

**Washougal School District 112-6  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

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

**Online Zoom Meeting**

**Webinar ID: 891 4688 1428**

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**PRESENT:** Cory Chase, Board Director; Angela Hancock, Board Director; Sadie McKenzie, 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.**

Jason Foster and team presented the Washougal Learning Academy School Improvement plan. Highlights included the explanation of the process behind choosing their mascot, which was voted on by students and families and designed in collaboration with the Cowlitz Tribe. They also gave an overview of how the program is home and family based individualized instruction and shared the successes and challenges of the program. The board discussed and asked questions.

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

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

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

**B. Agenda Revisions**

None.

**3. Consent Agenda**

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

**A. Minutes (January 25, January 27, February 8, 2022)**

**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 247352 through 247414, totaling \$263,992.35 (Pay Date: 1-24-22)

Voids/Cancellations, totaling \$2,285.45 (Pay Date: 1-24-22)

Warrant Numbers 247415 through 247428, totaling \$611,293.78 (Pay Date: 1-31-22)

Warrant Numbers 247429 through 247429, totaling \$161.52 (Pay Date: 1-31-22)

ACH Numbers 212200121 through 212200122, totaling \$19,779.75 (Pay Date: 1-31-22)

Warrant Numbers 247430 through 247498, totaling \$306,637.13 (Pay Date: 2-7-22)

Voids/Cancellations, totaling \$76.82 (Pay Date: 2-7-22)

ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 24548 through 24549, totaling \$760.29 (Pay Date: 1-24-22)

Voids/Cancellations, totaling \$225.00 (Pay Date: 1-24-22)

Warrant Numbers 24561 through 24568, totaling \$25,554.09 (Pay Date: 2-15-22)

Manual Checks, totaling \$388.74 (Pay Date: 12-10-21)

**C. Payroll (January 2022; Pre-Authorization February 2022)**

Payroll (January 2022)

General Fund (\$3,469,458.62)

Warrant Numbers None, totaling \$0.00 (Pay date: January 31, 2022)

Warrant Numbers 247415 - 247428, totaling \$611,293.78 (Pay date: January 31, 2022)

ACH Numbers 212200121 - 212200122, totaling \$19,779.75 (Pay date: January 31, 2022)

Non-Warrants, totaling \$2,825,450.98 (Pay date: January 31, 2022)

**D. Budget Status (December 2021; January 2022)**

## **E. Personnel**

### Appointments:

Christine Greene, Para, WHS, effective 1/28/22  
Alexander Cook, Unite! Youth Engagement Co., DO, effective 2/7/22  
Pornthita Linden, Night Custodian, JMS/CRGE, effective 1/24/22  
AShanise Jackson, Kitchen Assistant, GES, effective 1/27/22  
Danielle Harding (Love), Kitchen Assistant, WHS, effective 2/4/22  
Joan Tommerup, Casual - Enrollment Specialist, DO, effective 2/4/22  
Sue Jarrell, Cook/Cashier, GES, effective 2/16/22  
Alysia Noriega, Tennis Coach, WHS, effective 2/28/22

### Resignations:

Madeline McGinnis, SLP, District Wide, effective 8/15/22  
Christine Turner, Playground Assistant, JMS, effective 1/21/22  
Brenda Rust, Para, CRGE, effective 1/24/22  
Susan Zajack, Kitchen Assistant, HES, effective 2/8/22  
Eric Balholm, Girls Tennis Coach, WHS, effective 2/14/22  
David Williams, Girls Golf Coach, WHS, effective 2/14/22  
Anthony Barrett, Para/Coach, JMS, effective 3/1/22

### Retirements:

Cecilia Goodling, Pre-K Teacher, HES, effective 6/30/22

### Leaves of Absence:

Anna Stanton, Para, GES, 12/6/21-3/7/22  
Alexandra Yost, CTE Pro-Tech, WHS, effective 1/31/22-6/17/22 (Leave of Absence-Partial)  
Carla Morgan, Health Room Assistant, HES, effective 1/5/22-1/16/22  
Jesse Miller, Bus Driver, BB, effective 1/14/22-1/28/22  
Megan Seiber (Huff), Bus Driver, BB, effective 1/21/22-2/1/22  
Mary Alvarez, Library Assistant, GES, effective 1/24/22-2/4/22  
Avira Aryani, Playground Assistant, CHS, effective 3/28/22-4/1/22  
Jesse Miller, Bus Driver, BB, effective 2/7/22-4/1/22  
Cortni Morris, Secretary, CRGE, effective 2/1/22-2/9/22  
Melissa Nickels, Para, WHS, effective 2/4/22-2/11/22  
Jodi Ellis, Para, CRGE, effective 2/7/22-2/17/22  
Natalie Burnett, Para, CRGE, effective 1/27/22-2/5/22  
Darcy Hickey, Teacher, CHS, effective 2/17 - 4/1/22  
Kaitlyn Huegli, Teacher, JMS, effective 3/7 - 6/15/22  
Raechel Cowell, Teacher, CCMS, effective 2/7 - 4/29/22

### Limited Certificate/Out-of-Endorsement Placements:

Benjamin Yung, 1st Grade Teacher, CHS, effective 2/17 - 4/1/2022. Benjamin has an Emergency Substitute Certificate.

## **F. Contracts**

### **G. Donations**

ConMet donation of \$2,800.00 to cover student costs associated with Career and Technical Student Organizations State Conference/Competitions for FBLA and SkillsUSA.

### **H. Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

## **4. Comments**

### **A. Comments - Board of Directors**

Cory Chase recognized Governor Inslee's announcement at his recent press conference regarding the lifting of the indoor mask mandate on March 21st and expressed how happy he was to hear it. Cory explained that the Washougal School District's plan is to continue to follow the law and Governor's orders until March 21st and we are waiting for the Department of Health's updated guidance on other mitigating factors for transitioning to the lifting of the mandate.

Angela Hancock thanked Cory for clarifying points in the Governor's announcement and said we are all tired of it and look forward to the local health department having control. Angela thanked the WLA team for their presentation and stated that winter sports are wrapping up.

Jim Cooper said it is nice to see the state and country able to move forward in the pandemic and shared his concern about the evolving situation with Russia and Ukraine. He also gave a shout-out to the Lady Panthers basketball team for a very successful season and making it to state.

Chuck Carpenter mentioned that it's nice to see there are 32 people in attendance online and there were three written comments submitted to the board and he appreciates all the feedback.

Sadie McKenzie said she was personally very impressed with the behavior of the high school students who peacefully protested the mask mandate. She also said she is excited to see the end of masks in sight.

Angela Hancock said she forgot to mention that she had attended the Washougal High School play, Clue, and as always, it was a great performance and she highly recommends attending.

### **B. Student Representatives**

No students were in attendance.

### **C. Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Mary Templeton expressed the board's collective appreciation of Kori Kelly and Julie Ferguson for their managing of the board meetings. She echoed Cory's enthusiasm about Governor Inslee's announcement of the upcoming end of the mask mandate. She explained that masks will still be required on school busses because they fall under public transportation, which is under a federal mandate. She stated that the Department of Health is scheduled to give updated school guidance on March 7th. Mary shared some highlights of our Career and Technical Education department, while reminding everyone that February is Career and Technical Education Month. A highlight of the program includes the opening of the Panther Cafe in the Excelsior building, which is a breakfast bistro-style environment for students and staff to enjoy breakfast. She gave kudos to Margaret Rice and her team for all their work in bringing exciting, innovative opportunities to Washougal students. She also shared that Margaret was just nominated to be president of her association as well as named the Southwest Washington CTE Administrator of the Year.

Mary went on to share memories of her sixth grade teacher, Mr. Reed and how he impacted not only her life, but the lives of her siblings as well. It is a reminder of the "why" we do what we do.

### **D. Citizen Comments - General**

Rebecca Keith, voter in the Washougal School District, thanked the board for enduring all that has gone on in the last year and for paying attention to the science and following guidance given by professionals. She said there is a solid majority of people who appreciate the work the board does.

Wendi Moose, parent of a Washougal student, thanked the board for following the Covid mandates to keep kids safe and said she recognizes the sacrifices they make as volunteers. Wendi shared her concern about parents handing out items to students outside of schools and hopes that parents know this is happening.

Melanie Wilson said she is speaking for Virginia Frederick, who could not be in attendance. She read Virginia's statement which gave support of holding board meetings via Zoom due to a group of people who just wish to disrupt in-person meetings. She asked the board to please consider making virtual meetings permanent.

Brandii Heaward, a Washougal resident, asked the board to make an official statement that the Washougal School District will enforce optional mask wearing on March 21st. She also said she was shocked and appalled to see administrators telling protesting students to go home when they refused to put on a mask and then, on a following day, they just locked the students out which denied them of their free public education.

Friends of Washougal Moms Too & Skamania Defenders submitted written comment thanking the board for protecting students and keeping them safe. They expressed concern that another group is taking up valuable time, impeding district business and shutting down in-person meetings for their refusal to wear masks.

Mimi Latta submitted written public comment stating that Washougal's state-recognized board has been under attack for requiring masks to be worn to protect our kids in accord with Washington State laws. She expressed her hope that our newest board member will do her best to protect all our students' right to an excellent education and will diligently to understand the curriculum.

Melanie Wilson of the East County Citizens' Alliance submitted written comment offering the group's continued support of the Board and educators and staff within the district who have worked tirelessly to serve the community's children throughout the deadly Covid-19 pandemic. She stated that the recent attempts to discredit school officials and threatening individuals is unacceptable and incompatible with Washougal's traditional democratic and community values.

## **5. Proposals for Action & Comments**

### **A. Citizen Comments Specific to Action Items Below**

No citizens signed up to speak on these items.

**B. Washougal Youth Art Month Proclamation**

Superintendent Templeton stated that the arts have always been held in high regard in the Washougal School District and this is the third year of partnership with WSD and the Washougal Arts and Cultural Alliance to declare March youth arts month. There will be a gallery of youth art at the Excelsior building. Mary then read the proclamation and Cory Chase moved to approve, with Chuck Carpenter seconding. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Chase, aye; Hancock, aye; McKenzie, aye; Cooper, aye; Carpenter, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Roofing Proposal**

Director of Operations and Business Services Kris Grindy presented the Canyon Creek Middle School/Cape Horn-Skye Elementary roof restoration and repair project. She thanked the district for having the foresight to approve set-aside funds for projects such as this. Board Director Chase explained how the board prior to his election saw the need for setting aside funds for future repairs and he is thankful for their foresight so that when needed, we can do these projects. Cory moved to approve the roofing proposal and Chuck Carpenter seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Chase, aye; Hancock, aye; McKenzie, aye; Cooper, aye; Carpenter, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Recommendation to Approve Bus Purchase**

Director Grindy explained that this recommendation is for the replacement of three busses and Cory Chase asked if they are all to be used for school routes, or if one is being outfitted with additional storage underneath to be used solely for field trips. Kris said they will all be used for regular routes, but the one will be used for field trips when it is available. Chuck Carpenter asked how many bids were received for the purchase and Kris explained that we use the state bid process for busses and will be getting them from Western Bus. Angela Hancock commented that the report they received was very detailed and thorough. Cory Chase moved to accept the recommendation and Angela Hancock seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Chase, aye; Hancock, aye; McKenzie, aye; Cooper, aye; Carpenter, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. Board & Superintendent Operating Principles**

Cory Chase explained that these were brought forward previously, but with a new board member, it's important to bring forward again so they are aware and involved in the operating principles. He explained that this is a part of the policy governance that the board follows. Cory thanked the board for taking their time on a weekend to attend a work session and he moved to approve with Chuck Carpenter seconding. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Chase, aye; Hancock, aye; McKenzie, aye; Cooper, aye; Carpenter, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Future Agenda Items**

None

**7. Board Evaluation**

**A. Evaluation - Google Form**

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

**8. Adjourn**

Cory Chase moved to adjourn at 7:19 p.m., and Sadie McKenzie seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Chase, aye; Hancock, aye; McKenzie, aye; Cooper, aye; Carpenter, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

**Dated this 22nd day of March, 2022**

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**President**

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**Secretary to the Board**