

**Washougal School District 112-6
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

**Work Session, 4:00 p.m.; Gause Elementary School Improvement Plan 5:00 p.m; Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Washougal School District Office & Online Zoom Meeting
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PRESENT: Angela Hancock, Board Director; Jim Cooper, Board Director; Chuck Carpenter, Board Director; Sadie McKenzie, Board Director; Renae McMurray, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; and Mary Templeton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board. The pre-arranged absence of Board Director Cory Chase (present for work session and SIP only) and Assistant Superintendent Aaron Hansen were excused.

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

A. Budget Closeout Report

The work session began at 4:12 p.m. Director of Business Services and Operations Kris Grindy gave an end of year overview. Highlights included: fund balance, the status of each fund, and COVID relief funds.

B. ENDS Report

Assistant Superintendent Renae McMurray presented the ENDS Report for 2021. Renae linked each data set to the strategic plan.

2. School Improvement Plan Presentation, 5:00 p.m.

A. Gause Elementary School Improvement Plan

Gause Principal Tami Culp and team presented their school improvement plan for 2021-22.

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

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

Angela Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

B. Agenda Revisions

None.

4. Consent Agenda

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

A. Minutes (November 23, 2021)

B. Accounts Payable (1st Run December 2021; Pre-Authorization 2nd Run)

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 247125 - 247134, totaling \$389.55 (Pay date: 11-22-21)

Warrant Numbers 247135 - 247135, totaling \$675.44 (Pay date: 11-23-21)

Warrant Numbers 247136 - 247136, totaling \$275.11 (Pay date: 11-24-21)

ACH Numbers 212200061 - 212200071, totaling \$29,809.85 (Pay date: 11-26-21)

Warrant Numbers 247152 - 247240, totaling \$360,789.99; Voids/Cancellations, totaling \$6,795.51 (Pay date: 12-10-21)

ACH Numbers 212200077 - 212200083, totaling \$4,971.00 (Pay date: 12-10-21)

ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 24517 - 24522, totaling \$1,639.18 (Pay date: 11-22-21)

ACH Numbers 212200072 - 212200073, totaling \$4,740.36 (Pay date: 11-26-21)

Warrant Numbers 24532 - 24533, totaling \$820.00; Voids/Cancellations, totaling \$1,379.00 (Pay date: 12-10-21)

Warrant Numbers 24523 - 24531, totaling \$2,134.52 (Pay date: 12-9-21)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant Numbers 4549 - 4549, totaling \$186.00 (Pay date: 12-10-21)

C. Payroll (November 2021; Pre-Authorization December 2021)

General Fund (\$3,764,469.97)

Warrant Numbers 1000852 - 1000853, totaling \$5,102.04 (Pay date: 11-30-21)

Warrant Numbers 247137 - 247151, totaling \$601,964.92 (Pay date: 11-30-21)

ACH Numbers 212200075 - 212200076, totaling \$20,705.42 (Pay date: 11-30-21)

Non-Warrants, totaling \$3,136,697.59 (Pay date: 11-30-21)

D. Budget Status (September 2021; October 2021)

E. Personnel

Appointments:

Jenna Igwe, Health Room Assistant, DO (CRGE), effective 11/29/21

Nancy Schluter, Student Support Assistant, CCMS, effective 11/29/21

Justin LeNoir, Night Custodian - Temporary, WHS, effective 12/6/21

Darla Roberson, Health Room Assistant, WHS, effective 12/9/21

Termination:

Catherine Boettcher, Cook/Cashier, WHS, effective 11/10/21

Retirements:

Loretta Layton, Para, HES, effective 12/17/21

F. Contracts

G. Donations

Canyon Creek Middle School Boosters: 15 outdoor picnic tables valued at \$15,000 for Canyon Creek Middle School and Cape Horn-Skye Elementary School.

Global Support and Development: shoes, coats, athletic wear, undergarments and hygiene supplies valued at \$17,791. Shoes are for Columbia River Gorge Elementary and remaining items district-wide.

H. ASB Club Constitution - Zumba Club

I. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

5. Oath of Office

A. New and Re-elected Board Directors Oath of Office

Superintendent Mary Templeton administered the Oath of Office for board directors Chuck Carpenter and Sadie McKenzie. Congratulations and welcome new and returning board members.

6. Annual Board Organization

A. Call for nominations/elections for President, Vice-President and Legislative Representative (roll-call vote)

Angela Hancock nominated Cory Chase as president, and Chuck Carpenter seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations or discussion. Cory Chase was re-elected president by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: Hancock, aye; McKenzie, aye; Carpenter, aye, Cooper, aye.

Nominations were opened for vice-president. Chuck Carpenter nominated Angela Hancock as vice-president, and Jim Cooper seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations or discussion. Angela Hancock was re-elected vice-president by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: Hancock, aye; McKenzie, aye; Carpenter, aye, Cooper, aye.

Nominations were opened for Legislative Representative. Jim Cooper nominated Chuck Carpenter, and Angela Hancock seconded. There were no further nominations or discussion. Chuck Carpenter was elected legislative representative by unanimous roll-call vote as follows: Hancock, aye; McKenzie, aye; Carpenter, aye, Cooper, aye.

7. Comments

A. Comments - Board of Directors

Chuck Carpenter shared that there is a band concert at the high school on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Jim Cooper welcomed Sadie to the board, and re-welcomed Chuck. Jim also thanked Renae McMurray for the work session presentation, Gause Elementary staff for the school improvement presentation, and the CCMS Boosters and GSD for their generous donations.

Sadie McKenzie thanked everyone for welcoming her to the board and said she is excited to get started.

Angela Hancock welcomed Sadie and re-welcomed Chuck. She thanked Gause Elementary for their SIP presentation, Kris for her budget presentation, and Renae for the ENDS report. She wished everyone a safe, peaceful winter break.

B. Student Representative Report

WHS Student Lana White shared there is a lot of tension at school since coming back after so long. She said especially the underclassmen, since the last time they were in school they were in middle school. She said there is a need to build community.

C. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Mary Templeton said there is a lot going on in the district, and she is headed to a basketball game after the meeting. There have been many holiday concerts the past two weeks, and WHS band concert is Thursday night. Mary turned it over to Kris Grindy to share some good news from the maintenance department. Kris introduced Maintenance Supervisor Jessica Beehner who joined the team in July. Jessica shared that the district received an energy grant from Clark PUD for LED exterior lighting projects at Washougal High School, Gause Elementary School, and Hathaway Elementary School. The total project cost for these sites is \$92,598.15, and with Clark PUD incentives and grant funding, the total cost to WSD is zero. The district will also have an energy savings of over \$8,000 annually. The district will also be able to install 8 new light fixtures on and around the portables at Hathaway Elementary School. These extra lights will provide much needed added brightness and security to the area. Jessica thanked Clark PUD, especially Bill Hibbs, for their generosity.

Assistant Superintendent Renae McMurray welcomed Sadie, and said welcome back to Chuck. Renae shared there are concerts at both Gause and Hathaway coming up.

D. Citizen Comments - General

Wendi Moose spoke via zoom thanking the board for keeping everyone safe. She went on to say that she gets several notices a week of positive cases in her kids schools, and that is why they are wearing masks.

Melanie Wilson spoke via zoom stating that we should lean into social emotional learning (SEL) due to the surgeon general's report on mental health. She went on to say there are real problems that the community can help solve, instead of a phony culture war.

Mimi Latta spoke via zoom supporting the board's efforts to keep everyone safe and enforcing the rules on masks. She said there are voices against this, but the district cannot afford the lawsuits that would come if the district ignored the law.

Patricia spoke in person and said that everyone on the board took the oath of office and that we have the best constitution. She said God bless you all and Merry Christmas.

Cindy O'Mealy submitted written comment thanking the board for upholding the masking policy and for taking COVID seriously. She also said she was an educator for 43 years and was never instructed to teach Critical Race Theory.

Pat Castillo submitted written comment thanking the board for continuing to abide by the state and local health mandates. She also thanked the board for not allowing misinformation to dictate and bully them into putting our children at risk.

Friends of WashougalMoms submitted written comment stating that the public release for the May 11th meeting was falsified and the whole statement was manipulated. There were two attachments included that asked questions and then answered them.

John Latta submitted written comment supporting the board's efforts to keep in-person education safe by enforcing the rules concerning masks and COVID vaccines.

Mimi Latta submitted written comment saying that the board's state recognized excellence has been under attack by outsiders and local sympathizers because the district requires masks to be worn to protect kids.

8. Future Agenda Items

None.

9. Board Evaluation

A. Evaluation - Google Form

The evaluation form is available online for board members to complete.

10. Adjourn

Chuck Carpenter moved to adjourn at 6:57 p.m., and Jim Cooper seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2022

President

Secretary to the Board