

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING - 2015
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
SCHOOL COMMONS at 7:30 p.m.
APPROVED MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Board President Amy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Other board members present: Tom Jordan, Sarah Duggan Goldstein, Kirsten Purinton, and Kevin Krueger; Administrator: Mati Palm-Leis; Administrative Assistant: Sue Cornell; Teachers: Barb Krueger, Marleen Ehrlich-Johnson, Margaret Foss, Becky Gillespie, Larry Hermanson, Michelle Jordan, Michael Gillespie (arrived at 8:41 p.m.); Community Members: Kaye Palm-Leis, Pete Petrie, Ann Rose, Jim Rose, Donna Briesemeister, Valerie Fons, John Nickchen, and (Jennifer Munao picked up paperwork at 8:20 p.m., then left); Student: Luukas Palm-Leis.

2. Election of Chairperson: **MSP (T. Jordan/Krueger)** to nominate John Nickchen to the position of Meeting Chairperson. Approved 20-0.

3. Operations Report: Superintendent Mati Palm-Leis shared a Prezi Presentation highlighting the 2014-2015 school year's accomplishments which included: Moon Rocks from the Apollo Space Mission, the fourth year of our RTi Program, The WeatherBug fundraising and installation, the Community Halloween Party, the Jason Project field trip, the community breakfasts and potluck dinners, the Holiday concert, The STEM shuttle visit and water studies, the Chicago/Madison trip, the Great Lakes Shipping all-school voyage, the Character Trait Assemblies, and finally the Buildings and Grounds improvements, the Energy Efficiency Project with the new heating system and moving to propane resulting in a heating cost savings of over \$22,000 from the previous year, and weather stripping the exterior doors.

Mr. Palm-Leis then presented this year's initiatives which include: continue to maintain a balanced budget, the development of Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) program, work on professional development through Professional Learning Communities(PLC), update school webpage, focus on experiential learning through our WINS programs beginning with the theme of Rock Island, update the district's computer infrastructure, and most importantly, stay Committed to Excellence for each and every student in the district.

4. Reading and Approval of the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes: Board Clerk, Kirsten Purinton read the minutes. **MSP (Hermanson/A. Rose)** to approve the minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting as corrected for typographical errors. Approved 20-0.

5. Treasurer's Report: Board Treasurer, Kevin Krueger, presented the 2014-2015 school year Receipts and Expenditures.

Reviewing last year's budget: The **unaudited** 2014-15 Fund 10 total revenue was \$1,236,380.36. The **unaudited** 2014-15 expenditures totaled \$1,213,484.70. This **unaudited** difference will result in an increase in the Fund Balance. The district is still awaiting the the completion of the audit from the accountant which needs to be completed by December 1, 2015.

Looking ahead to this year's budget: The estimated Fund 10 total revenue for the 2015-2016 school year \$1,305,811.00. The estimated expenditures for the 2015-16 school year total \$1,278,277.00 with an estimated increase in Fund Balance of \$27,534.00. Dr. Palm-Leis proposed a total school tax levy of

\$1,289,737.00 in order to finance the proposed school budget.

6. Proposed Budget for 2015-2016: Board Treasurer, Kevin Krueger, read the budget proposed for this school year. **MSP (Purinton/Jorgenson)** to accept the proposed budget with a total revenue of \$1,305,811.00 expenditures of \$1,278,277.00 and a proposed increase in Fund Balance of \$27,534.00. Approved 20-0.

7. Resolutions:

A. MSP (Hermanson/Ehrlich-Johnson/motion amended by Purinton/Ehrlich-Johnson) to set the Board of Education salaries for \$100 per monthly meeting for 2015-16 school year. Approved 20-0.

B. MSP (Jorgenson/A. Rose) to approve permission for the Board to sell and dispose, of school property that is no longer needed or serviceable. Approved 21-0.

C. MSP (Hermanson/Ehrlich-Johnson) to approve the School District to furnish, free of charge, all books, workbooks, and classroom resources for the 2015-2016 school year. Approved 21-0.

D. MSP (Purinton/Ehrlich-Johnson) to approve the School District to furnish free transportation, to and from school, for all pupils who reside two miles or more from school, with pick up points for pupils who reside between one and two miles from school and beyond two miles as needed, during the 2015-2016 school year. Approved 21-0.

E. MSP (T. Jordan/Krueger) to approve, using a student count of 73 students, the adoption the tax levy of \$1,289,737.00 for the 2015-2016 school year in order to finance the proposed school budget. Using the estimated equalized land value of \$301,363,622.00, this tax levy has a projected mill rate of \$4.28/\$1,000 of assessed value. Approved 21-0.

F. MSP (A. Rose/Ehrlich-Johnson) to approve that the Board of Education will set a date and time for the 2016 Annual Meeting by July 31, 2016. Approved 21-0.

8. Closing Discussions: Meeting Chairperson, John Nickchen, asked if anyone had anything else or new business to discuss. There was none.

9. Adjournment: **MSP (Ehrlich-Johnson/Purinton)** to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Approved 21-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Purinton, School Board Clerk
Washington District