

**Washougal School District 112-6  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 24, 2017**

**Board Work Session, 4:30 p.m.; Regular Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Washougal School District Office Board Room**

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**PRESENT:** Ron Dinius, Board Director; Elaine Pfeifer, Board Director; Teresa Lees, Board Director; Jaron Barney, Board Director; Cory Chase, Board Director; Patricia Boles, Assistant Superintendent; and Mike Stromme, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

**1. Work Session (4:30 p.m.)**

**A. Elementary School Improvement Plans**

Principals and staff members from Cape Horn-Skye, Columbia River Gorge, Gause and Hathaway Elementary Schools shared school improvement presentations with board members in a rotating, small group format.

**2. Regular Meeting - Opening Items (6:30 p.m.)**

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

Ron Dinius called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

**B. Agenda Revisions**

Mike Stromme noted the addition of the approval of a donation for the board's consideration under the consent agenda. Information about the donation was shared with board members.

**C. Comments-Board of Directors and Administrators**

Cory Chase shared that the elementary School Improvement Plan (SIP) presentations at today's workshop were really well put together. He appreciated the emphasis on building relationships and looking at ways to close gaps related to socio-economic status, improving achievement for all students.

Elaine Pfeifer echoed Cory's praise for the presentation, noting that she was struck by each presentation's focus on collaborative efforts, study skills, communication with families, and supportive and nurturing approaches.

Jaron Barney is also impressed with the work being done at the elementary level. Jaron attended the final meeting for 2017 of the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) Legislative Committee. The committee has begun to consider legislative priorities for the 2018 session. The state's regionalization factor is high on this list, and will surely be a point of focus for the upcoming session.

Ron Dinius added that a lot of thought went into the elementary schools' SIP presentations, and that it was nice to see the staff for the brand new Columbia River Gorge Elementary School present tonight.

**D. Superintendent's Update**

Mike Stromme recently met with the founders of the Our City Cares initiative. "Washougal Cares" banners will be part of the message used to bring voice to the sometimes silent topic of suicide. "Signs of Hope" is one part of the campaign. Counselors will be included in discussions about how to help students realize that others do care. Mike also highlighted meal charge practices in the schools, noting that staff works to approach students and families respectfully when there is a negative food service balance. Mike introduced Kathy Whitlock, from the Division of Teaching and Learning at ESD 112. Kathy spoke about the great work done at Washougal High School (WHS) last year through the accreditation process, which takes place every six years. WHS received six commendations for its data-based, student-centered and collaborative planning. Kathy presented a plaque to WHS principal Aaron Hansen.

**E. Comments-Citizens**

Brenda Brock, Public School Employees (PSE) Washougal chapter president, spoke about contract negotiations, since an agreement has not yet been reached. Mediation is scheduled for November 9, and PSE is hopeful. Brenda noted the people in the audience, many of them PSE staff members, adding that they are asking to be rewarded for their hard work, dedication and professionalism.

Sandra Goza has been a para-educator in the district for 21 years. She spoke of cuts in hours, and problems attracting substitutes due to the shorter shifts. She asked the board to encourage the district to bring all PSE staff members back to decent wages, and show appreciation and respect for the jobs they do.

Trish Happs, staff member since 1997, is proud of her job here. She read from statements from two board director candidates to highlight how the board should be supporting staff.

Edy Lanphere, from state-level PSE, shared that other districts were represented in the audience. She noted that schools don't run without classified staff members, and asked the board to support the district's classified employees.

Heidi Kleser, district teacher, shared that it is a privilege to work with many of the people in this room. The services provided by PSE members are essential. It is time to retain the valuable people here, as well as to recruit the very best.

**3. Consent Agenda**

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

## **A. Minutes (October 10, 2017)**

### **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 212067 - 212068, totaling \$410.00 (Pay date: 10/09/2017)  
Warrant Numbers 212069 - 212077, totaling \$30,991.60 (Pay date: 10/16/2017)  
Warrant Numbers 212078 - 212129, totaling \$111,335.29 (Pay date: 10/27/2017)  
Manual Check #9, totaling \$26,435.09 (Pay date: 10/10/2017)  
Manual Check #9, totaling \$15,206.59 (Pay date: 10/10/2017)  
ACH Numbers 171800028 - 171800040, totaling \$6,929.98 (Pay date: 10/27/2017)

#### ASB Fund

Warrant Number 41415, totaling \$1,004.28 (Pay date: 10/16/2017)  
Warrant Number 41416, totaling \$2,041.52 (Pay date: 10/27/2017)  
Manual Check #9, totaling \$5,686.65 (Pay date: 10/10/2017)  
ACH Number 17180004, totaling \$201.34 (Pay date: 10/27/2017)

#### Capital Projects Fund

Warrant Numbers 4334 - 4337, totaling \$40,980.60 (Pay date: 10/27/2017)  
Manual Check #9, totaling \$856.62 (Pay date: 10/10/2017)  
Manual Check #9, totaling \$212.68 (Pay date: 10/10/2017)

## **C. Payroll (Pre-Authorization October 2017)**

### **D. Personnel**

#### Appointments:

- Genova, Sara, Bus Driver, Transp, effective 10/9/17
- Genova, Sean, Para, GES, effective 10/3/17
- Hecking-Hagar, Gabriele, Para, CRGE, effective 10/9/17
- Gibson, Angela, Playground (Bus Super), WHS, effective 9/29/17

#### Resignations:

- Gary, Margery, LAP Teacher, HES, effective 12/31/17
- Futter, Jameson, Boys Basketball, JMS/WHS, effective 10/10/17
- Buck, Jesse, Para, WHS, effective 10/20/17

#### Retirements:

- Heller, Rodney, Grounds/Maintenance, DO, effective 11/30/17
- Walker, Jackie, Grounds/Maintenance, DO, effective 11/17/17

#### Leaves of Absence:

- Mackey-Greene, Christina, School Counselor, WHS, effective 02/01/18 - 06/19/18
- Mahorney, Jen, Choir Teacher, JMS/WHS, effective 10/06/17 - 10/22/17
- Yang, Alice, Teacher, Cape Horn-Skye, effective 09/07/17 - TBD
- Scheuffele, Stephanie, Para, HES, effective 10/9/17 - 11/17/17
- Edwards, Tina, Server II, CCMS, effective 10/9/17 - TBD

### **E. Contracts**

### **D. Donations**

### **F. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Elaine Pfeifer moved to approve the consent agenda with the above-noted addition. Cory Chase seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **4. Informational Presentations**

### **A. Highly Capable Program Presentation**

Mike Stromme introduced Kathy Sloop, Highly Capable Student Specialist. Kathy shared information about the district's annual plan, which was recently approved by the state. She highlighted recent changes in laws related to the program, and spoke about state funding, student identification and professional development for staff. The board thanked Kathy for the informative presentation.

## **5. Future Agenda Items for the Planning Calendar**

None.

**6. Board Evaluation**

Ron Dinius collected the board's self-evaluation forms.

**7. Adjourn**

Jaron Barney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Cory Chase seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017**

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**President**

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**Secretary to the Board**