

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPROVED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, November 25, 2024

888 Main Rd

Open and Closed Session - School Media Resource Center at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present: Kirsten Purinton, Mike Thielke, Erika Sawosko, Terry Foster, Michael Gillespie.
Administration present: Tim Verboomen, Sue Cornell. Student Council representatives present: Emily Nickchen, Julia Pratt. Community members present: Alex McDonald, Steve Kretzman.

1. (Purinton) Call to Order at 6:03 p.m., Roll Call Vote, and Pledge of Allegiance. All aye. Motion passed.
2. (Thielke, Foster) moved to approve the agenda. All aye. Motion passed.
3. (Thielke, Foster) moved to approve the minutes of the 11/11/2024 special board session minutes. All aye. Motion passed.
4. Correspondence received:
 - a. From the family of Sue Cornell thanking the district for condolences for the passing of her father.
 - b. Erika Sawosko informed the district that on December 2nd, the Washington Island Child Care K-4th grade, will be available for children in the community and will be able to take on students that are off on staff inservice days during the week.
 - c. From Jesse Brinkmann, Algoma School District Administrator, congratulating the district on its passing of a recurring referendum.
5. No comments during the Public Comment Period.
6. School Updates and Good News:
 - a. Student Council President Julia Pratt and Vice President Emily Nickchen presented:
 - i. Friday, November 15th - middle school "Fall Fling"
 - ii. Last week - Thanksgiving themed hot lunch.
 - iii. Mrs. Cornell is helping to prep food for the student council, saving students time.
 - iv. Sunday, December 15th, Polar Express, 5-7pm. Planning for Bethel Church.
 - v. Monday, December 16th - helping WICHIP with community breakfast
 - vi. Tuesday, December 17th - final hot lunch of the year.
 - b. Tim Verboomen presented:
 - i. Basketball season is underway
 - ii. Islands Tournament at Put-in-Bay, Ohio on December 6th and 7th, leaving the 5th.
 - iii. Island history project and TPAC presentation a success with great community attendance.
 - iv. Mike Thielke recommended the district submit monthly/quarterly articles, like the Bucks Bulletin, to the Peninsula Pulse.
7. School District Report Cards: Publicly available on the DPI website. The district is high achieving and has improved from last year.
8. (Sawosko, Thielke) moved to approve payment of bills for \$55,154.31, and presented journal entries. All aye. Motion passed.
9. (Sawosko, Gillespie) moved to approve the hiring of Sara Sorenson for the part-time paraprofessional position at \$14.00 an hour for 3.5 hours per day, beginning 11/26/2024. All aye. Motion passed.
10. (Foster, Thielke) moved to accept a donation from Washington Island Town Mutual Insurance for \$200.00 for district sports programs. Roll call vote. All aye. Motion passed.
11. Future Agenda Item: Changing the date for the December monthly meeting to December 16th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
12. (Gillespie, Sawosko) moved to enter Closed Session at 6:36 p.m. Roll call vote. All aye. Motion passed.
13. (Thielke, Gillespie) moved to enter the Open Session at 7:04 p.m. Roll call vote. All aye. Motion passed.
14. (Gillespie, Sawosko) moved to end the limited contract for Chelsea Heft. on November 26th, moving to a regular contract at 1.0 FTE on December 2nd for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year for \$27,707.58. All aye. Motion passed.
15. (Gillespie, Sawosko) moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Roll call vote. All aye. Motion passed.

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