

**Washougal School District 112-6  
Board of Directors Special Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 30, 2024**

**Board of Directors Special Board Meeting  
Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Washougal School District Office & Online Zoom Meeting  
Webinar ID: 897 9263 2354**

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**PRESENT:** Angela Hancock, Board Director; Jim Cooper, Board Director; Chuck Carpenter, Board Director; Sadie McKenzie, Board Director; Ida Royer, Board Director, Aaron Hansen, Assistant Superintendent; and Mary Templeton, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

**1. Special Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.**

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

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

**B. Discuss Superintendent Vacancy & Next Steps**

Angela Hancock shared that she had been in conversations with an internal employee, Aaron Hansen, to see his interest in accepting the role of Interim Superintendent. This is following Superintendent Mary Templeton's announcement that she will be the new superintendent at Lake Stevens. Angela said that Aaron is well suited to the position, noting his leadership, experience, communication, relationships, problem solving, and knowledge of requirements, policy, and budget. She said she received input from district directors, and feels fortunate to have such a qualified option. Angela stated that during the contract negotiations Aaron agreed to the cuts Mary had previously agreed to, plus some additional cuts.

Jim Cooper thanked Aaron for his willingness to consider the position, and said he is grateful that Aaron considered it. He went on to say that it is late in the season for a full superintendent search. Jim shared that he is sad to see Mary go, and is looking forward to working with Aaron.

Chuck Carpenter said he was happy there were good options, and said that a full superintendent search costs between \$25-30,000, which doesn't make sense right now. Chuck said losing both a superintendent and assistant superintendent at the same time could cause chaos. He went on to say that next school year the board will do a thorough search process.

Sadie McKenzie said she was grateful that Aaron was identified as an option, said he is very qualified and hopes he accepts.

Ida Royer said it won't be an easy job, but is grateful that Aaron considered it. Ida said that stability is important right now, and there is not enough time or money to do a full search.

Angela Hancock said she feels this is a natural step and Aaron is ready for it. Angela said she is thankful and Aaron will be great.

Aaron Hansen said he is thankful, excited, and humbled for the opportunity, and shared that he has always felt supported by this district and wanted to stay. Aaron thanked Camas School District for realizing the importance of the opportunity, and his family for their support. He stated he is all in, knows it will be challenging, but has been training for this. He said he loves this district and staff.

**2. Proposals for Action**

**A. Citizen Comments Specific to Action Items Below**

None.

**B. Appoint Interim Superintendent**

Chuck Carpenter moved to appoint Aaron Hansen as Interim Superintendent, and Sadie McKenzie seconded. The board voted by roll-call vote as follows: Cooper, aye; McKenzie, aye, Royer, aye; Carpenter, aye; Hancock, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Adjourn**

Chuck Carpenter moved to adjourn at 6:41 p.m., and Sadie McKenzie seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024**

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**President**

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**Secretary to the Board**