

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017  
SCHOOL COMMONS at 7:00 p.m.  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Board President Amy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 7:02 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: Marleen Erlich Johnson, Miranda Szczepanski ; Community Members: Donna Briesemeister, Hans Lux, Lou Munao, Krista Gunnaugsson, Elise Haller (arrived after meeting started), Jennifer Munao (arrived after meeting started, and Berry, reporter from Wisconsin State Journal (did not vote because he was not a registered voter).

**2. Election of Chairperson:** **MSP (Donna Briesemeister/Krista Gunnaugsson)** to nominate Louis Munao to the position of Meeting Chairperson. Approved 13-0.

**3. Operations Report:** Superintendent Mati Palm-Leis shared a Powerpoint Presentation highlighting the 2016-2017 school year's accomplishments which included:

- Fall Harvest and Spring Sustainable Living Experiential Learning Voyages
- Passing the spring of 2017 two-year Referendum with a 65% approval.
- Academic Readiness (Rtl) - Improvement seen in the area of Reading
- Teachers began to create curriculum maps with training from CESA 7 staff.
- Improved school climate and created the Hype Squad and school mascot
- Community Events: School Open House, Senior Breakfast, Packer Party, Art Show, Veterans' Day Program, Holiday Program, Island Clean-Up, Variety Show, Community Service Hours, and Schoolhouse Beach Clean-Up
- The bus driver shortage was resolved with a total of four certified drivers
- The District added new Extracurricular Activities- Cross Country, Hype Squad, Equestrian, and Trap Shooting.
- The District was awarded: a \$25,000 Wisconsin Technology Initiative Grant to purchase new SmartBoards and a \$1,500 Trifecta Grant to sponsor literacy programs
- New flooring installed in the front hallway, middle school hallway, and four classrooms and in office areas

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

- Increased Math Achievement through teacher training, curriculum development, hiring consultants from CESA 7, implementing Math Rtl, increasing parental engagement, and separating math classes by grade.
- Maintaining the school climate and culture through character education with the BUCKS Way, Circle of Power and Respect activities, implementing the 3R's (Respect, Responsibility, and Readiness)
- Continuing to work on 4K-12 curriculum writing (a total 86 to be completed in all) with Phase 1 being writing curriculum maps (16 already completed), and Phase 2 and 3 being Instruction and Evaluation beginning in Spring 2018.

**4. Approval of the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes:** **MSP (Hans Lux/Amy Jorgenson)** to approve the minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting as presented. Approved 15-0.

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Business Manager, Sue Cornell, presented the 2016-2017 school year receipts and expenditures and reviewed last year's budget: The **unaudited** 2016-17 Fund 10 total revenue was \$1,457,004.62. The **unaudited** 2016-17 expenditures totaled \$1,301,434.37. This **unaudited** difference will result in an increase of \$155,570.25 in the Fund Balance. The amount includes \$90,000 which is the difference between the amounts short-term borrowed last year compared to two years ago. The District is awaiting the completion of the audit from the accountant which needs to be completed by December 1, 2017, to fully understand this accounting anomaly.

**6. Proposed Budget for 2017-2018:** Dr. Palm-Leis read the budget proposed for this school year. Dr.

Palm-Leis broke down the budget into all the main categories for the audience with percentages of the total budget for each category and the difference between last school year and this school year. The proposed budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year has an estimated Fund 10 total revenue of \$1,412,827.00. The estimated expenditures for the 2017-18 school year total \$1,398,606.00 with an estimated increase in Fund Balance of \$14,221. Dr. Palm-Leis proposed a total school tax levy of \$1,373,904.00 in order to finance the proposed school budget.

**7. Resolutions:**

**A. MSP (Marleen Erlich Johnson/Krista Gunnlaugsson)** to set the Board of Education salaries for \$100 per member per month for 2017-2018 school year. Approved 15-0.

**B. MSP (Hans Lux/Amy Jorgenson)** to approve permission for the Board to sell and dispose, of school property that is no longer needed or serviceable. Approved 15-0.

**C. MSP (Amy Jorgenson/Kevin Krueger)** to approve the School District to furnish, free of charge, all books, workbooks, and classroom resources for the 2017-2018 school year. Approved 15-0.

**D. MSP (Kirsten Purinton/Tom Jordan, then amended by Purinton/Jordan)** 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 less than two miles from school and beyond two miles as needed, during the 2017-2018 school year. Approved 15-0.

**E. MSP (Sarah Duggan Goldstein/Kirsten Purinton)** to approve the resolution:  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the Washington Island School District, assembled at the annual meeting on the 10th day of October 2017 as follows:

1. There be and there is hereby levied upon all the taxable property of the Washington Island School District for the year 2017-2018, a tax in the amount of one million, three hundred seventy-three thousand, nine hundred seven dollars (\$1,373,907.00), 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 2017-2018 school budget aforementioned which budget after crediting the other estimated income required the above levy.

providing for the adoption of tax levy for 2017-2018 school year in order to finance the proposed school budget. Approved 15-0. The tax levy was calculated using a count of 68 students, in order to finance the proposed school budget. Using the estimated equalized land value of \$278,626,000.00 this levy has a projected mill rate of \$4.93/\$1,000 of assessed value.

**F. MSP (Amy Jorgenson/Sarah Duggan Goldstein)** to direct the Board of Education set the date and time for the 2017 Annual Meeting for Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Approved 15-0.

**8. Closing Discussions:** Meeting Chairperson, Lou Munao, asked if anyone had anything else or new business to discuss. Mr. Munao would like the District to look into options available to contract with a private business to cater hot school lunches for the students at a cost to be paid by the parents of the students. Donna Briesemeister thanked the school board members for all of their time and confidentiality while dealing with difficult situations in the last year.

**9. Adjournment:** MSP (Lou Munao/Kirsten Purinton) to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Approved 15-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Purinton, School Board Clerk of the Washington School District