

**Washougal School District 112-6
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 2020**

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

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 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.

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

A. Gause Elementary School Improvement Plan

The work session began at 5:00 p.m. Gause Principal Tami Culp, Dean of Students Cindy Coons, and Counselor Catherine Post presented the Gause Elementary School (GES) 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

Angela Hancock thanked GES for their thorough presentation.

Donna Sinclair also gave her thanks to GES, and said she is in awe of the dedication and work. Donna shared that all of our local legislators attended the ESD 112 Legislative Forum last week, and she appreciated the conversation.

Jim Cooper thanked GES, and shared that the Sound Stage radio play was great, as was the city's virtual tree lighting ceremony. Jim also attended the Legislative Forum, and shared it was a big learning experience. Jim shared that he is glad to see the community engaging so much with public comment, and while he sympathizes with parents, he fully supports the superintendent and the advice of medical experts.

Chuck Carpenter said he also enjoyed the Sound Stage radio performance of A Christmas Carol, and shared it was very professional and hoped that we can do more of that.

Cory Chase shared the Legislative Forum was great last week. Cory agreed with Jim about heeding the advice of medical experts, and said that none of this ideal, but the district and board are closely monitoring and listening to all advice from the experts. Cory shared that this organization is one of the most transparent he has ever been a part of.

D. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Mary Templeton shared that she was thrilled to be a part of the A Christmas Carol radio play and the tree lighting ceremony. Mary said the Legislative Forum was well attended, and it was a spirited discussion. Next week is the next Tea Time with Templeton, and WHS Assistant Principal Gary McGarvie will be the special guest.

Assistant Superintendent Aaron Hansen shared that the VFW's Voice of Democracy writing contest concluded, and our students did really well. Aaron gave an update on what the district is doing for student and staff social-emotional health, as well as an equity update.

Assistant Superintendent Renae Burson gave a shout-out to Diana Larson, the Sound Stage advisor, sharing that she does a fantastic job.

E. Citizen Comments - General

Brad Maas, district parent, joined the zoom meeting and spoke about students' weakened mental health and resilience fatigue, and asked that the district work toward a solution to get kids back to in-person learning immediately.

Paige Maas, WHS student, joined the zoom meeting and said students were promised a high quality education, and this is far from it. Paige shared that she is part of the high-risk community, but doesn't live in fear of the virus, and

to stop using her as an excuse to not re-open.

Margaret McCarthy from Unite! joined the zoom meeting and thanked everyone for all the work and partnerships. Margaret spoke about the 'Love Your Life' campaign, and urged everyone to complete the community survey.

Parent Heather Purdin joined the zoom meeting and shared that she has always been a pro-school parent, but this just isn't working, and although it's no one's fault, isolation can have horrible consequences. Heather said we have to do better than virtual, and asked the district to consider in-person school.

Parent Emily Watts joined the zoom meeting, and thanked the board for taking comments. Heather shared that she supports the district, but parents want answers and it is awful watching kids sit in front of screens.

Parent Jesse Poulsen submitted an email (read aloud by Kori Kelly) sharing that many families have pulled their kids out of the district, are homeschooling, or enrolled in private school or out-of-state schools. Jesse asked if the district was concerned by this, and what impact a mass exodus will have on funding next year.

Parent Kelli Eldridge submitted an email (read aloud by Kori Kelly) sharing about an incident at GES where she was not allowed in the building to help her child with a speech appointment. Kelli said she felt her and her daughter's rights were violated, and that policies are inconsistent from school to school.

3. Annual Board Organization

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

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

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

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

Mary thanked the board for their service.

4. Consent Agenda

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

A. Minutes (November 24, 2020)

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:

B. Accounts Payable (1st Run December 2020; Pre-Authorization 2nd Run December 2020)

General Fund

Warrant Numbers 245591 through 245627, totaling \$74,146.83 (Pay date: 11-25-20)
ACH Numbers 202100043 through 202100051, totaling \$20,545.28 (Pay date: 12-11-20)

ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 24422 through 24428, totaling \$5,753.57 (Pay date: 11-25-20)

C. Payroll (November 2020; Pre-Authorization December 2020)

General Fund (\$3,205,348.83)

Warrant Numbers 1000697 – 1000702, totaling \$3,319.62 (Pay date: 11-30-20)
Warrant Numbers 245579 - 245590, totaling \$580,979.55 (Pay date: 11-30-20)
ACH Numbers 202100041 - 202100042, totaling \$18,484.42 (Pay date: 11-30-20)
Non-Warrants, totaling \$2,602,565.24 (Pay date: 11-30-20)

D. Budget Status (September 2020, October 2020)

E. Personnel

Appointments:

Johnattan Curiel, Sous Chef, District-wide, 11/23/20
Sandra Renner, Family Outreach Liaison Coord, District-wide, 12/2/20
Jenny Zumwalt, Secretary, CCMS, 11/20/20
Chelli Larzalere, Para, WHS, 11/30/20

Resignations:

Connie Allred, Playground Assistant, CHS, 12/1/20

Retirements:

Holly Vonderohe, Library Assistant I, HES, 1/1/21

Leaves of Absence:

Lucia Raynor, Day Custodian, CCMS, 11/9/20 - 11/20/20
Marchand Lewis, Cashier, WHS, 11/17/20-11/24/20
Michael Stewart, Para, WHS, 11/30/20 - 12/4/20
Julie Moody, Bus Driver, BB, 12/1/20 - 12/9/20

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; Hancock, aye; Sinclair, aye; Cooper, aye; Carpenter, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Informational Presentations

A. Budget Year Closeout Report

Superintendent Mary Templeton introduced Business Services Director Kris Grindy, who gave the Budget Year Closeout Report for 2019-20. Highlights included beginning and ending fund balances and an overview of each fund. The board thanked Kris for the report.

6. Policy Governance

A. Ends Policy - Educating the Whole Child

Assistant Superintendent Renae Burson presented the ENDS Policy, highlighting data, alignment with the strategic plan, discipline, removing barriers, and moving forward. The board discussed and thanked Renae for all her work.

7. Future Agenda Items

None.

8. Adjourn

Angela Hancock moved to adjourn at 9:13 p.m., and Donna Sinclair seconded. The board voted by roll-call vote as follows: Chase, aye; Hancock, aye; Sinclair, aye; Cooper, aye; Carpenter, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2021

President

Secretary to the Board