

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021  
SCHOOL COMMONS AT 7:00 p.m.  
APPROVED MINUTES**

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**1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance** - President Amy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other board members present in person: Sara Sorensen, Kirsten Purinton, Bob Wagner (absent: Mike Thielke). Also in attendance in person: Sue Cornell, Don Riewe, Betsy Boshka, Attending via Zoom: Donna Breisemeister, Krista Gunnlaugsson, Larry Kahlscheuer Non-voting attendee: Michelle Welke, Michelle Kanipes, Stephanie Wallace.

**2. Election of Chairperson - MSP (S. Sorensen/B. Wagner)** to nominate Don Riewe to the position of meeting chairperson. Approved by a majority vote.

**3. 2020 Annual Meeting minutes - MSP (S. Sorensen/S. Cornell)** to approve the minutes of the 2020 annual meeting, as presented, without reading aloud. Approved by a majority vote.

**4. Annual report - The State of the District** - Michelle Kanipes - Principal/Curriculum Director presented the many accomplishments and highlights from the 2020-21 school year. She then shared the District growth plan for 2021-22. Then, Sue Cornell, Administrator of Business Services, gave the report on building updates during the 2020-21 school year.

**5. Treasurer's report** - Sue Cornell, gave a review of the District's budget from the 2020-21 school year. Sara Sorensen presented the unaudited 2020-21 general fund revenues were \$1661,011.65, the expenditures were \$1,489,393.19. The difference of \$171,618.46 was added to the fund balance, resulting in a fund balance amount of \$879,685.11.

**6. Proposed budget for 2021-2022** - Sue Cornell and Sara Sorensen presented the budget proposed for this school year. The proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year has an estimated Fund 10 total revenue of \$1,698,249, The estimated expenditures for the 2020-21 school year total \$1,853,116.00 with an estimated decrease in Fund Balance of \$154,867. Mrs. Sorensen proposed a total school tax levy of \$1,365,448.00 in order to finance the proposed school budget. The Washington Island School Board voted to exercise their right to not levy the non-recurring referendum limit total amount for one year only. The Washington Island School Board opted to reduce the non-recurring referendum amount approved by the taxpayers from \$675,000 to \$475,000 for the 2021-22 school year. This reduction in levy was possible because the District has maintained a healthy Fund Balance, received unbudgeted federal ESSR funds due to the COVID-19 pandemic, received declining enrollment aid, wrote and was awarded multiple grants, and had fewer expenditures in the spring of 2020 due to the state-wide school shutdown. The equalized land value for the Town of Washington increased by about \$30,000,000 from last year, and will result in a mill rate of \$4.18/\$1000 of assessed value for the upcoming tax year for the school district's portion of your tax bill. This is the lowest rate in five years. The Board would like to thank the Island community for supporting past operating referendums, and demonstrates the Board is working to be fiscally responsible with taxpayers dollars.

**7. Resolutions**

- A. **MSP (B. Boshka/S.Cornell)** to approve the school board members will receive an annual salary of \$2400 (paid out in 12 equal installments on the 30th of every month). It is the intention that the annual salary covers all meetings of the school board. Approved by a majority vote.
- B. **MSP (A. Jorgenson/S.Sorensen)** to approve that the school district will furnish, free of charge to students, all books, workbooks and classroom resources for the 2021-2022 school year.

Approved by a majority vote.

- C. **MSP (K.Purinton/A.Jorgenson)** to approve that the school district will furnish free transportation, to and from school, for all pupils who reside two miles or more from school, with pick up points for students who reside between one and two miles from school during the 2021-2022 school year. Approved by a majority vote.

- D. **MSP (B.Wagner/S.Cornell)** to adopt of tax levy for the 2021-2022 school year in order to finance the proposed school budget: Where as, a public hearing on the proposed budget for the year 2021-2022 school year, which provides specific sums for various items requiring or permitting a tax levy by the electors, has been held at this meeting. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the electors of the Washington Island School District, assembled at the annual district meeting on the 13th day of October as follows:

- a. There be and there is hereby levied upon all the taxable property of the Washington Island School District for the year 2021-2022, a tax in the amount of one million, three hundred and sixty-five thousand, four hundred and forty-eight dollars (\$1,365,448), and the School District Clerk is hereby directed to extend said tax levy to the town affected in accordance with the proportionate valuation in the municipality at the time and in the manner provided by Wisconsin Law so said tax will be extended and collected by said Town in the same manner and at the same time as taxes for general Town purposes are extended and collected.
- b. It is hereby declared that the taxes hereby levied are for the purposes and for the combined aggregate amount provided in the 2021-2022 school budget aforementioned which budget after crediting the other estimated income required the above levy. Approved by a majority vote.

- E. **MSP (K.Purinton/S.Cornell)** to establish the 2022 annual meeting date as Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., but grant the board authority to change if necessary. Approved by a majority vote.

8. Other business pertinent to the annual meeting -none.

9. **MSP (K.Purinton/S.Sorensen)** to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Approved by a majority vote.

#### **Resolution A**

BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the Washington Island School District, assembled at the annual district meeting on the 19th day of October 2021 as follows:

The School Board members shall receive an annual salary of \$2400 (paid out in 12 equal installments on the 30th of every month). It is the intention that the annual salary covers all meetings of the School Board.

#### **Resolution B**

BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the Washington Island School District, assembled at the annual district meeting on the 19th day of October 2021 as follows:

The School District will furnish, free of charge to students, all books, workbooks and classroom resources for the 2020-2021 school year.

#### **Resolution C**

BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the Washington Island School District, assembled at the annual district meeting on the 19th day of October 2021 as follows:

The School District will furnish, free transportation, to and from school, for all pupils who reside two miles or more, with pick up points for students who reside between one and two miles from school during the 2021-2022 school year.

#### **Resolution D**

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed budget for the year 2021-22 school year, which provides specific sums for various items requiring or permitting a tax levy by the electors, has been held at this meeting:

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1. There be and there is hereby levied upon all the taxable property of the Washington Island School District for the year 2020-2021 a tax in the amount of one million, three hundred and sixty-five thousand, four hundred and forty-eight dollars (\$1,365,448), and the School District Clerk is hereby directed to extend said tax levy to the town affected in accordance with the proportionate valuation in the municipality at the time and in the manner provided by Wisconsin Law so said tax will be extended and collected by said Town in the same manner and at the same time as taxes for general Town purposes are extended and collected.
2. It is hereby declared that the taxes hereby levied are for the purposes and for the combined aggregate amount provided in the 2021-2022 school budget aforementioned which budget after crediting the other estimated income required the above levy.

#### **Resolution E**

BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the Washington Island School District, assembled at the annual district meeting on the 13th day of October 2021 as follows:

Establish 2022 Annual Meeting time, place, and date; and grant board authority to change if necessary.