

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, December 15, 2016
7:30 P.M. Open Session - School Commons
APPROVED MINUTES**

OPEN SESSION

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - President Amy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.
Other Board Members present: Sarah Duggan Goldstein, Kevin Krueger, Kirsten Purinton, Tom Jordan;
Administrator: Dr. Mati Palm-Leis; Administrative Assistant: Sue Cornell; Teachers: Margaret Foss, Michelle Jordan; Community Members: Valerie Fons (left at 7:50 pm), Hans Lux, Mary Marik; Students: Korrina Ervin, Sangyoon Lee.

1. **MSP (Krueger/Purinton)** to approve the agenda as amended to strike repeated line 13. Approved 5-0.
2. **MSP (Duggan Goldstein/Jordan)** to approve as presented the minutes of the Board of Education monthly meeting on November 17, 2016. Approved 5-0.
3. **Student Council Report** - Korrina and Sangyoon reported that 21 community members attended the Senior Citizen Breakfast on December 12. Student Council is selling candy grams. The most recent hot lunches have been homemade chicken noodle soup and nachos. Finally, members are working on a winter activity for January, and contacting other schools to see if they'd be interested in participating. Sangyoon was bid a fond farewell because he flies home to South Korea next week.
4. **Good News Report** - Dr. Palm-Leis congratulated all of our student and staff on another wonderful Holiday Program showcasing many different talents. He thanked Donna Russell, Donna Briesemeister, Amanda DeWitt, Julian Hagen, and the TPAC Board for making the night so memorable. He acknowledged the Tech Class and Mr. Nuskiewicz, for building the fence and Ms. Enger for the star and artwork. Thank you to the community for raising \$580 for the Washington D.C. trip through the pie sale. Margaret Foss reported on the new Reading Buddy Program. It was started to pair middle school students with elementary students to encourage reading. There will be an activity every other week to bring students together, next Wednesday they will be doing The Night Before Christmas.
5. **Communications** - The District received a thank you card from Steve Groom, a volunteer from the Death's Door Spirits team, expressing his enjoyment of coming to the school in September.
6. **Open Discussion** - Valerie Fons talked about John Nourse facilitating a reading discussion group of about 45 community members on the topic of the book, The New Jim Crow. The topic of the book is social justice and racial bias in the criminal justice system. Valerie would like to invite the school to consider a student representative to be involved in this group's discussions. Dr. Palm-Leis was invited to the discussion, but was unable to attend because it was occurring tonight. He would like to meet with the group and monitor its discussions before any students get involved.
7. **Treasurer' Report** - Kevin Krueger presented the payables for the month in the amount of **\$38,304.77**.
8. **District Administrator's Report** -
 - Margaret Foss gave a recap of the Fall Harvest Voyage. On November 23 the staff met for a half day of inservice discussed the last voyage and had an opportunity to reflect. Positives were: hands on, relevant learning, community involvement, more student choice, the students were able to share their knowledge during presentations, greater accountability and self-reflection by students concerning food and how it is made. A few challenges were: shortage of time to prepare, needing more buy-in from students, and the need for more student choice while meeting curriculum standards. The staff also mapped out future voyages for the next two to three years, some will be new topics, and some will repeat past themes. The voyage this spring will be about Sustainable Living, and next fall will repeat Rock Island and include a school garden. Mrs. Foss was contacted to join a new non-profit island group forming to work at the former Lyon's Vineyard. The grape cultivation will continue, with additional gardens for community and school use. This would tie into the spring and fall voyages nicely.
 - Daily, the staff will monitor the wind chill temperature to know when to have indoor recess. The District hopes to use the gym for indoor recess.
 - The latest Buck's Bulletin highlighted much of the culminating event for the Harvest Voyage.

- Dr. Palm-Leis thanked Kurt Krueger for checking and fixing a few loose shingles at no cost to the District. Summer of 2018 could be a potential time to replace the school's roof with money already set aside in the roofing fund.
- Johnson Controls is in the process of changing the air handling unit in the Wood Shop, and Tony Young will be updating the safety trip switches in the Woodshop.
- Dr. Palm-Leis completed the quarterly water tests, and the results are good.
- Mrs. Krueger found a four-day course in February to prepare of students to take the ACT. The District will be pay the \$30 fee for interested juniors and seniors. More options will be explored for next fall.
- Through the inservice with Dr. Becky Walker, the staff learned of a \$2,000 grant from the Wisconsin Education Foundation to help create a STEM lab, STEM training, as well as, a 3D printer and a vinyl cutter. Mr. Mohn and Ms. Ehrlich-Johnson learned of and attended professional development opportunities in Fact Fluency, Multi-Digit Computation, and Focus Interventions in Math through CESA 7.
- In January, work will occur on a couple different grants, one to fund teacher training at Fox Valley Tech in STEM and a \$25,000 grant to replace and upgrade our current SMART boards.
- Dr. Palm-Leis will attend the Superintendent's meeting in Green Bay
- All community members are invited to a Referendum Committee presentation with refreshments January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the school commons.
- The January Board of Education Meeting is scheduled on Monday, January 16, to accommodate the required referendum resolution vote, and Dr. Palm-Leis and Amy Jorgenson attending the WASB Conference later that week.
- There will be a staff inservice on January 23 and 24 marking the end of the semester and for voyage planning. The District is creating an in-house Leadership Team Working to look into a number of initiatives to improve our school and map out implementation.

9. Board of Education Committee's Reports -

- President's Report - President Amy Jorgenson announced she will be sending administrator's evaluations for all board members to fill out. Then, the board will pick a time in January to meet to review the evaluations.
- Budget Committee - The budget committee reviewed the current budget projections for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years and reviewed the Promissory Notes for moving expenses for three staff members hired last summer. After much searching and comparing, Tom Jordan found a bus for the District to purchase. The price is \$4,000 over the original budget, but it is a 2010, 66 passenger, diesel engine bus from the Madison area. The company will deliver to Northport. The committee recommended purchasing this vehicle. The committee will find a way to sell the oldest bus.
- Learning & Technology Committee - The committee discussed the middle school health curriculum, there will be a meeting in June of the Human Growth and Development Committee to create a more comprehensive program. The committee reviewed the District policy on weighted grades and it is fine as it stands, it will be renumbered in the near future. Michael Gillespie brought to the Board the potential of a trap shooting club, with help of members of the Sportsman Club. There are 40 other WI school districts with such clubs already. There are tournaments to attend, but the District will have to sign up before March 1. Mr. Waldron presented the issues with the IBoss Security System, he is waiting on our Erate evaluation in hopes of replacing our hand-me-down firewall. He suggested that the District look into moving freshman and sophomores to Chromebooks because they are easier to fix, and cheaper to buy. He also talked about the technology grants the District will be applying for and upgrading our SMART boards.
- Policy Committee - The committee recommended approval for two policies for simple renumbering, 341.4 Drivers Education and 341.3 Health Education. Then the committee discussed 345.12 Class Placement based on student's' earned credits and recommends approval of the first reading of this policy. After much discussion, the committee chose to tabled the approval of the second readings of both 345.6 Graduation Requirements and 345.4 Valedictorian & Salutatorian Determination Policies in order align both policies to fit the Class Placement Policy.

- Employee Relation and Personnel Committee - The committee met on December 12 to review current, and future proposed staff allocations and how budget projections align with the Baird budgeting models for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.
- Transportation / Building & Grounds Committee - **Tabled**
- Referendum Committee - The committee members met on December 13 to create a timeline for informational presentations, newspaper articles, and box holders. The committee also chose community members to contact to invite to join the committee and attend the next referendum presentation on January 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The referendum amounts are \$535,00 for 2017-18 and \$570,500 for 2018-19, which is \$30,149 less than the previously passed two-year referendum total amount.

10. Action Items -

- A. **MSP (Jordan/Purinton)** to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of **\$38,304.77**.
Approved 5-0.
- B. Approval of Policy Committee Recommendations
 1. Review and Approval of Policies Renumbered
 - i. **MSP (Krueger/Duggan Goldstein)** to approve the renumbering of the Drivers Education Policy 341.4 and the Health Education Policy 341.3. Approved 5-0.
 2. Review and Approval of First Reading
 - i. **MSP (Jordan/Krueger)** to approve the first reading of the Class Placement Policy 345.12. Approved 5-0.
 3. Review and Approval of Second Reading
 - i. Approval the second and final reading of the Graduation Requirements Policy 345.6. - **Tabled**
 - ii. Approval the second and final reading of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian Policy 345.4. - **Tabled**
- C. Approval of Budget Committee Recommendations
 1. **MSP (Krueger/Jordan)** to approve the Promissory Notes for moving expenses for Miranda Szcpanski . Approved 5-0.
 2. **MSP (Duggan Goldstein/Krueger)** to approve the Promissory Notes for moving expenses for Alyssa Wagner. Approved 5-0.
 3. **MSP (Duggan Goldstein/Purinton)** to approve the Promissory Notes for moving expenses for Anthony Nuskiewicz: . Approved 5-0.
 4. **MSP (Krueger/Duggan Goldstein)** to approve the purchase of the bus in the amount \$29,000. Approved 5-0.
- D. **MSP (Purinton/Duggan Goldstein)** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with CESA 7 for the Child Wellness Project (vision screening program through Lions International). Approved 5-0.
- E. **MSP (Krueger/Jordan)** to accept the gift from Detroit Harbor Ladies Aid in the amount of \$125 for the athletics program and \$500 for Elementary teachers and the Art program. **Roll Call Vote:** Jordan - aye, Krueger - aye, Duggan Goldstein - aye, Jorgenson - aye, Purinton -aye.. Approved 5-0.
- F. **MSP (Krueger/Jordan)** to accept \$100 from Washington Town Mutual Insurance Company for the athletics program. **Roll Call Vote:** Jordan - aye, Krueger - aye, Duggan Goldstein - aye, Jorgenson - aye, Purinton -aye. Approved 5-0.

11. Proposed Future Meetings

Employee Relations & Personnel Comm.	Tabled
Board of Education	January 16 at 7:30 p.m. WISD Commons
Budget Committee	January 16 at 7:00 p.m. WISD Commons
Transportation Building Grounds Comm.	January 16 at 6:30 p.m. WISD Commons
Policy Committee	January 16 at 6:00 p.m. WISD Commons
Learning & Technology Comm.	January 16 at 5:30 p.m. WISD Commons
Referendum Committee	January 11 at 7:00 p.m. WISD Commons

12. **MSP (Purinton/Krueger)** to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Approved 5-0.