

**Washougal School District 112-6
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

**Executive Session, 5:00 p.m.; Regular Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Washougal School District Office & Online Zoom Meeting
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PRESENT: Sadie McKenzie, Board Director; Jim Cooper, Board Director; Chuck Carpenter, Board Director; Ida Royer, Board Director; Jane Long, Board Director, and Aaron Hansen, Interim Superintendent and Secretary to the Board.

1. Executive Session, 5:00 p.m.

A. RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) - Legal

B. RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) - Personnel

Sadie McKenzie called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and immediately recessed to executive session until 6:30 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel issues, as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and 42.30.110(1)(g). The board expected to take further action following the executive session.

2. Opening Items - Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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

Sadie McKenzie called the regular meeting back to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

B. Agenda Revisions

Aaron Hansen asked to remove agenda item 4.C. Federal Title Grant Overview Presentation. The presentation will be done at a later date. The order of Proposals for Action was also changed to move item 4.F. Resolution 2024-25-06 to after item 4.B.

3. Consent Agenda

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

A. Minutes (December 10, 2024)

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

Check Numbers 251177-251200, totaling \$108,607.98 (Pay date: 12-13-24)
Check Numbers 251215-251216, totaling \$9,648.75 (Pay date: 1-8-25)
Check Numbers 251217-251259, totaling \$305,888.5 (Pay date: 1-10-25)
ACH Numbers 9000000586-9000000600, totaling \$97,124.812 (Pay date: 12-16-24)
ACH Numbers 9000000601-9000000601, totaling \$528.45 (Pay date: 12-17-24)
ACH Numbers 9000000611-9000000629, totaling \$254,344.16 (Pay date: 1-14-25)
Voids/Cancellations, totaling (\$40.08) (Pay date: 12-16-24)

ASB Fund

Check Numbers 25066-25078, totaling \$17,753.43 (Pay date: 12-13-24)
Check Numbers 25079-25084, totaling \$12,780.19 (Pay date: 1-10-25)
AP ACH Numbers 9000000607-9000000610, totaling \$2,568.49 (Pay date: 1-14-25)

C. Payroll (December 2024)

General Fund (\$3,378,347.53)
Void ACH, totaling (\$2,036.65) (Pay date: 11-29-24)
Reissue Warrant 1001238, totaling \$2,036.65 (Pay date: 12-9-24)
Warrant Numbers 1001239-1001240, totaling \$2,173.66 (Pay date: 12-31-24)
Warrant Numbers 251201-251214, totaling \$583,377.11 (Pay date: 12-31-24)
ACH Numbers 9000000602-9000000606, totaling \$88,549.23 (Pay date: 12-31-24)
Non-Warrants, totaling \$2,704,247.53 (Pay date: 12-31-24)

D. Budget Status (November 2024, December 2024)

E. Contracts

- BorderLAN, DO, General. E-Rate contract for district's firewall that provides internet security and website filtering. \$20,615.00 7/1/25 - 6/30/26
- ESD 112, DO, General. Contract for financial advisory services for the district's bond issuance. \$91,250.00 24-25
- InTouch, DO, General. Agreement for the inTouch Receipting application for the payment processing system. Based on usage 11/24 - 11/25
- NIS, DO, General. Contract for design services for the CHS/CCMS security project. \$33,235.00 24-25
- Concord Theatricals. Script royalty rights agreement for the high school production of "The Wizard of Oz". 5/9/25 - 5/17/25
- Grafton. Contract for staff to attend the Ukeru training to learn "Least Resistance" approach to crisis intervention. 24-25
- Victorian Vineyard. Contract for the high school's 2025 prom venue. 5-3-25
- Department of Children, Youth & Families. Interlocal Agreement for the district's work in conjunction with DCYF under the Every Student Succeeds Act to support students in foster care. 11/24 - 11/27

F. Personnel

Appointments - Coaches:

- Melissa Mendez, Girls Basketball - Assistant, JMS, 1/27/25-3/17/25
- Steven Davis, Girls Basketball - Assistant, JMS, 1/27/25-3/17/25

Appointments:

- LaDonna Davis, Winter Game Manager, WHS, 12/1/24-2/14/25
- Brandi Leonard, Winter Game Manager, WHS, 12/1/24-2/14/25
- Corinne Frechette, Para, WHS, 1/6/25
- Jesse Miller, Night Custodian, CHS, 1/6/25
- Michelle Schultz, Bus Driver, BB, 1/6/25
- Avira Aryani, Para, CHS, 1/6/25
- Jason Barnes, Knowledge Bowl Advisor, CCMS, 1/13/25
- Kerri Daniels, Para-Resource, HES/CRGE, 1/27/25
- Naomi Hernandez, Para, DO, 1/21/25
- Jessica Hopper, Para, CRGE, 1/27/25

Resignations:

- Tyna Timmons, Para, HES, 1/17/25
- Valerie Wagoner, SLP, CRGE, 8/15/25
- Ellen Hein, Teacher, CRGE, 8/15/25

Retirements:

- Diana Larson, Para, JMS, 3/5/25
- Doreen Wilsdon, Teacher, CRGE, 8/31/25

Leaves of Absence:

- Tami Culp, Principal, GES, 12/11/24 - 1/3/25
- Michael Davies, Bus Driver, BB, 12/2/24-1/3/25
- Keely Neketuk, Para, HES, 12/16/24-2/11/25
- Mary Martin, Bus Driver/Playground Asst, BB/JMS, 12/9/24-12/20/24
- Jennifer Morris, Para, JMS, 12/4/24-12/20/24
- Sandra Goza, Para, CCMS, 1/6/25-1/31/25
- Jessica Fischer, Health Room/Student Support Asst, CRGE, 1/20/25-4/15/25
- Devin Fleck, Para, JMS, 1/13/25-6/30/25
- Michelle Rindt, Teacher, CRGE, 1/27/25 - 5/30/25

G. Donations

- Grace Foursquare Church, \$15,000, school supplies, clothing, food, and other items for students and families in need

H. Executive Responsibilities 5, 7

I. Approval to Accept Energy Audit Grants

J. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chuck Carpenter moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Informational Presentations

A. School Board Appreciation

CTE Director Margaret Rice presented the board with gifts made by our metals and woods technology students, and thanked them for all they do. The board received treats from the district office team, and Interim Superintendent Aaron Hansen read the governor's proclamation.

B. Budget Update

The board asked questions and discussed.

C. Federal Title Grant Overview Presentation

As stated above in agenda revisions, this presentation was postponed to a later date.

D. Property Presentation

Aaron Hansen presented, stating that due to new information and the habitat determination, it is unclear how much work it would take to mitigate some of the issues with the property. The recommendation to the board is to terminate the option to purchase, and to withdraw support for the property to be included in the urban growth area (UGA).

E. Superintendent Search Survey Results & Next Steps

Director of Technology, Communications and Operations Les Brown presented on the process used to gather input for the superintendent search. Most information came from the community survey and the board listening opportunity on December 17th. There was support for hiring within and concerns with the cost of an external search.

5. Proposals for Action & Comments

A. Citizen Comments Specific to Action Items Below

Elena Kokta thanked the board for their time and urged them not to purchase the school site and said it would destroy the last remaining woods.

William Carter said thanks for the opportunity to speak. He gave a list of reasons to not purchase the Kysar property, including it being a swamp, and many water problems.

Thomas West thanked the board for allowing him to speak. He said the water issues on the Kysar property was compounded after it was logged, and a school would be disruptive to wildlife that is returning.

Jim Brumberg said that three streams, the slope, and no sewer would be a problem for a school site. He said the traffic would be a problem.

Rick Jarchow said the property has topography problems, it is a wetland with no infrastructure, and is not well suited to a school site.

Brian Beeson said he is opposed to the district acquiring the Kysar property. He said he admired the board volunteering their time and energy.

Megan Light signed up to speak but declined.

B. Decision Regarding Superintendent Position

Chuck Carpenter said the listening event in December was persuasive and that the board received several letters from staff and bargaining groups expressing their support for Mr. Hansen. Chuck said he was in favor of offering the position to Interim Superintendent Aaron Hansen. The board discussed.

Chuck Carpenter moved to approve entering into contract negotiations with Aaron Hansen for the position of Superintendent. Jane Long seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Resolution No. 2024-25-06: Amendment to Option Agreement (order changed in agenda revisions)

Aaron Hansen reminded the board the approval of this resolution is procedural only.

Chuck Carpenter moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-25-06: Amendment to Option Agreement as presented, and Ida Royer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Property Decision

Jim Cooper thanked the community for their input to help fully understand the property. Ida Royer said she appreciated all the engagement.

Jane Long moved to terminate the option to purchase the Kysar property, and Chuck Carpenter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chuck Carpenter moved to withdraw support to include the Kysar property in the UGA (urban growth area), and Jane Long seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolution No. 2024-25-04: Participation in State Bond Guarantee ("SBG") Program, roll call vote

Chuck Carpenter moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-25-04: Participation in State Bond Guarantee ("SBG") Program as presented, and Jim seconded. The board voted by roll-call vote as follows: Cooper, aye; Royer, aye; Carpenter, aye; McKenzie, aye; Long, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Resolution No. 2024-25-05: Refunding Delegation, roll call vote

Ida Royer moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-25-05: Refunding Delegation as presented. The board voted by roll-call vote as follows: Cooper, aye; Royer, aye; Carpenter, aye; McKenzie, aye; Long, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Comments

A. Comments - Board of Directors

Chuck Carpenter thanked the students for the board appreciation artwork, and said it is nice to be appreciated. He also thanked the audience for being in attendance.

Jim Cooper gave a shout out to Riley Vaughan for the national recognition she received for school climate work. Jim thanked the audience.

Jane Long said she is excited to keep working with Aaron as the official superintendent.

Ida Royer recognized the large donation received from Grace Church, and invited the audience members to stay engaged with the district.

Sadie McKenzie also recognized the donation, and said she is excited to bring Aaron on as the official superintendent. Sadie also shared on the recent loss of a former student.

B. Superintendent's Update

Interim Superintendent Aaron Hansen shared that the district is working with staff, students, and the family after the recent tragic loss of former student Mia Lockard. Aaron shared that he presented the "State of the Schools" to both Rotary and Chamber of Commerce. Aaron highlighted the donation from Grace church, the 4th grade field trips to Two Rivers Museum, and the recent college athletics interest meeting put together by Leslie DeShazer.

C. Citizen Comments - General

Susan Lewallen, former WHS teacher, wanted to push back on the term 'indoctrination' being used inappropriately to muddy the meaning. She said teachers are creating critical thinkers, not indoctrinating students.

7. Future Agenda Items

None.

8. Board Evaluation

The evaluation form is available online for board members to complete.

9. Adjourn

Chuck Carpenter moved to adjourn at 7:38 p.m., and Jane Long seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dated this 25th day of February, 2025

President

Secretary to the Board