

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING - 2016
OCTOBER 5, 2016
SCHOOL COMMONS at 7:30 p.m.
APPROVED MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Board President Amy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Other board members present: Tom Jordan, Sarah Duggan Goldstein, Kirsten Purinton, and Kevin Krueger; Administrator: Mati Palm-Leis; Administrative Assistant: Sue Cornell; Teachers: Alyssa Wagner, Miranda Szcpeanski, and Marleen Ehrlich-Johnson; Community Members: Liz Pratt, Alan Schaffmeyer, Warren and Mary Marik.

2. Election of Chairperson: **MSP (Jorgenson/Duggan Goldstein)** to nominate Liz Pratt to the position of Meeting Chairperson. Approved 14-0.

3. Operations Report: Superintendent Mati Palm-Leis shared a Powerpoint Presentation highlighting the 2015-2016 school year's accomplishments which included:

- The creation of the District Mission Statement
- Experiential Learning with the Rock Island and Makers Voyages
- Communication and connection with the community through the Bucks Bulletin, new school webpage, inviting community members into the school for events and community service by students
- Academic focus on with RTI process, Literacy, and various high school class options like Independent Study, ITV, and online classes.
- Student Extra Curricular Accomplishments like the Washington D.C. trip, Drivers Education classes, and the basketball teams seasons.
- Technology Infrastructure Improvements including updated battery back-up, new domain server, new filtering system, upgraded firewall, internet speed increased to 100 MEGs, and new fire alarm system.
- Building and Grounds Improvements: new ramp at the front of the school, handicap parking spot, main parking lot lines, fence around propane tanks, drainage fingers installed under the playground and new mulch laid, new school library, all new windows installed, and wall built in new 1st/2nd grade classroom.

Mr. Palm-Leis then presented this year's initiatives which include:

- Broaden the options for RTI to reach specific Reading and Math program needs
- Purchase and integrate new K-5 Units of Study Reading program
- The district is still actively looking to hire a High School Math and PE teacher, but in the meantime, the District implement Big Ideas Math and improve testing and data management.
- More planning time was allotted for experiential learning voyages
- Climate and Culture in school with the development of the Buck's Way, Circle of Power and Respect, and the Hype Squad
- Needed facility updates such as new flooring, purchase a new used bus, and phone system
- Presenting the Referendum to the community for the vote in April

4. Reading and Approval of the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes: Board Clerk, Kirsten Purinton read the minutes aloud. **MSP (Purinton/Jorgenson)** to approve the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting with a couple of typographical corrections. Approved 14-0.

5. Treasurer's Report: Board Treasurer, Kevin Krueger, presented the 2015-2016 school year Receipts and Expenditures.

Reviewing last year's budget: The **unaudited** 2015-16 Fund 10 total revenue was \$1,320,451.60. The

unaudited 2015-16 expenditures totaled \$1,193,309.94. This **unaudited** difference will result in an increase of \$127,141.66 in the Fund Balance. This district is still awaiting the completion of the audit from the accountant which needs to be completed by December 1, 2016.

Looking ahead to this year's budget: The estimated Fund 10 total revenue for the 2016-2017 school year \$1,412,451.60. The estimated expenditures for the 2016-17 school year total \$1,410,653.00 with an estimated increase in Fund Balance of \$1967.00. Dr. Palm-Leis proposed a total school tax levy of \$1,378,357.00 in order to finance the proposed school budget.

6. Proposed Budget for 2016-2017: Board Treasurer, Kevin Krueger, read the budget proposed for this school year. **MSP (Jorgenson/Krueger then amended by Jorgenson/Krueger)** to accept the proposed budget with a total revenue of \$1,412,610 expenditures of \$1,410,653.00 and an increase in Fund Balance of \$1967.00. Approved 14-0.

7. Resolutions:

A. MSP (Schaffmeyer/Jorgenson) to set the Board of Education salaries for \$100 per monthly meeting for 2016-17 school year. Approved 14-0.

B. MSP (Duggan Goldstein/Ehrlich Johnson) to approve permission for the Board to sell and dispose, of school property that is no longer needed or serviceable. Approved 14-0.

C. MSP (Schaffmeyer/Ehrlich Johnson) to approve the School District to furnish, free of charge, all books, workbooks, and classroom resources for the 2016-2017 school year. Approved 14-0.

D. MSP (Jorgenson/Ehrlich Johnson) to approve the School District to furnish free transportation, to and from school, for all pupils who reside two miles or more from school, with pick up points for pupils who reside between one and two miles from school and beyond two miles as needed, during the 2016-2017 school year. Approved 14-0.

E. MSP (Purinton/Jorgenson) to approve, using a student count of 78 students, the adoption the tax levy of \$1,378,3570 for the 2016-2017 school year in order to finance the proposed school budget. Using the estimated equalized land value of \$283,971,700 this tax levy has a projected mill rate of \$4.85/\$1,000 of assessed value. Approved 14-0.

F. MSP (Jorgenson/Schaffmeyer) to approve that the Board of Education will set a date and time for the 2016 Annual Meeting by July 31, 2016. Approved 14-0.

8. Closing Discussions: Meeting Chairperson, Liz Pratt, asked if anyone had anything else or new business to discuss. There was none.

9. Adjournment: **MSP (Duggan Goldstein/Jorgenson)** to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Approved 14-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Purinton, School Board Clerk
Washington District