

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Monday, February 22, 2021  
School Commons/Remote/Virtual Meeting Open Session - 6:00 p.m.  
APPROVED MINUTES**

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - President Amy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Other Board members presented: Mike Thiekle, Bob Wagner, Sara Sorensen, and Kirsten Purinton; Administrator of Business Services: Sue Cornell; **All other meeting participants attended the meeting remotely using the Zoom platform.** Principal/Curriculum Director: Michelle Kanipes; Other District Employees: Margaret Foss, Marleen Ehrlich-Johnson, Alyssa Wagner, Tom Nikolai, Community members: Steve Kretzmann, Al Kanipes.

1. **MSP (Sorensen/Wagner)** to approve the board agenda as posted. Approved 5-0.

2. **MSP (Wagner/Sorensen)** to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting on January 25, 2021 as presented. Approved 5-0.

3. Public comments will be allowed regarding each agenda item as allowed by the BOE 4. Open Discussion - Bob Wagner asked about critical theory and government/civics education in the district.

5. Communications - The district received a donation note from Renee Glos-Block, Music Fest would like to use the school's lawn this summer, Emily Small of the Community Center Community's request to use the school's parking lot, a letter came from the Association for Equity in Funding. 6. Principal's Report -

- On February 11, the high school students participated in a virtual author interaction with Big Read author Emily St. John Mandel, Station Eleven. There was a different author opportunity for middle school students the following day.
- Parent/Teacher conferences were last week via Zoom.
- The grade level winners of the Zander Blosser handwriting competition and Espark completion students were recognized.
- Margaret Foss hosted another parent focus group on February 4.
- Thank you to Renee Glos-Block for \$500 Technology Education donation, Nancy Lindsey and Michael Seldomridge for the donations of three books, and to Citgo Sister Bay and Cordon Oil Co. for the \$500 donation.
- Mrs. Kanipes shared a thank you note from Chuck Grandy of the WI Legion Post 402 in gratitude for personal letters from students to all island veterans.
- The 2021 Badger Girls and Boys State events are both cancelled due to Covid-19.
- There are 6 students of the class of 2021 currently on track to graduate.
- Students grades 8-11 will register for 2021-22 classes in March.
- The Board received updates from Door County Public Health, Gov. Evers' proposed Biennial Education budget, the boiler system and room custodial closet were cleaned up to pass the insurance company compliance.
- Officer Schultz and Mrs. Kanipes completed the WI School Safety and Security program.
- Update on Spring Sports - Brief update from Gibraltar Athletic Director on softball and baseball season and the change in trap shooting registration payment for the Spring season. 7. Items for

Discussion

WISD BOE UNAPPROVED MINUTES

- Laptop Rotation purchase cycle - Tom Nikolia presented a proposal for laptop rotation purchase for staff using Title IV funds.
- The original Intercom/PA/Bell System needs to be upgraded, Mr. Nikolia proposed a new wi-fi public announcement/bell system purchased with Title IV funds, the IP phone system already is an intercom system.
- Mrs. Kanipes and the Board discussed the proposed 2021-2022 School Calendar and suggested changes.
- The Town board approved 10 persons to use the gym with a number of safety guidelines for activities like pick-up basketball. Amy Jorgenson emailed the Town Chairman concerning shared services, the well the district owns and snow removal services, and any future changes to the gym space.

8. Treasurer's Report

Sue Cornell and Sara Sorensen presented the payables for the month in the amount of \$116,884.15. This includes the seventh payment (\$68,954.37) of the Energy Efficiency Project.

9. Board of Education Committee Reports

Referendum Committee - The committee completed and mailed a second boxholder, and a third boxholder is next.

10. Action Items

1. **MSP (Thielke/Sorensen)** to approve the February Payables in the amount of \$116,884.15. Approved 5-0.  
**MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approval of January Journal Entries in the amount of \$220.49. Approved 5-0.
2. **MSP (Wagner/Purinton)** to accept the donation of \$500 from Renee Glos-Block for the Technology Education Program. Roll Call vote: Jorgenson-aye, Thielke-aye, Sorensen-aye, Wagner-aye, Purinton-aye. Approved 5-0.
3. **MSP (Wagner/Sorensen)** to approve the reimbursement of trap league registration fees of \$35 to parents after completing the season. Approved 5-0.
4. **MSP (Wagner/Jorgenson)** to approve a teacher committee for annual review of the Employee Handbook. Approved 5-0.
5. **MSP (Purinton/Sorensen)** to approve of the 2021-2022 school calendar.
6. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approve the purchase of a new intercom system from Innovate Wireless in the amount of \$7462. Approved 5-0.
7. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approve the class of 2021 of six students pending completing their requirements. Approved 5-0.
8. **MSP (Wagner/Purinton)** to approve the Sunshine House contract in the amount of \$7,600 for twenty weeks/2nd semester for one virtual special education student. Approved 5-0.
9. **MSP (Sorensen/Thielke)** to approve the request from the Music Fest Committee to use the front lawn and piano on August 10, 2021. Approved 5-0.
10. **MSP (Wagner/Jorgenson)** to approve the purchase of five laptops in the amount of \$4,895. Approved 5-0.

11. Proposed Future Meetings Dates

Employee Relations and Personnel Committee TBD WISD Library Budget Committee TBD

Referendum Committee TBD

Monthly Board of Education March 29 WISD Commons

12. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Approved 5-0.