

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021  
WASHINGTON ISLAND, WI 54246  
OPEN AND CLOSED SESSIONS at 6:00 p.m. - SCHOOL LIBRARY  
APPROVED MINUTES**

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - President Amy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Other Board members presented: Bob Wagner, Sara Sorensen, Kirsten Purinton, and Mike Thielke; Administrator of Business Services: Sue Cornell; Community member: Robert Cornell; **All other meeting participants attended the meeting remotely using the Zoom platform.** Principal/Curriculum Director: Michelle Kanipes; Teacher: Kayla Mann; Community members: Steve Kretzman.

1. **MSP (Thielke/Wagner)** to approve the board agenda as posted. Approved 5-0.
2. **MSP (Wagner/Sorensen)** to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings on June 28, 2021 as amended. Approved 5-0.
3. Public comments will be allowed regarding each agenda item as allowed by the BOE.
4. Open Discussion - none.
5. Communications - The district received a thank you note from the Community Center Committee for use of the parking lot for their fundraiser.
6. Principal's Report -
  - Michelle Welke completed her final five credits to be accredited to teach NWTC classes for our students to earn dual credit with an in-person instructor.
  - WISD was chosen to be part of the pilot program for the updated Educator Effectiveness model working closely with CESA 7.
  - The high school students will take the ASVAB test this fall.
  - The WISD received a \$9,000 REAP grant.
7. Items for Discussion -
  - NTIA grant application - Robert Cornell provided a resolution for the Board to review for acceptance. This resolution would create a partnership with Washington Island School District, Town of Washington, The Washington Island Electric Cooperative, and the County of Door to apply for a NTIA grant to help provide broadband expansion throughout the Island
  - Covid restrictions - Back to School - The Board reviewed all the information received from CESA 7 Survey from 35 school districts about plans for masking, quarantine lengths for positive cases, and close contact requirements, and contract tracing. Most schools are having optional masking,
  - Both school buses underwent inspections, and both buses will need some maintenance prior to the start of school.
  - The district is applying for Emergency Connectivity Funds, this grant could be used to purchase computing devices.
8. Treasurer's Report - Sue Cornell and Sara Sorensen presented the monthly payables and journal entries. There were additional payables from the 2020-21 past fiscal year to approve, there are a number of year-end journal entries including: property tax funding, the energy efficiency project, and special education fund transfers.
9. Board of Education Committee Reports

- President Report - Amy Jorgenson requested a beginning of the year pep rally to start the school year on a positive note.
- The Employee Relations and Personnel Committee met today and began reviewing the Employee Handbook. The committee has requested legal advice on multiple topics in the Employee Handbook, there were a couple of changes to the student handbook, and no changes to the athletic handbook.

10. Action Items

1. Approve payment of bills:
  - a. **MSP (Thielke/Wagner)** to approve the July payables in the amount of \$85,569.61. Approved 5-0.
  - b. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approve the additional June payables in the amount of \$38,048.68. Approved 5-0.
  - c. **MSP (Thielke/Sorensen)** to approve the June Journal Entries in the amount of \$672,745.95.
2. **MSP (Thielke/Sorensen)** to approve of the additional flooring bid in the amount of \$16,331.42
3. **MSP (Jorgenson/Thielke)** to approve the 2021-2022 COVID Restrictions with optional masking for all students, students testing positive with COVID will stay out 10 days, and siblings of positive students to quarantine also, but close contact not required to quarantine.
4. Approval of the 2021-2022 Employee Handbook - Tabled.
5. **MSP (Sorensen/Thielke)** Approval of the 2021-2022 Student Handbooks, including Athletic Handbook
6. **MSP (Wagner/Sorensen)** to approve the transfer of funds of \$50,000 to Fund 46, a long term capital improvement trust fund. Roll Call vote: Jorgenson-aye, Wagner-aye, Sorensen-aye, Thielke-aye, Purinton-aye. Approved 5-0.
7. **MSP (Thielke/Sorensen)** to approve of NTIA grant application partnership. Approved 5-0.
8. **MSP (Sorensen/Thielke)** to approve the custodial hire, Brennan VerBoomen. Approved 5-0.

9. Proposed Future Meetings Dates

Committee of the Whole	TBD	WISD Library
Monthly Board of Education	August 23, 2021	WISD Library

Closed Session:

**MSP (Purinton/Thielke)** to go into closed session at 9:07 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (e) (f) the Board of Education may move into Closed Session for the purpose listed below. Roll call vote: Jorgenson-aye, Sorensen-aye, Wagner-aye, Thielke-aye, Purinton-aye. Approved 5-0.

A. Personnel

Please note that this section of the meeting will have a separate zoom identification and the public and media is not allowed to attend this portion of the meeting.

**MSP (Thielke/Sorensen)** to adjourn Executive (Closed) Session to reconvene into Open Session at 9: 26 p.m. Roll Call vote: Jorgenson-aye, Wagner-aye, Sorensen-aye, Thielke-aye, Purinton-aye. Approved 5-0.

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10. **MSP (Purinton/Thielke)** to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Approved 5-0.