

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

Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Washougal School 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; and Mary Templeton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board. The pre-arranged absence of Assistant Superintendent Aaron Hansen was excused.

1. 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.

C. Comments - Board of Directors

Angela Hancock shared that the audit exit meeting was good, and told Kris Grindy what a good job she did. She said she attended the last Tea Time with Templeton as a member of Unite!, was blown away by the first year teachers at the Jemtegaard Middle School (JMS) site visit, and noted the great work going on with the equity meetings.

Donna Sinclair thanked the anonymous donors who covered the unpaid lunch balances at Gause Elementary (GES). Donna shared she has attended Government to Government meetings, the JMS site visit, met with legislators last week, and attended the equity advisory committee. Donna said she is excited that kids are back and that we are adding more days in person, and that she is looking forward to spring and next school year.

Chuck Carpenter also thanked the anonymous donor, and noted that the family gave nearly \$4,000. Chuck noted that McCord's Toyota also donated. Washougal Youth Arts Month is winding down, but the work is still online for viewing. Chuck thanked staff for the board packet and all the documents that the board can study before the meetings.

Jim Cooper attended the meeting via zoom, and apologized for not being there in person due to a potential COVID exposure. Jim shared that he enjoyed the JMS site visit and enjoyed seeing the engagement and kids in classrooms. Jim said he was thankful for the donations and the incredibly talented kids who participated in Washougal Youth Arts Month.

Cory Chase gave kudos to Mary Templeton and Donna Sinclair for the work at the legislator meetings last week, and shared that they both are very prepared and able to get their point across in a very short period of time. They represent Washougal well.

D. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Mary Templeton echoed that it was a very active two weeks, and it has been a very active year. The end is in sight, and elementary will be coming back four days a week after spring break. We are waiting to hear from the Department of Health before we can adopt three foot distancing in classrooms. Mary predicted that we will be back 5 days a week in the fall. The football game Friday night was thrilling, and the WHS production of War of the Worlds was awesome. Mary mentioned she has a small cameo in the upcoming JMS Soundstage production.

Assistant Superintendent Renae McMurray shared that the board had a site visit at JMS last week, and will have another at WHS on Thursday. Renae said that the team has been busy preparing for elementary to be back in the building four days a week starting April 12th.

E. Citizen Comments - General

Parent Justin Davino joined the zoom meeting and asked that the district open schools 100% without delay. He shared that people are disenchanted with the system, and students have gone from engaged to disconnected.

WHS Students Grace Christensen and Jaisa Wilson joined the zoom meeting and shared they are in favor of going back to school five days a week, and that it seems the district is doing what is best for teachers, not students. They also mentioned that lunch is very short and gave suggestions on how to fix it, and stated that staff should not project their political views on students.

WHS Library Media Specialist Hillary Marshall joined in person to talk about the equity work happening in the district, the harm done to Black students in how they are being treated, and that we need to remember they are teenagers. We can and must do better.

WHS Student Kabiah Blain joined the zoom meeting and apologized for falsely accusing someone at the last board meeting, said she was unaware they were rumors, and that as a leader, you should have evidence. She said her lesson is to speak up against racism so that others don't have to suffer.

WHS Teacher Charlotte Lartey joined the zoom meeting to talk about the reports of harassment made to district administrators, and asked for guidance about what her role is in that scenario. She referenced student focus groups that showed patterns of harassment and said that the board should request the transcripts.

Parent Samantha Cerling joined the zoom meeting and asked about what was done with the results of the student focus groups, asked if parents were called, and asked why a student speaker was forced to apologize. She also stated that Black Lives Matter is not a political movement, Black lives are her children, and their lives matter.

Parent Anand Sathyaraj joined the zoom meeting and said he was there to fight to get kids an education, and asked why there is no in-person instructional time on Wednesdays. He shared his disappointment with the lack of communication and response from the board.

Parent Jammel Gamboa Rose joined the zoom meeting and said her WHS student participated in the student focus group, but she as a parent was not contacted before or after. She asked when the transcripts would be released, and when will something be done to look into the allegations.

Parent Michele Staples joined the zoom meeting to share her disgust that the board demanded a student apology. She demanded accountability for racist staff members and support for students of color.

Board President Cory Chase thanked everyone for their participation, especially the students. He said he appreciated everyone's bravery.

2. Consent Agenda

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

A. Minutes (March 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 246069-246130, totaling \$280,756.71 (Pay date: 3-25-21)

ACH Numbers 202100113-202100121, totaling \$11,607.36 (Pay date: 3-25-21)

Manual Checks #51, totaling \$73,477.38 (Pay date: 3-10-21)

ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 24457-24457, totaling \$6,866. (Pay date: 3-25-21)

Manual Checks #51, totaling \$2,258.05 (Pay date: 3-10-21)

C. Payroll (Pre-Authorization March 2021)

D. Budget Status (February 2021)

E. Personnel

Appointments:

Alia Collins-Friedrichs, Temp Para, HES, effective 3/8/21

Jacey Godinez, Food Service Rover, District-wide, effective 3/15/21

Luke Knight, Temp Para, WHS, effective 3/10/21

Leaves of Absence:

Lisa Malcom, Server II, GES, effective 3/1/21-4/12/21

Sean Elkinton, Tech Support Assistant, JMS/CRGE, effective 2/25/21-8/5/21

Limited Certificates:

Brandon Casteel, Long-Term Substitute Counselor, WHS, effective 3/15/21 - 6/16/21

Jessica Warta, Long-Term Substitute PE Teacher, CRGE, effective 2/10 - 5/21/21

F. Contracts

G. Donations

Anonymous, \$3935.75 for outstanding negative lunch accounts at Gause Elementary

McCord's Toyota, \$1023.19 for outstanding negative lunch accounts at Canyon Creek Middle School

H. Approval of Consent Agenda

Donna Sinclair moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, 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.

3. Informational Presentations

A. Culinary Services Department Update

CTE and Culinary Services Director Margaret Rice, Chef Johnattan Curiel, and Office Manager Sheri Cranford presented the Culinary Services Department Update. Highlights included: the aggressive move to scratch cooking, the history of the program, future goals, the OSPI grant received for equipment, participation data, partnerships, and the Green Schools Program. The board asked questions and discussed.

B. Equity Update

Superintendent Mary Templeton (for Aaron Hansen) shared that the district's equity work has been gritty, challenging, and there have been many courageous conversations. Mary read the district's Equity and Anti-Racism statement, and stated that Black lives matter to us, and racism is not tolerated. Mary highlighted the work of the equity advisory team, the Culturally Responsive Classroom Management trainings, and shared that an equity policy will be coming to the board for approval in the near future. The board asked questions and discussed.

C. Survey Results Update

Director of Communications and Technology Les Brown presented the Spring 2020 and Winter 2020 parent survey results. Highlights included: data from each of the surveys, future survey plans, and some individual positive comments and suggestions for improvement. The board asked questions and discussed.

4. Policy Governance

A. Executive Responsibility 15 - District Calendar

Assistant Superintendent Renae McMurray (for Aaron Hansen) referenced the Executive Responsibility (ER) 15 document and the process of how the calendar is prepared. The board asked questions and discussed.

5. Proposals for Action & Comments

Superintendent Mary Templeton (for Aaron Hansen) asked for approval of the 2021-2022 District Calendar.

A. Citizen Comments Specific to Action Items Below

None.

B. Approval of 2021-2022 District Calendar

Chuck Carpenter moved to approve the 2021-2022 District Calendar 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.

6. Future Agenda Items

None.

7. Adjourn

Cory Chase moved to adjourn at 8:31 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 13th day of April, 2021

President

Secretary to the Board