

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021  
Open Session at 6:00 p.m. 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; Principal/Curriculum Director: Michelle Kanipes; **All other meeting participants attended the meeting remotely using the Zoom platform.** School Employees: Michelle Welke; Margaret Foss, Miranda Dahlke; Community members: Steve Kretzmann, Helene Meyer, Krista Gunnlaugsson.

1. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approve the board agenda posted. Approved 5-0.
2. **MSP (Thielke/Sorensen)** to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings on August 23, 2021, as presented. Approved 5-0.
3. Public comments will be allowed regarding each agenda item as allowed by the BOE.
4. Open Discussion - none.
5. Communications - Tom Nikolai wrote, assisted by Sue Cornell, a grant application. The district just received notice of a federal grant, Emergency Connectivity Funds, in the amount of \$23,110.10 to purchase 58 new Chromebooks. Each student will be given a chromebook, per grant requirements, to use at home.
6. Principal's Report
  - Congratulations to the middle school team Sea Perch Team and Ms. Dahlke, on their strong showing at the virtual international competition last June.
  - Thank you to Virginia Thomas for the \$500 donation for library books, and to Deb Weyman of Fair Isle Book Store.
  - Congratulations to Michelle Welke for completing her graduate work in mathematics, ensuring her NWTTC adjunct teaching qualifications.
  - Mr. VerBoomen, Ms. Dahlke, and the 6,7,8th graders took part in the 2021 Monarch Butterfly Tagging event on Plum Island.
  - Fastbridge testing for students 3-12th grader for universal screening and progress monitoring occurred last week.
  - 2021 FORWARD state testing results were mailed to all families. ACT and ACT Aspire were mailed directly to families. The WI DPI Alternative Accountability Determination Report (used because of the small school population), was submitted.
  - For the first time in 7 years, there is a mid-high school soccer team coached by volunteer Kirsten Purinton. The 14 player team has played five games, with great improvement seen at each game.
  - Homecoming activities are planned for this week including attendance to the home soccer game on Thursday.
  - Grades 1-12 will go to Rock Island for the Beowulf performance on October 1.
  - Progress reports for the first quarter will be mailed early next month, the quarter ends November 2.
  - October 7 is the Public Health flu vaccine clinic on the island. Paperwork was sent home to parents.

- High schoolers will take the YRA survey on October 7-8.
- Student-Parent-Teacher conferences are October 13-14.
- Juniors and seniors taking NWTC courses for dual enrollment, will complete their first eight week courses on October 11, the second eighth week courses begin October 20.
- Staff have worked to complete requirements for the Safe Schools recertification program, and Officer Schultz completed the exterior and interior door room number plan for the School Safety and Security Audit. The board will review the safety and security plan in November.
- The Door County Public Health notes from the school covid meetings were shared with the board.
- Juniors and seniors' family were mailed 2021-22 American Rescue Plan HEER III Funding Financial Aid Policies and Procedure information.
- Thank you note from Donna Breisemeister.
- WI Foundation Scholarship informational letter.
- The district received a note from Butch Gordon informing the district of the end to the WI Memorial Scholarship due to a depletion of funds. The scholarship was awarded for over 40 years in honor of his father, Frank C. Gordon.
- Thank you from former superintendent Tammy Kielbasa's family thanking the district for flowers in her memory..

#### 7. Items for Discussion

- Snow plowing and shoveling - Jonathan Mann said the town crew will be available to plow the school parking lots and driveway this winter. School custodian Brennan will be paid to do the shoveling.
- Propane - Only one contractor will deliver propane to the school. Raymond Hansen, of Hansen Propane Company, submitted a bid for up to 9,000 gallons of propane for the period October 1, 2021 to June 1, 2022 for the price of \$2.30.
- Covid updates - Information from Door County Public Health shows covid cases rising in the county. All the county schools have mask mandates now in place at their districts now. The recommendation is to leave the mask mandates in place at this time.

8. 2021-2022 preliminary budget overview - Addressed in the budget committee report.

9. Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cornell and treasurer, Sara Sorensen, presented the payables for the month in the amount of \$105,066.48 and journal entries of \$439,499.97. Flooring costs, items for the bathroom remodel project, painting, bus tires and repairs, health insurance, etc. Bathroom expenditures will be reimbursed by the federal ESSER II funds.

#### 10. Board of Education Committee Reports -

- Budget Committee - The committee met to review the preliminary budget, and are recommending decreasing the referendum amount for just this year due to the influx in federal covid funding. The committee recommended decreasing the referendum amount for the 2021-2022 by \$200,000 because of the federal ESSER funds we received and less funds expended in the spring of 2020. The recommendation will need a vote by the board at a special meeting. This suggestion would only be for the current budget cycle. The referendum amount for the following year would stay at the vote approved amount.

#### 11. Action Items

- A. Approve payment of bills.
  - a. **MSP (Sorensen/Thielke)** to approve the September payables in the amount of \$105,066.48. Approved 5-0.
  - b. **MSP (Thielke/Wagner)** to approve the August journal entries in the amount of \$332.59. Approved 5-0.
- B. **MSP (Purinton/Thielke)** to approve the paraprofessional letters of intent for Karin Baxter and Rylee Johnson. Approved 5-0.
- C. **MSP (Purinton/Thielke)** to accept the \$500 donation from Virginia Thomas for the library. Roll Call vote: Jorgenson-aye, Wagner-aye, Sorensen-aye, Thielke-aye, Purinton-aye. Approved 5-0.
- D. **MSP (Wagner/Purinton)** to approve the 2021-2022 September pupil count of 55 FTEs. Approved 5-0.
- E. **MSP (Thielke/Sorensen)** to approve the 2021-2022 propane bid proposal for up to 9,000 gallons of delivered propane for the period between October 1, 2021 to June 1, 2022 for the price of \$2.30/gallon. Approved 5-0.

12. Proposed Future Meetings Dates

Special Meeting	September 30, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.	WISD Commons
Annual Meeting	October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.	WISD Commons
Monthly Board of Education	October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.	WISD Commons

13. **MSP (Wagner/Sorensen)** adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Approved 5-0.