

**Washougal School District 112-6  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

**Regular Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Washougal School District Office Board Room**  
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**PRESENT:** Cory Chase, Board Director; Teresa Lees, Board Director; Ron Dinius, Board Director; Donna Sinclair, Board Director; Angela Hancock, Board Director; Renae Burson, Assistant Superintendent; and Mary Templeton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

**1. Opening Items**

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

Cory Chase called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

**B. Agenda Revisions**

Mary Templeton asked to move the request for approval of the Washougal Youth Arts Month proclamation (agenda item 4.B.) to immediately following the request for approval of the consent agenda (item 2.H.)

**C. Comments - Board of Directors**

Angela Hancock thanked the Transportation, Maintenance, and Public Relations teams for all of their amazing work during the recent inclement weather. Donna Sinclair congratulated the Washougal High School (WHS) girls' basketball team for their incredible success this season and wished them well in the state tournament. Cory Chase said that it is nice to be meeting back in the board room, though he appreciated the recent string of meetings held at each school in the district. This was a great way to connect with the staff and families from each building. Ron Dinius concurred with Cory, adding that he appreciates the immense amount of work that the school staff members put into preparing a School Improvement Plan (SIP) presentation and hosting a meeting.

**D. Superintendent's Update**

Mary Templeton recently participated in the "Serving Up Smiles" program by serving lunches to students at Columbia River Gorge Elementary. She also stopped by the Gause Elementary cafeteria to see the new milk dispensers in action. She thanked Mark Jasper, the district's Food Services Manager, as well as Clark County Public Health - Green Schools Program for the contribution of the milk dispensers. Mary handed out flyers for the upcoming Washougal Youth Arts Month activities, noting that many interesting events and showcases are planned. The WHS productions of **The Odd Couple** (2 versions) were nothing short of amazing! Kudos to Kelly Gregersen and his team. In honor of National Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, Mary asked CTE Director Margaret Rice to share a program update. Margaret spoke about student and program successes, and shared her appreciation for the district's support of the amazing CTE offerings. Assistant Superintendent Renae Burson also "served up smiles", getting to interact with her former students at Gause that day. Renae updated the board with some recent academic achievements, including improved first semester course pass rates at WHS, and a raise in assessment scores for district students. "Washougal Rising!"

**E. Comments-Citizens**

Gail Anderson spoke about the universal shortage of substitute teachers. She asked board members to speak with legislators about ways to fix this problem.

Paul Greenlee spoke about the many positive changes he has witnessed in Washougal School District in the past decade. He also talked about the great upcoming opportunities for students and the community through the Washougal Youth Arts Month in March, encouraging all to participate.

**2. Consent Agenda**

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

**A. Minutes (February 12, 2019)**

**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:

ASB Fund

Manual check #25 (BMO) totaling \$7,748.89 (Pay date: 02/01/2019)

General Fund

Manual check #25 (BMO) totaling \$53,885.47 (Pay date: 02/01/2019)

**C. Payroll (Pre-Authorization February 2019)**

**D. Budget Status (January 2019)**

**E. Personnel**

Appointments:

Holly Vonderohe, Knowledge Bowl, CCMS, 2/1/19-3/21/19

Christina Moses, Knowledge Bowl, CCMS, 2/1/19-3/21/19

Resignations:

Courtney Morgan, Teacher, CRGE, 6/19/2019

Jessica Reude, Para, CCMS, 2/20/19

Leave of Absence:

Jessica Burleson, Para, CRGE, 2/19/19-6/28/19

Released during probationary period:

Ehriel Benitez, Para, HES, 2/15/19

Retirement (correction only):

Margie Shoemaker\*, Day Custodian, CCMS, effective 7/31/19 (\*Margie's retirement was incorrectly listed as a resignation on the 2/12/19 personnel report.)

**F. Contracts**

**G. Donations**

**H. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Ron Dinius moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Teresa Lees seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Due to the agenda revision noted above, Mary Templeton introduced the Washougal Youth Arts Month Proclamation at this point in the meeting. Cory Chase read the proclamation, a joint statement by the City of Washougal (City) and the Washougal School District (WSD). Donna Sinclair moved to approve the proclamation as presented. Angela Hancock seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Washougal Mayor Molly Coston joined Cory to sign the document, noting that it is wonderful for the City to able to collaborate with the district in this month of events, which will improve student learning through arts.

**3. Informational Presentations**

**A. Cascadia Technical Academy Presentation - Craig Downs**

Mary Templeton introduced Craig Downs, Assistant Director, Cascadia Technical Academy (CTA). Craig thanked the board for the opportunity to share information about CTA programs. He shared a brochure as well as CTA's "2018 Report to our Community". Craig spoke to the strong partnership between WSD and CTA, with 63 Washougal students currently attending CTA. He highlighted student and program demographics, student attendance, credits and certifications awarded, and CTA's capital plan, which involves fundraising to receive state match funds to build new facilities. CTA's Foundation Auction will be held on April 20. Board members thanked Craig for the information and expressed interest in touring the CTA facilities.

**B. Middle School Sports League Change Presentation**

Mary Templeton introduced Gary McGarvie, the district's Athletic Director. Gary shared with the board the purpose of the proposed middle school athletic league change, from its current league to the Camas/Evergreen league. He provided the benefits this change would bring to student athletes and families, highlighting the significantly shorter distances to competitions, and an overview of the changes to the program that would result from the league change. He also spoke about the process used to gather input from coaches and families prior to this proposal. Mary Templeton thanked Gary for the transparent and thorough process used to arrive at this recommendation. Gary answered board questions, and board members thanked him for the information.

**4. Proposals for Action**

**A. Approve Change of Middle School Athletic League**

Angela Hancock moved to approve the change of the district's middle school athletic league as presented. Donna Sinclair seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Washougal Youth Arts Month Proclamation**

This agenda item was approved earlier in the meeting.

**5. Future Agenda Items to be Added to the Planning Calendar**

Donna Sinclair asked the board and district administration to consider a discussion about school starting times, including the research related to later student start times.

**6. Board Evaluation**

Cory Chase collected a self-evaluation form from each board member.

**7. Adjourn**

Angela Hancock moved, seconded by Teresa Lees, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**Dated this 12th day of March, 2019**

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**President**

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**Secretary to the Board**