legislative representative. She recognized the veterans in our community and shared some of the things happening in the

Professional Learning Communities.

Assistant Superintendent Aaron Hansen thanked Donna for her leadership and work to ensure all students are succeeding. He said that the successes are the result of hard work and the effort put into doing the work. He said she will be missed and he hopes she stays involved. Aaron said that he appreciates the CRGE team for sharing their School Improvement Plan and thanked Tracey MacLachlan for her leadership.

D. Citizen Comments - General

Wendi Moose, parent, spoke via zoom in support of the board continuing to follow the mask mandate. She shared her concern for safety as the talk of vaccine mandates continue and encouraged the board to move their meetings back to zoom for safety concerns.

Ellie read information from an article about Russia in the 1930s and spoke of her distrust of law enforcement and government.

Melanie Wilson, resident of Washougal, shared that she is very sad this community is losing Board Director Donna Sinclair and hopes we can usher in a new era where there is courtesy and respect.

Dean, parent of WSD students, spoke in opposition of controlling free speech. He said nobody controls how he speaks to others.

5. Future Agenda Items

None.

6. Board Evaluation

Cory Chase asked the board to complete the evaluation through the emailed link to a google form.

7. Adjourn

Chuck Carpenter moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., and Donna Sinclair seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2021

President

Secretary to the Board