

**Washougal School District 112-6
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

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

A. Call to Order, Regular Meeting

Cory Chase called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

B. Agenda Revisions

None.

C. Comments - Board of Directors

Angela Hancock shared that there has been a lot going on. She recently attended Hope training, the board work session on Saturday, the Legislative Conference on Sunday, and a virtual board visit to Hathaway Elementary (HES) on Monday. She said everything is picking up and she can't wait to see people in person.

Donna Sinclair said she was sorry she couldn't attend the board visit to HES, but appreciated the work session and seeing everyone's hard work. She thanked everyone in attendance for staying informed, and said she appreciated hearing everyone's stories. Donna reported on the Legislative Conference, and shared that it is presented by WSSDA, WASA and WASBO all working together to meet student needs. Donna shared that school funding is very complicated, and she learns more every year.

Jim Cooper thanked Cory Chase for sharing the documentary, *Women in Blue*. Jim thanked Kris Grindy for the budget information during Saturday's board work session, and shared that the Legislative Conference was good and helped him to understand the issues. Jim also thanked Renae McMurray for the school visit at HES, and said it was great to see what hybrid is like for students and teachers, which is tough and much harder than in person.

Chuck Carpenter said he enjoyed the HES visit on Monday and seeing kids in school, saying that the class meetings are so sophisticated. Chuck shared that there is a video about how to submit entries for Washougal Youth Arts Month on YouTube.

Cory Chase apologized for not being as involved as he'd like, but he's back and ready to re-engage. He shared that sports are back in full swing, and has been a long time coming. The OPMA rules have changed to allow in-person board meetings again. The district team is getting ready to host again starting on March 9th, which will be a hybrid meeting both in person and via zoom.

D. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Mary Templeton shared that she feels blessed to be part of this team. We are approaching the one-year anniversary of closing schools, and there have been many tough decisions. We have heard that our re-opening has been too fast for some, and too slow for others, but all decisions have been made in a thoughtful, measured way with students at the center. Next week we are bringing 9th graders back, and 9-12 will be back in a hybrid model on March 8th. Mary said she and the team are working on preparations for in-person board meetings, and Kori Kelly will post the regulations and process on the website.

Assistant Superintendent Aaron Hansen showed a sample of the face shields the robotics team is making that will go out to staff. Aaron was able to visit the middle schools on Friday, and said it was great to see students in buildings. He thanked staff for their work to get students back in buildings safely. He said he was able to watch sports online, and thanked the athletics department for setting up streaming. Aaron shared that he participated in a Black History Month celebration at Love at the Cross Church with Pastor Annette Nettles. He also gave updates on the district's equity work.

Assistant Superintendent Renae McMurray thanked HES staff for hosting the board site visit on Monday. She also gave an update on equity work, and shared her appreciation for being a part of the equity team, saying it permeates everything

we do. Renae also gave updates on Hope training, and shared that she is meeting with principals for mid-year SIP planning and review.

E. Citizen Comments - General

Parent Lisa Knapp said she will keep coming to board meetings because she is still watching her kids suffer with learning in a hybrid model which is failing students. She suggested having discovery sessions and parent surveys to see if the district is meeting needs of students.

2. Consent Agenda

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

A. Minutes (February 9, 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 245945-245946, totaling \$3,166.51 (Pay date: 2-18-21)
Warrant Numbers 245947-245971, totaling \$260,368.4 (Pay date: 2-26-21)
ACH Numbers 202100091-202100099, totaling \$10,010 (Pay date: 2-26-21)

ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 24450-24451, totaling \$630.13 (Pay date: 2-26-21)

C. Payroll (Pre-Authorization February 2021)

D. Budget Status (January 2021)

E. Personnel

Appointments:

Evelyn Espinosa, Night Custodian, HES, effective 2/16/21
Brian Curtin, Bus Driver, BB, effective 2/1/21
Christina Levy, Bus Driver, BB, effective 2/1/21
Nancy McGuire, Bus Driver, BB, effective 2/1/21
Danielle Williams, Para, CRGE, effective 2/9/21
Carley Trumbower, Teacher, JMS, effective 2/1 - 6/16/21

Resignations:

Christine Youngren, Executive Chef Supervisor, DO, effective 1/5/21
Sarah Howe, Para, HES, effective 3/2/21

Retirements:

Debra Leifsen, Library Asst I, JMS/CRGE, effective 3/2/21

Leaves of Absence:

Laurie Brown, Teacher, CHS, effective 1/4 - 3/18/21
Scott Rainey, Teacher, JMS, effective 2/16 - 4/2/21
Michael Isotalo, PE Teacher, JMS, effective 3/8 - 4/2/21
Linda Henderson, Tech Support Asst Lead, DO, effective 2/11/21-2/22/21
Lisa Malcom, Cashier, GES, effective 1/14/21 - 2/27/21

F. Contracts

G. 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.

3. Informational Presentations

A. Career & Technical Education (CTE) Month - Governor's Proclamation

Mary Templeton highlighted a few of the programs that CTE offers, and lauded the work of CTE Director Margaret Rice. Margaret will be back this spring with her annual report. Mary then read the Governor's Proclamation.

B. Dual Language Program Planning

Renae McMurray presented the planning that has gone into developing a dual language program, sharing that the task force is looking at a two-way immersion program. The task force is made up of herself, Spanish-speaking families, Sandie Renner (parent liaison), elementary, middle and high school teachers, Betty Gabel, and Chung Savoie (ELL teacher). The role of the task force is to review components, develop pathways, and develop outreach. Renae will present a more complete proposal to the superintendent and board in May 2021. The board asked questions and discussed.

4. Proposals for Action & Comments

A. Citizen Comments Specific to Action Items Below

None.

B. Washougal Youth Arts Month Proclamation

Mary Templeton shared that Washougal has a strong arts community, and the arts help develop creativity, collaboration, problem solving, critical thinking, grit and determination. Mary expressed her thanks for the wonderful collaboration with the city. Mayor Molly Coston joined the zoom meeting, and thanked Mary for attending the city council meeting the previous night. Molly said she receives so many compliments on the activities for Washougal Youth Arts Month. She then recited a poem titled "I am an Artist". Mary read the proclamation and asked for the board's approval to declare and proclaim March 2021 to be "Washougal Youth Arts Month".

Cory Chase moved to approve the Washougal Youth Arts Month Proclamation as presented, and Angela Hancock 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. Future Agenda Items

None.

6. Adjourn

Donna Sinclair moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., and Chuck Carpenter 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 9th day of March, 2021

President

Secretary to the Board