

**Washougal School District 112-6  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 26, 2022**

**Executive 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; Jim Cooper, Board Director; Chuck Carpenter, Board Director; Sadie McKenzie, 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. Executive Session, 5:00 p.m.**

**A. RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) - Personnel**

Cory Chase called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and immediately recessed to Executive Session.

**2. Opening Items**

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

Cory Chase called the regular meeting back to order at 6:31 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 (March 22, 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 247709 - 247727, totaling \$69,164.46 (Pay Date: 3-19-22)

Warrant Numbers 247728 - 247731, totaling \$484.85 (Pay Date: 3-22-22)

Warrant Numbers 247732 - 247794, totaling \$159,540.79 Voids/Cancellations, totaling \$879.12 (Pay Date: 3-25-22)

Warrant Numbers 247809 - 247809, totaling \$121.68 (Pay Date: 3-30-22)

Warrant Numbers 247810 - 247862, totaling \$192,002.08 Voids/Cancellations, totaling \$51.70 (Pay Date: 3-31-22)

Warrant Numbers 247863 - 247915, totaling \$127,933.92 (Pay Date: 4-15-22)

Warrant Numbers 247916 - 247916, totaling \$73.01 (Pay Date: 4-20-22)

ACH Numbers 212200121 - 212200168 through 212200179, totaling \$1,754.14 (Pay Date: 3-28-22)

ACH Numbers 212200182 - 212200185, totaling \$878.95 (Pay Date: 3-31-22)

ACH Numbers 212200186 - 212200194, totaling \$12,626.88 (Pay Date: 4-18-22)

ACH Numbers 212200195 - 212200195, totaling \$2,000.00 (Pay Date: 4-20-22)

Manual Checks #63, totaling \$94,438.19 (Pay Date: 3-10-22)

ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 24590 - 24590, totaling \$492.75 (Pay Date: 3-19-22)

Warrant Numbers 24591 - 24593, totaling \$200.00 (Pay Date: 3-25-22)

Warrant Numbers 24594 - 24599, totaling \$1,754.90 (Pay Date: 3-31-22)

Warrant Numbers 24600 - 24609, totaling \$2,002.46 (Pay Date: 4-15-22)

Manual Checks #63, totaling \$3,561.47 (Pay Date: 3-10-22)

**C. Payroll (March 2022; Pre-Authorization April 2022)**

General Fund (\$3,540,871.64)

Warrant Numbers 1000863 - 1000866, totaling \$1,767.51 (Pay date: 3-31-22)

Warrant Numbers 247795 - 247808, totaling \$624,40 (Pay date: 3-31-22)

ACH Numbers 212200180 - 212200181, totaling \$20,435.75 (Pay date: 3-31-22)

Non-Warrants, totaling \$2,894,266.11 (Pay date: 3-31-22)

#### **D. Contracts**

#### **E. Budget Status (March 2022)**

#### **F. Personnel**

##### Appointments:

Veronia Orozoco Alvarado, Kitchen Assistant, GES, 3/7/22  
Chelli Larzalere, Para (Temporary), GES, 3/18/22  
Denise Croucher, Assistant Track Coach, CCMS, 3/28/22  
Teresa Lees, Assistant Track Coach, JMS, 3/28/22  
Lisa Bennett, Unite! Youth Resilience Skills Growth Coordinator, DO, 4/11/22  
Jacob Ross, Special Services Administrative Asst, DO, 4/20/22  
Nadia Pasquinelli, Para (Temporary), CRGE, 4/20/22  
Jessica Hermann, Bus Driver (Temporary) / Kitchen Assistant, BB/WHS, 4/13/22  
Sandra Alcantara, Bus Driver (Temporary), BB, 4/14/22  
Yekaterina Tkachenko, Para (Temporary), CCMS, 4/20/22  
Bonnie Stroud, Para, GES, 4/20/22

##### Resignations:

Megan Kanzler, Unite Stop Act Coordinator, DO, 3/31/22  
Brian Amundson, Principal, CHS/CCMS, 6/30/22  
Laura Chamberlain, Special Services Administrative Asst, DO, 4/8/22  
Danielle Love, Kitchen Assistant, WHS, 4/15/22  
Angela Watts, Head Boys Tennis Coach, WHS, 6/30/22  
Pamala Spangenberg, Cook/Cashier, WHS, 4/1/22  
Sean Elkinton, Tech Support Assistant, DO, 6/17/22  
Erick Johnson, Para, CCMS, 4/1/22  
Penny Andrews, Special Services Director, DO, 6/30/22

##### Terminations:

Jenny McCullough (Burns), Para, GES, 3/18/22  
Melissa Mattern, Certificated Substitute, District, 4/26/22

##### Leaves of Absence:

Leo Kurkoski, Bus Driver, BB, 3/5/22-5/6/22  
Julia Miner, Para, HES, 4/11/22-5/20/22  
Kristin Beauchamp, Teacher, WHS, 8/22/22 - 6/17/23  
Lisa Miller, Teacher, HES, 3/21/22 - 4/15/22  
Gina Brasuell, Para, HES, 5/5/22-6/10/22  
Katherine Levin, Speech Language Pathology Assistant, HES, 5/9/22-5/13/22  
Kirstin Albaugh, Counselor, JMS, 5/6 - 6/3/22  
Julie Presant, Teacher, CHS, 8/22 - 12/16/22  
Hillary Marshall, Library Media Specialist, WHS, 4/25 - 6/21/22  
Raechel Cowell, Teacher, CCMS, 5/2 - 6/21/22. Extending request through end of school year, original request approved 2/22/22.

##### Out-of-Endorsement Placements:

Anita Williams, Certificated Long-Term Substitute - English, WHS, 4/18 - 6/21/22. Is not endorsed in English.  
Anita Williams, Certificated Long-Term Substitute - 4th Grade, GES, 1/18 - 4/15/22. Is not endorsed in Elementary Education  
Zachary Hoffman, Certificated Long-Term Substitute - ELA/SS, CCMS, 3/25 - 6/21/22. Is not endorsed in Social Studies.  
Vanessa Flock, Certificated Long-Term Substitute - ELA/SS, CCMS, 10/25/21 - 2/18/22. Is not endorsed in Social Studies.

##### Limited Certificate:

Pamela Crockford, Certificated Long-Term Substitute - English/French, WHS, 1/18/22 - 6/21/22. Substitute Certificate  
Sara Elmore, 5th Grade Teacher, HES, 8/31 - 9/16/22. Certificate issued on 9/17/2021, taught 12 days with a substitute certificate.

#### **G. Field Trips**

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

Cory Chase moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, and Chuck Carpenter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## 4. Comments

### A. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Mary Templeton said that the Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce hosted the State of the Schools last week and she was able to present the excellent work happening in our district. She shared highlights that prove that public education is the bedrock of democracy and she thanked the staff, taxpayers and voters for their support. We see evidence every day of our students rising. She thanked the board for the opportunity to serve Washougal as superintendent. Mary stressed the importance of engaging the community to support our students and shared several examples of partnerships that are benefitting the community and our schools. She also stated that while the board is made aware of large donations of \$1,000.00 or more, she wanted them to know about smaller ones that are given and appreciated as well. For example, recently Silver Springs Computers donated \$300.00 to support children in the area of technology and the daughter of a long-time educator in the Evergreen School District gave \$200.00 in his honor to help students with food. Superintendent Templeton stated that we are preparing our students for the future by teaching 21st century skills. She has seen abundant evidence of these skills, such as creativity, critical thinking, innovation, kindness and appreciation across differences. Just this week, our robotics team was at World's and have now moved on to the Einstein competition. We have a Baking and Pastries student competing at Nationals in SkillsUSA. Locally, our Club 8 Soundstage group had a 50s performance. These are all examples of partnerships helping all of our students to thrive and succeed.

Assistant Superintendent Aaron Hansen reported there are many spring activities happening. Athletics are in full swing, outdoor school is approaching and talk of graduation is heard throughout the district and community. Planning for next year's Professional Development opportunities and posting for positions is also in the works. He shared that he had the opportunity to work with school counselors and other staff on SMART training. This is a group of people who come together in the event of a traumatic situation and mobilize to not only support our students, but students in all schools in our area as needed. He thanked Shannon Van Horn for taking on a leadership role within this group.

Assistant Superintendent Renae McMurray started by recognizing David Cooke who is in Washington DC at a ceremony celebrating teachers and leaders who have been named top in their fields. David is the Washington State Principal of the Year. She commented on the recent dedication of the final phase of the Schmid Ball Fields and the partnership with the district and the city. She shared that she has been watching T-ball recently and it is very entertaining! Renae said the board has an upcoming site visit to Canyon Creek on May 4th to observe some classrooms.

### B. Student Representatives

None.

### C. Board of Directors

Cory Chase also recognized the robotics team and their success at the World competition doing phenomenal work representing Washougal School District and our community on a national and international level. He mentioned that we had an ASL show last week and as always, he heard a lot of positive feedback. The ASL program in Washougal is very strong and he always hears positive feedback regarding it. Cory said that the expansion of the Schmid Fields is a great opportunity for the kids to play baseball and is an asset to our community.

Jim Cooper said it's awesome to hear of the success of Team Mean Machine and successes like that are a part of the reason he chooses to be a board member. He said he does this because he believes in public education and feels it is the future of our democracy. Jim also said he is a big supporter of law enforcement and is grateful to have Cory Chase as part of our board. Additionally, Jim said he is a strong supporter of Comprehensive Sexual Health Education in public schools. He said he thinks badgering and denigration by community members is ineffective.

Chuck Carpenter shared that he enjoyed March and the student art experience at Excelsior. He is looking forward to spring concerts and if anyone is looking for something to do, there are many students productions and activities to enjoy.

Sadie McKenzie said that on behalf of East County Little League, she wanted to express appreciation for all the support of the Washougal School District in the expansion of the Schmid Ball Fields.

Angela Hancock is not feeling well and had no comment at this time.

### D. Citizen Comments - General

Wendi Moose spoke in favor of the Comprehensive Sexual Health Education FLASH curriculum and reminded parents that they have the ability to opt out if they desire. She stated that other parents do not get to dictate her student's education and said that Washington voters approved providing this education by 60%. It was the voters who decided this should be taught and is not being pushed by school districts.

Brandii Heaward expressed her concern that the zoom meetings are not recorded and she knows of no other school districts that do not record their meetings. She went on to say that House Bill 1329 will require public meetings to be recorded effective June 9th. Brandii said that all residents in Washougal should be allowed and encouraged to speak about issues in the schools whether they have kids attending or not.

Patricia Bellamy asked why meetings are only being held via zoom and wants to know what the board has to hide. She said she feels it is cowardly and unethical to hide from your constituents. She then quoted part of an article that was in the recent district newsletter regarding facility use.

Mimi Latta spoke in favor of the school board and the voter passed Comprehensive Sexual Education curriculum. She said she has great confidence in the staff and leadership of the district and all the curriculum is available for review and makes it possible for families to discuss at home and feels parental involvement is crucial. She also stated that parents can opt out. She appreciates the education Washougal Schools provides.

John Latta told the board that he believes what they do is important and it is appreciated. He shared information he read about the Polish mayor and the issues regarding refugees. He told the board to keep up the good work and please continue to do your best.

Friends of Washougal Moms Too submitted written comment supporting the adoption of the FLASH comprehensive sexual education program, saying they know just how important this type of education is for 5th-8th grade. It is vital health education that can provide tools for our students to take care of themselves (sexual and reproductive health), reduce domestic violence, reduce sex abuse, and help to foster healthy relationships. Again, if parents do not agree, they can opt out.

Amy Jarman submitted written comment expressing her concern with the FLASH curriculum. She feels the curriculum for the middle grades normalizes sexual activity, desensitizes children toward sexual activities and glamorizes sex. She urges the board to consider another option for Comprehensive Sex Education curriculum such as Check the Facts as an alternative.

Vicki Cook submitted written comment supporting the district's comprehensive sex education. She said she is a 73 year old grandmother with a grandson in the district and she feels the more education students are given, the better. Vicki expressed that it is the will of the voters to give the education to our students and they should be allowed to attend these classes.

Brian McVay submitted written comment opposing the FLASH curriculum. He said it is the job as educators to teach the core curriculum, not other areas and if this curriculum is adopted, he will pull his children from the district.

Wendi Moose submitted written comment in favor of the comprehensive sexual education program FLASH. She reiterated that parents can opt out if they do not agree with the curriculum, but that other parents do not get to dictate what education her child receives in public school.

Janice D'Aloia submitted written comment asking the board to take more time to locate and review a sex education program that is more sensibly geared to school age children than Flash. She said in her review of the materials, she found a number of areas that are taught at ages that are too young for the content. She stated that she would like to see the curriculum focus on sex education that covers biology, positive moral values, and one that allows our children to keep their innocence a little longer.

Korie Mullenberg submitted written comment and stated that as an adolescent psychiatric nurse and nurse practitioner student, she knows that talking about smoking, drug use, and violence does not lead to more smoking, drug use, and violence. She supports the FLASH curriculum because it is so family centered that it built "Family Led" into its acronym. Parents and kids need tools to discuss these difficult topics and a science backed curriculum to give them the skills needed to navigated complex social interactions and she feels FLASH provides this.

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

### **A. Process and Overview for Instructional Materials Adoption**

Assistant Superintendent Renae McMurray shared a powerpoint highlighting the recommendations from the Instructional Materials Committee. They are proposing the board adopt the FLASH Comprehensive Sexual Health Education curriculum. We are required to start teaching CSHE for grades 6-8 this year and add 5th grade next year. Washougal High School already uses this curriculum for grades 9-12. Renae shared the process involved in getting to this point of asking the board to approve the adoption. It was a months long process that involved staff and parents. She also stated that materials will be provided to parents 30 days before instruction and they have the option to opt out of all or part of the material.

The board discussed and asked questions. Director Chuck Carpenter said comprehensive sexual health education is a necessity, but by his values, there is objectionable material.

Chuck Carpenter made a motion to table the adoption for further review. Board President Chase asked for a second and Sadie McKenzie seconded the motion. The board voted by roll-call vote as follows: Chase, nay; Hancock, nay; Cooper, nay; Carpenter, aye; McKenzie, aye. The motion failed 3-2 against.

Director Chase pointed out that we had not heard citizen comments on this issue yet and he would like to hear from the public.

### **B. Citizen Comments Specific to Action Items**

Donna Sinclair thanked the board for their work. She has a student at the high school and she is in support of the FLASH curriculum. She shared that 57% of voters in Clark County supports this education in public schools. She stated that it provides students with tools to resist sexual harassment.

Brandii Heaward asked the board to vote No on the adoption of the FLASH curriculum. She said that it is the most controversial and the district does have the option of choosing their own curriculum.

Melanie Wilson read a statement by Annie Soutter in support of comprehensive sex education in schools. Annie has three daughters, two of which attend Washougal Schools while the third is not yet school age. She said that she wished she and her classmates had had sex education in school because many mistakes could have been prevented.

Patricia Bellamy spoke in opposition to the FLASH curriculum. She read various parts from the curriculum and urged the board to vote no.

Dean Hiebert said he has two kids in the district. He thanked Dr. Templeton for her response to his email and said he appreciates Chuck and Sadie for voting to postpone the adoption of this curriculum. He said it should be postponed and asked the board to take more time. He went on to make personal comments about Cory Chase and his daughter.

Virginia Frederick said she fully supports the district bringing sex education into the 21st century. She stated that we live in a different world from when she was in school and this curriculum teaches kids how to be safe. She said she particularly likes the strong family component and thinks it will be helpful to families when discussing topics of sex.

Board Director Jim Cooper commented on the process the district took to get to this stage and said he feels comfortable adopting it.

Director Angela Hancock said it is imperative that students get factual information and this curriculum teaches that.

Chuck Carpenter made a motion to adopt the FLASH Comprehensive Sexual Health Education curriculum as presented.

Board President Chase told all speakers that we do listen to their comments, even those who make personal attacks on board members or their families. He then seconded the motion to adopt the curriculum. The board voted by roll-call vote as follows: Chase, aye; Hancock, aye; Cooper, aye; Carpenter, aye; McKenzie, 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 8:24 p.m., 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.

**Dated this 24th day of May, 2022**

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**President**

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**Secretary to the Board**