

**Washougal School District 112-6
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 9, 2025**

Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Washougal School District Office & Online Zoom Meeting

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PRESENT: Jim Cooper, Board Director; Ida Royer, Board Director; Jane Long, Board Director; Paul Hooper, Board Director; and Aaron Hansen, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board. The absence of Board Director Sadie McKenzie was excused.

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

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

Jim Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 (November 25, 2025)

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 252136 - 252168, totaling \$265,222.31 (Pay date: 11-24-25)

Check Numbers 252181 - 252183, totaling \$8,712.65 (Pay date: 12-2-25)

AP ACH Numbers 9000001174 - 9000001196, totaling \$280,832.47 (Pay date: 11-25-25)

AP ACH Numbers 9000001197 - 9000001201, totaling \$24,062.01 (Pay date: 11-26-25)

Wire Transfer Payments 000000233 - 000000233, totaling \$40,359.20 (Pay date: 11-10-25)

ASB Fund

Check Numbers 25189 - 25192, totaling \$3,377.54 (Pay date: 11-24-25)

AP ACH Numbers 9000001171 - 9000001173, totaling \$1,921.07 (Pay date: 11-25-25)

Wire Transfer Payments 000000232 - 000000232, totaling \$6,484.68 (Pay date: 11-10-25)

Capital Projects Fund

Check Numbers 4620 - 4621, totaling \$56,023.99 (Pay date: 11-24-25)

Check Numbers 4622 - 4622, totaling \$24.77 (Pay date: 12-1-25)

AP ACH Numbers 9000001167 - 9000001170, totaling \$103,901.04 (Pay date: 11-25-25)

C. Payroll (November 2025; Pre-Authorization December 2025)

General Fund (\$3,505,417.50)

Warrant Numbers 1001277, totaling \$3,427.63 (Pay date: 11-5-25)

Warrant Numbers 1001278-1001281, totaling \$2,993.12 (Pay date: 11-28-25)

Warrant Numbers 252169-252180, totaling \$629,108.81 (Pay date: 11-28-25)

ACH Numbers 9000001202-9000001206, totaling \$83,845.64 (Pay date: 11-28-25)

Non-Warrants, totaling \$2,786,042.30 (Pay date: 11-28-25)

D. Personnel

Appointments – Winter Coaches:

Eric Johnson, Head Boys Basketball, JMS, 1/26/26-3/11/26

Jacob Ross, Assistant Boys Basketball, JMS, 1/26/26-3/11/26

James Sylvester, Assistant Boys Basketball, JMS, 1/26/26-3/11/26

Nathan Kellar, Assistant Boys Basketball, JMS, 1/26/26-3/11/26
Travis Lambert, Head Boys Basketball, CCMS, 1/26/26-3/11/26
Elizabeth Uelmen-Johnston, Head Girls Basketball, WHS, 11/17/25-2/6/26
William Whetzel, Assistant Girls Basketball, WHS, 11/17/25-2/6/26
Aron LaBree, Head Boys Basketball, WHS, 11/17/25-2/6/26
Jake Klackner, Assistant Boys Basketball, WHS, 11/17/25-2/6/26
Michael Isotalo, Assistant Boys Basketball, WHS, 11/17/25-2/6/26
Greg Guiles, Head Unified Basketball, WHS, 12/2/25-2/7/26
Lin Guiles, Assistant Unified Basketball, WHS, 12/2/25-2/7/26
John Carver, Head Wrestling, WHS, 11/17/25-1/31/26
Heather Carver, Head Wrestling, WHS, 11/17/25-1/31/26
Robert Anderson, Assistant Wrestling, WHS, 11/17/25-1/31/26
Michael Lawson, Assistant Wrestling, WHS, 11/17/25-1/31/26
Jeffrey Lindstrom, Assistant Wrestling, WHS, 11/17/25-1/31/26
Brandi Leonard, Game Manager, WHS, 11/17/25-2/6/26
LaDonna Davis, Game Manager, WHS, 11/17/25-2/6/26

Appointments:

Miles Hoffman, Para, CRGE, 12/1/25
Madelyn Heredia, Para, CRGE, 12/1/25
Cassandra Allen, Night Custodian, CHS, 12/1/25

E. Approval of Consent Agenda

Ida Royer moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, and Paul Hooper seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Oath of Office

A. New and Re-elected Board Directors Oath of Office

Superintendent Aaron Hansen administered the oath of office for Jane Long and Paul Hooper.

4. Informational Presentations

A. Student Representatives

Marley Weaver, Jacob Larzalere and Olivia Rios were in attendance. Marley answered questions about The Jostens Renaissance Conference, Jacob talked about his experiences as the city council student representative, and Olivia gave a Unite! update. The group talked about the work they are doing with district leadership to draft an AI policy. The board asked questions and discussed.

B. Resource Optimization Workgroup Update

Aaron Hansen presented on the Resource Optimization Workgroup (ROW) meeting held on December 4th. Aaron shared that the group was formed to address the challenge of declining enrollment, with the purpose being to identify how best to use district resources. The group split into three subgroups: future programmatic needs and alignment, long-range capital investment planning, and school consolidation. The next meeting is on January 22nd.

5. Proposals for Action & Comments

A. Citizen Comments Specific to Action Items Below

None.

B. Appointment of Pro/Con Committee Members for Renewal Levies (EP & O and Capital)

Jim Cooper moved to approve Chuck Carpenter and Tabitha Shaffer for the pro committee, and Jane Long seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The district received no applicants for the con committee.

C. Approval of Construction Management Firm

Jane Long moved to approve moving forward to enter into contract negotiations with R&C Management for the Selection of Construction Management as presented, and Paul Hooper seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Comments

A. Comments - Board of Directors

Paul Hooper said he appreciated the student rep update and hearing about the AI project. He said he attended a great AI session at the recent WSSDA Conference. He said he is interested in tracking post-secondary progress.

Jane Long said she attended the high school's Pop-a-Plan event and was very impressed with how many community members attended to provide support to our high school students.

Ida Royer said there are lots of concerts and holiday events happening. She also said she is interested to see the benefits of the IXL rollout.

Jim Cooper thanked the high school leaders for the recent site visit, and was interested to hear about the vaping issue and plans to address it. He recognized the recent passing of Molly Coston and her impact on him as a mentor. Jim concluded by announcing his resignation from the board, effective January 30, 2026. He said his priorities are changing as he gets older and wants to spend more time with his family in California.

B. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Aaron Hansen shared about the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra visit to the district, the Walk and Knock/Drive and Drop event on Saturday, a visit to CTA with administrators and legislators, Pop-a-Plan at WHS, and the Jostens Renaissance Regional Conference. The next board listening tour is January 13th at 4:30 at Hathaway and will include information about the upcoming levy. Aaron concluded by thanking the maintenance team for their hard work during the flooding this week.

C. Citizen Comments - General

Ashlee Crawford, district parent, spoke as a follow up from the last board meeting regarding her son and the ongoing transportation safety, record keeping and retaliation issues. Ashlee also said she has concerns that the district is altering records. The board voted unanimously to allow Ashlee to continue beyond the three minute time limit. Ashlee went on to say that there has been a change in the district's communication patterns, there is a financial impact on the community, and if the special education director is allowed to continue, she will pursue legal action.

Jacob Crawford, WHS graduate and brother of above mentioned student, says he sees stress and fear in his brother. He said he also sees the hard work his mom is doing and the retaliation of the district.

Kelley Gutman, grandmother of above mentioned student, says she has witnessed the ongoing challenges her grandson has faced, especially with transportation when his routine is disrupted. Jim Cooper allowed Kelley to continue beyond the three minute time limit. Kelley went on to say that the retaliation has affected the whole family, and wants to ensure the issue is taken seriously.

Two others signed up but chose not to speak.

7. Future Agenda Items

None.

8. Board Evaluation

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

9. Adjourn

Jim Cooper adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Dated this 27th day of January, 2025

President

Secretary to the Board