

**Washougal School District 112-6
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

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; Jim Cooper, Board Director; Chuck Carpenter, Board Director; Sadie McKenzie, Board Director; Aaron Hansen, Assistant Superintendent; and Mary Templeton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

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 6:31 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

B. Agenda Revisions

None.

2. Consent Agenda

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

A. Minutes (January 24, 2023; February 21, 2023)

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 249027 - 249031, totaling \$808.75 (Pay date: 1/19/23)
Warrant Numbers 249032 - 249032, totaling \$1,596.46 (Pay date: 1/23/23)
Warrant Numbers 249046 - 249089, totaling \$211,934.69 (Pay date: 1/25/23)
Warrant Numbers 249090 - 249090, totaling \$2,903.42 (Pay date: 1/27/23)
Warrant Numbers 249091 - 249096, totaling \$20,626.29 (Pay date: 2/1/23)
Warrant Numbers 249097 - 249097, totaling \$124.45 (Pay date: 2/7/23)
Warrant Numbers 249098 - 249102, totaling \$789.88 (Pay date: 2/8/23)
Warrant Numbers 249103 - 249106, totaling \$579.75 (Pay date: 2/15/23)
Warrant Numbers 249107 - 249107, totaling \$2,384.80 (Pay date: 2/16/23)
Warrant Numbers 249108 - 249146, totaling \$170,875.74 (Pay date: 2/17/23)
Warrant Numbers 249147 - 249150, totaling \$569.75 (Pay date: 2/21/23)
ACH Numbers 222300149 - 222300161, totaling \$19,604.34 (Pay date: 1/30/23)
ACH Numbers 222300162 - 222300172, totaling \$21,145.88 (Pay date: 2/13/23)
ACH Numbers 222300173 - 222300182, totaling \$22,884.57 (Pay date: 2/21/23)
Manual Checks #73, totaling \$49,868.81 (1-10-23)

ASB Fund

Warrant Numbers 24779 - 24781, totaling \$425.00 (Pay date: 1/27/23)
Warrant Numbers 24782 - 24782, totaling \$1,311.00 (Pay date: 2/15/23)
Warrant Numbers 24783 - 24783, totaling \$61.00 (Pay date: 2/16/23)
Warrant Numbers 24784 - 24792, totaling \$38,959.42 (Pay date: 2/17/23)
Warrant Numbers 24793 - 24793, totaling \$68.00 (Pay date: 2/21/23)
ACH Numbers 222300183 - 222300183, totaling \$1,200.01 (Pay date: 2/21/23)
Manual Checks #73, totaling \$4,252.80 (Pay date: 1/10/23)

Capital Projects Fund

Warrant Numbers 4557 - 4557, totaling \$7,078.08 (Pay date: 2/7/23)

C. Payroll (January 2023; Pre-Authorization February 2023)

General Fund (\$3,589,192.66)

Warrant Number 1001079 totaling \$2,734.62 (Pay date: 1-12-23)
Warrant Numbers 1001080 - 1001082 totaling \$2,577.95 (Pay date: 1-31-23)
Warrant Numbers 249033 - 249045, totaling \$613,689.90 (Pay date: 1-31-23)
ACH Numbers 222300146 - 222300148, totaling \$19,751.75 (Pay date: 1-31-23)
Non-Warrants, totaling \$844.38 (Pay date: 1-12-23)
Non-Warrants, totaling \$2,949,594.06 (Pay date: 1-31-23)

D. Budget Status (December 2022; January 2023)

E. Personnel

Appointments:

- Dakota Watson, Bus Driver - Temporary , BB, 2/2/23
- Facundo Picho, Night Custodian - Temporary , CCMS, 2/10/23

Coaches:

- Kyle Brumfield, Assistant Baseball Coach, WHS, 2/27/23 - 5/5/23
- Ante Spajic, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, WHS, 2/23/23-5/2/23
- Dakota Andelman, Assistant Track Coach, WHS, 2/27/23-5/13/23

Leaves of Absence:

- Veronica Orozco Alvarado, Cook/Cashier/Kitchen Assistant, WHS, 1/17/23 - 3/31/23
- Jenny Zumwalt, Secretary, CHS, 3/13/23 - 3/17/23
- Roxane West, Para, HES, 1/17/23 - 2/17/23
- Denise Lape, Bus Driver, BB, 1/24/23 - 3/17/23
- Curt Hader, Bus Driver, BB, 2/2/23-4/10/23
- Dana Bentley, Secretary, GES, 2/6/23-2/24/23
- Debra Kelley, Custodian/Warehouse Supervisor, DO, 2/16/23-3/17/23
- Amber Blackwell, Bus Driver, BB, 2/7/23-3/3/23
- Sandra Stevens, Cook/Cashier/Kitchen Assistant, CRGE/JMS, 2/6/23-2/22/23
- Scott (David) Allen, PE Teacher, WHS, 1/30/23 - 6/30/23
- Kimberly Daniels, PE Teacher, CHS, 1/30/23 - 2/10/23
- Hana Gustely, Teacher, CHS, 2/27 - 6/14/23
- Leanna Vaughan, Teacher, CCMS, 2/13 - 3/10/23
- Jason Barnes, Teacher, CCMS, 2/13 - 6/14/23

Retirements:

- Al Seaman, Maintenance Lead, DO, 6/30/23
- Rachel Juarez, Day Custodian, CHS, 2/28/23
- Timothy Davis, Teacher, JMS, 8/31/23
- Carla Ecklund, Teacher, WHS, 6/30/23

Resignations:

- Jennifer Campen, Library Assistant, GES, 2/28/23
- Kristin Beauchamp, Teacher, WHS, 6/14/23
- Tristin Glennon, Occupational Therapist, District, 2/15/23

Limited Certificate:

- Jacob Klackner, LTS - Health/Fitness, WHS, 2/1/23 - 6/14/23

F. Contracts

- Astound, General Fund, wide-area network (WAN) services for the district, \$24,120, 7/1/23 - 7/1/26
- Grand Canyon University-MOU, Agreement for Internships, Practicum and Observations for university students, 1/21/23-1/21/26
- Junior Achievement (JA BizTown), HES, General Fund, Curriculum and Materials for classroom teaching and a day at the JA BizTown on-site town simulation for Hathaway Elementary students, \$800, 22-23 School Year
- MicroK12, General Fund, Core Network Switch and Core Wireless Switch services for district, \$6,740, 7/1/23-7/1/24
- Zoom, General Fund, District Access to Zoom platform for online meeting hosting and classroom environments, \$4,721, 1/23/23-1/23/24
- Amazing Bubble Man, CHS, ASB Fund, Assembly for CHS and CCMS students about social/emotional awareness, \$500, 5/2/23
- Aloha Sound, WHS, General Fund, sound system for WHS graduation ceremony, \$1,880, 6/10/23
- Pegasus Puppet Theatre, HES, ASB Fund, performance of "Stellaluna" show for Hathaway Elementary students, \$511, tbd in March

- Up For Grabs (Juggle Mania), CHS, ASB Fund, performance of "Science Circus Assembly" for Cape Horn-Skye Elementary students, \$400, 3/6/23

G. Donations

- The Today Foundation, \$2,800.00, to Washougal High School Cheer for the intended purpose of purchasing new mats for cheer practice
- ConMet, \$3,600.00, to cover student costs associated with Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) State Conference/Competition

H. Executive Responsibilities 4, 6

I. Revise 2022-23 Board Meeting Calendar

J. WAA Contract

K. Approval of Consent Agenda

Angela Hancock moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, and Sadie McKenzie seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Informational Presentations

A. Washougal Learning Academy School Improvement Plan

Superintendent Mary Templeton introduced Principal Jason Foster and he introduced teachers Rebecca Woodings and Sara Genova (who shared via pre-recorded video). They presented the Washougal Learning Academy's (WLA) School Improvement Plan for 2022-23. They shared how the program has grown from the ground up and it is much more than an online experience. Some of the highlights include using eBinders for the students to showcase their work, enrichment courses and small group and tutoring sessions. Jason shared goals around increasing on-grade-level results and Rebecca shared action steps they are taking. Rebecca read a statement from student Ben Foisy sharing what he likes most about WLA. Parent Sara Ponce and her daughter Evelyn shared what they love about WLA and how it is working for their family. They said they are blessed and thankful to be able to participate in this alternative program.

B. SY 2023-24 Budget Development & Planning Update

Superintendent Templeton gave an overview of Budget Projection Core Facts including the fact that the state does not fully fund public education, enrollment drives funding, and the EP&O Levy makes up 18% of the overall budget. She shared some of the feedback from the survey that went out to patrons, families and staff. Director of Business Services and Operations Kris Grindy shared information regarding clarity around how money is spent and the budget development process for SY 2023-24. Assistant Superintendent Aaron Hansen provided an update on enrollment projections and the staffing process. He shared a staff reduction plan if we end up having a double levy failure.

4. Proposals for Action & Comments

A. Citizen Comments Specific to Action Items Below

Ernie Suggs stated that the city is supportive of the district and is proud to partner with us. He shared that he and his wife raised six daughters who all graduated from Washougal School District and many of them were involved in the arts. Mr. Suggs said the board is responsible for the levy and there are people willing to help if asked.

B. Washougal Youth Arts Month Proclamation

Superintendent Mary Templeton read the proclamation and said that the district has again teamed up with the Washougal Arts and Culture Alliance (WACA) to shine a spotlight on student art throughout March, which is nationally recognized as Youth Arts Month. Ernie Suggs, Washougal City Councilor and mayor pro-tem was present and said that the proclamation was approved by the city council on Monday, February 27th.

Cory Chase moved to approve the Proclamation of Washougal Youth Arts Month, and Chuck Carpenter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Comments

A. Comments - Board of Directors

Cory Chase said he was thankful to those who came out to the listening tour earlier this evening and shared concerns and similar visions. He recognized legislators in the 17th district who took the time to spend with the board and listen to the priorities presented to them. He pointed out the donations that were listed in the consent agenda and expressed his gratitude for those.

Chuck Carpenter said he felt the listening tour was very worthwhile and he took many notes and he hopes people will continue to share information and ask questions even when there is not a levy. He spoke about the value of meeting with the legislators.

Angela Hancock thanked the organizations who donated, she thanked the citizens who came out for the listening tour and said it's a great opportunity to talk face to face. She thanked the WLA team and the family who spoke. Angela said seeing the hard facts of what may be cut if the levy fails a second time made her sad and she plans to actively communicate facts out to the community. She said spring sports started today even amid the winter weather we are experiencing.

Sadie McKenzie said she enjoyed the day on the hill and said she hopes people will ask questions and meet face to face to talk about the levy.

Jim Cooper said he will remain optimistic regarding the levy and another opportunity to showcase what our youth do in the arts with the Youth Arts Month. He said a double levy failure would be devastating for our students.

Cory Chase finished up by saying that the board puts in a lot of time and energy into doing what is best for the students of Washougal.

B. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Templeton had nothing further to add.

C. Citizen Comments - General

Gail Anderson, long time Washougal resident and teacher said she doesn't remember a time when we had a levy failure. She said the community has a strong history of supporting our schools and she is thankful the board is doing the listening tours. Gail said a strong school district makes a strong community and she urged people to support the levy that provides so much for the students. A no vote will not make our schools better; it is counterproductive.

Amy Kettler submitted written public comment thanking Washougal citizens for voting down the levy, saying it would have raised property taxes in a looming recession.

Friends of WashougalMoms submitted written public comment criticizing the board and district leadership and curriculum.

6. Future Agenda Items

None.

7. Board Evaluation

Cory Chase asked the board to complete the evaluation through the emailed link to a google form.

8. Adjourn

Cory Chase moved to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. and Angela Hancock seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2023

President

Secretary to the Board