

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021  
Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. with  
Open Session to immediately follow in the School Library  
APPROVED MINUTES**

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - President Amy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other Board members presented: Bob Wagner, Sara Sorensen, Kirsten Purinton, and Mike Thielke; Administrator of Business Services: Sue Cornell; **All other meeting participants attended the meeting remotely using the Zoom platform.** Principal/Curriculum Director: Michelle Kanipes; School Employees: Kayla Mann, Miranda Dahlke, Alyssa Wagner, Margaret Foss, Zuzka Krueger; Community members: Emily Small, Krista Gunnlaugsson, Robyn Weilbaker.

Move to Closed Session - MSP (Wagner/Thielke) to approve convening in Executive (Closed) session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Approved 5-0.

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**MSP (Purinton/Wagner)** to adjourn Executive (Closed) Session to reconvene into Open Session at 7:45 p.m. Roll Call vote: Jorgenson-aye, Wagner-aye, Sorensen-aye, Thielke-aye, Purinton-aye.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

1. **MSP (Sorensen/Thielke)** to approve the board agenda as posted. Approved 5-0.
2. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approve the minutes of the Board of Education monthly meeting on July 26, 2021, and the special meeting on August 10, 2021, as presented. Approved 5-0.
3. Public comment 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 and donation for the library, and two letters from parents concerning COVID safety protocols for the upcoming school year.
6. Principal's Report - Miranda Dahkle shared her third experience with her cohorts from the yearly Samsung Solve for Tomorrow educators, via online with MindSpark. She also signed up and was chosen to participate with educators across the state to review 8th grade science questions for the Forward state exam. This was an intense three full day virtual event.
7. Items for Discussion
  - Covid plan back to school - The board reviewed Covid safety protocols from Door County Public Health Department, data from the local clinic, Wisconsin Department of Health, and the CDC. The board would like to review this material monthly, and may update its safety protocols at that time. The board will be moving forward with required masking to begin the school year in the school building and on transportation. Additional cleaning will be continued, hand sanitizing stations will be provided, but there will not be daily temperature checks. Parents are advised to

keep students experiencing any illnesses home. Again, all data will be reviewed monthly by the board.

- Building and Bathroom updates - Mrs. Cornell reported that the flooring installation should be complete by the end of the week, painting of rooms is currently ongoing, there is a lot of cleaning that still needs to be done. The new flooring, toilets, stall partitions are completely installed. Automated toilet flushing devices, automatic sinks, paper towel and toilet dispensers are backordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive. Right now all the bathrooms are functional, but will continue to be updated as materials arrive.

8. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer, Sara Sorensen, and Mrs. Cornell presented the payables for the month in the amount of \$57,402.16 and July journal entries of \$302,095.05.

9. Board of Education Committee Reports

- President's Report - Amy Jorgenson is very excited about our new staff members and for the start of another great school year.
- Employee Relations and Personnel Committee - The committee met to review the Employee Handbook, many topographical errors were corrected, and the only other change had to do with stating past practice that accumulated sick days could be used to offset cost of health insurance after a teacher had retired after 20 or more years in the district.

10. Action Items

1. Approve payment of bills.
  - a. **MSP (Thielke/Wagner)** to approve the August payables in the amount of \$57,402.16. Approved 5-0.
  - b. **MSP (Wagner/Sorensen)** to approve the July Journal Entries in the amount of \$302,095.05. Approved 5-0.
2. **MSP (Wagner/Sorensen)** to approve the 2021-2022 COVID Restrictions Plan: beginning the year with mandatory masking in the school building and on transportation and additional cleaning protocols. The motion was amended (**Wagner/Sorensen**) to add that NO Hybrid/Virtual model will be offered this year, only in-person instruction. Approved 5-0.
3. Approval of Tech Ed Teacher contract - Tabled.
4. Approval of part-time teaching contract - Tabled.
5. **MSP (Wagner/Sorensen)** to accept the \$100 donation to the library from Christine and Thomas Pyka. Roll Call vote: Wagner-aye, Jorgenson-aye, Sorensen-aye, Thielke-aye, Purinton-aye. Approved 5-0.
6. **MSP (Wagner/Purinton)** to approve the updated 2021-2022 Employee Handbook. Approved 5-0.
7. **MSP (Purinton/Thielke)** to approve a letter of intent for Alyssa Wagner as the Bucks Bulletin Editor. Approved 5-0.
8. **MSP (Wagner/Sorensen)** to approve a letter of intent for Michelle Welke as the Student Council Advisor. Approved 5-0.

11. Proposed Future Meetings Dates

Committee of the Whole	TBD	WISD Library
Monthly Board of Education	September 27, 2021	WISD Library

12. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Approved 5-0.