

**Washougal School District 112-6
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 27, 2021**

**Executive Session 5:30 p.m.; 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; Aaron Hansen, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Student Services; and Mary Templeton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

1. Executive Session, 5:30 p.m.

A. RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) – Personnel

Cory Chase called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and immediately recessed to executive session. The executive session concluded at 6:26 p.m. and the board took a short break.

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 6:34 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

B. Agenda Revisions

None.

C. Comments - Board of Directors

Angela Hancock extended thanks to the Canyon Creek Middle School team for the recent site visit. She said it was nice to see the work going on there.

Donna Sinclair also thanked the Canyon Creek team and Renae McMurray for organizing all the site visits. She said it helps the board to see the work and excellence in our teachers and strategies being used to engage students. Donna also mentioned how encouraging it was to see the work around Culturally Responsive Classroom Management training.

Jim Cooper said he would like to second or third the thanks for the site visit. It was amazing to see the work of the teachers with full classrooms and zooming at the same time. He also gave a shout-out to the Unified Rocket Champs for their Gold and Bronze awards.

Chuck Carpenter also commented on the site visit and how much he enjoyed it. He noted the curriculum and interactions between teachers and students were very heartwarming. He, too, thanked Renae McMurray for organizing the visits.

D. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Mary Templeton started by saying she wanted to highlight our schools fully opening and having students back. She said it is significant what happens when students are with each other and teachers. She shared that the leadership team values teachers, support staff and each other and the district has aspirational visions of fully opening in the fall. She shared that sports and activities are going on and it's so great to see the kids engaged. She gave thanks to Gary McGarvie for his work in making sure everyone is safe while participating. Mary also shared that we are thinking about graduation and actively planning for some kind of in-person ceremony. Another source of celebration is that according to a staff survey, the district has almost 90% of staff vaccinated and Mary highly recommends getting it. She closed with a preview of Teacher Appreciation Week and how excited she is to celebrate our teachers, who are heroes, supporters and champions.

Assistant Superintendent Aaron Hansen shared that he had a busy, fun day starting with meeting with city personnel and discussing a partnership for activities for our citizens. He shared the city's Parks and Recreation Guide and said further information would be coming. He also stated that April and May are busy hiring months and he has been having meetings regarding staffing. He has been visiting school principals and going over enrollment numbers. He ended the day at the high school and saw many students who were masked, either leaving for the day or going on to various activities.

Assistant Superintendent Renae McMurray said she was at Canyon Creek Middle School last week for 100% Day which is a day where students who have 100% of their work completed get to participate in preferred activities while other students continue completing their work. While there, she was able to participate in a paint session. She shared that she is hearing from principals that the transition to four days of in-person learning has been smooth. They shared that the kids are excited to be in school, there has been increased enrollment and positive attendance. Renae also shared that we are now accepting enrollment into our new Dual Language and Transitional Kindergarten programs. There is information on our website and at each school office. She is busy planning for summer school along with Cindy Coons and Heather Kassel. We will have three blocks of dates for summer school this year: June 21-July 1, July 6-July 30 and August 2-13.

E. Citizen Comments - General

None.

3. Consent Agenda

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

A. Minutes (April 13, 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 246219 - 246219, totaling \$250.00 (Pay date: 4-16-21)
Warrant Numbers 246220 - 246250, totaling \$83,451.02 (Pay date: 4-19-21)
Warrant Numbers 246252 - 246277, totaling \$155,483.25 (Pay date: 4-23-21)
Warrant Numbers 246251 - 246251, totaling \$159,060.43 (Pay date: 4-30-21)

ACH Numbers 202100139 - 202100144, totaling \$9,872.97 (Pay date: 4-19-21)
ACH Numbers 202100145 - 202100146, totaling \$3,665.00 (Pay date: 4-23-21)
Manual Checks #52, totaling \$67,718.75 (Pay date: 4-10-21)

ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 24460 - 24462, totaling \$1,238.76 (Pay date: 4-19-21)
Manual Checks #52, totaling \$50.00 (Pay date: 4-10-21)

Transportation Vehicle Fund

Warrant Numbers 175 - 175, totaling \$153,190.94 (Pay date: 4-30-21)

C. Payroll (Pre-Authorization April 2021)

D. Budget Status March 2021

E. Personnel

Appointments:

Rachel Grice, Track Coach, JMS, effective 4/19/21
Nathan Keller, Track Coach, JMS, effective 4/19/21
Colten Cox, Track Coach, JMS, effective 4/19/21
David Lowman, Track & Equipment, JMS, effective 4/19/21
Eric Johnson, Track, JMS, effective 4/19/21
Tim Gasper, Track Coach, CCMS, effective 4/19/21
Allison Sandoval, Track Coach, CCMS, effective 4/19/21
Megan Lambert, Track & Equipment, CCMS, effective 4/19/21
Brandi Leonard, Track, CCMS, effective 4/19/21
Anthony Barrett, Para, JMS, effective 4/15/21
Dylan VanHorn, Para, HES, effective 4/27/21

Resignations:

Kara Prynne, Coach, WHS, effective 3/24/21

Retirements:

Sandra Bell, Server I, GES, effective 4/23/21
Robert Craig, Craftsman, DO, effective 6/30/21
Sharon House, Server II, GES, effective 6/16/21

Leaves of Absence:

Jaymi McQueen, Teacher, HES, effective 4/12 - 9/30/21
Eric Engebretson, Teacher, GES, effective 4/19 - 6/16/21
Darin Kohn, Teacher, JMS, effective 8/25/21 - 8/25/22
Robert Craig, Craftsman, DO, effective 5/5/21 - 5/21/21
Sean Genova, Para, CRGE, effective 4/19/21 - 6/16/21
Dana Bentley, Secretary, GES, effective 5/3/21-5/31/21
David Berquist, N. Custodian, HES, effective 4/15/21 - 4/23/21
Sacha DeBeaumarchais, Teacher, WHS, effective 1/4/21-6/16/21

F. Contracts

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

4. Informational Presentations

A. In-person Learning Plan & Parent Survey Update

Technology and Communications Director Les Brown gave an update on our most recent parent survey, stating that 85% of families say in-person learning is making a difference and they feel the safety measures are working. He also shared that 96% plan to participate full time in the Fall, with 2.5% showing interest in the Washougal Learning Academy and 1.5% looking at submitting a Choice Transfer. Information will be provided to principals to follow up with families.

Assistant Superintendent

Rena McMurray shared a timeline of our Learning Model for 2020-21, from 100% remote in September to small groups of in-person learning at the end of September to two days per week Hybrid in-person and finally transitioning to four days per week Hybrid in-person in April. She mentioned that all buildings have SAEBRS screeners, re-engagement teams and counselors ready to assist students.

Assistant Superintendent Aaron Hansen shared that sports have been underway since February and students are excited to participate. Staff have been organizing creative ways to increase student engagement. Spring sports are ending and winter sports will start on Monday.

B. Culturally Responsive Classroom Management (CRCM) Update: District & WHS

Assistant Superintendent Aaron Hansen spoke of the district's work with Ben Ibale who has been working with our building equity teams. He stated that this work was started in August and will continue next school year. The goal is to have our staff become equity coaches for our students. Mr. Hansen then introduced consultant Ben Ibale who shared a presentation giving an overview of culturally responsive classroom management and the work being done at Washougal.

WHS Principal Sheree Clark shared the equity work happening at Washougal High School. She also shared "what it means to be a Panther" (PRIDE). The board asked questions, discussed and requested a copy of the powerpoint.

5. Policy Revision, first reading

Superintendent Mary Templeton introduced this very exciting work of bringing a new policy to the board for a first reading. She shared that there is no WSSDA model policy on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion so the team researched policies from around the state and the U.S. and wrote our own policy. Assistant Superintendent Aaron Hansen also expressed excitement to be at this point, bringing the policy to the board for a first reading.

A. Policy 0500 - Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

The board ask questions and discussed. The policy will be on the agenda for the May 11 meeting for a second reading and potential approval. It is noted here that the incorrect policy number was listed for Agenda Item 5.A. and in the footer of the policy document which will be corrected for the next reading. The correct policy number is 0050.

6. Future Agenda Items

None. Mary Templeton gave a reminder about the rescheduled Equity Town Hall which is Tuesday, May 4 from 6:00-7:00 pm.

7. Board Evaluation

Cory Chase collected the board's self-evaluation forms.

8. Adjourn

Angela Hancock moved to adjourn at 8:35 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 11th day of May 2021

President

Secretary to the Board