

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

Monday, December 16, 2024

888 Main Rd

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

School Board members in attendance: Kirsten Purinton, Mike Thielke, Erika Sawosko, Michael Gillespie, Terry Foster. Administration in attendance: Tim Verboomen, Sue Cornell. Student Council representatives in attendance: Emily Nickchen, Julia Pratt. No community members were in attendance.

1. (Purinton) Call to Order at 6:04 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 11/25/2024 Board Meeting. All aye. Motion passed.
4. No communications received this month.
5. No public comments made during public comment period.
6. School Updates and Good News - Student representatives Emily Nickchen and Julia Pratt reported that it is a busy holiday season, with two hot lunches, the WICHIP senior breakfast, and the Polar Express community event. Polar Express event will be held at the Rec Center, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will include a "train ride" on the district bus around the island to see Christmas lights. A Student Council and WICHIP sponsored senior holiday breakfast was held on 12/16 at 8:30 a.m. The week of 12/15 is holiday spirit week in the school with different holiday themed days. Tim Verboomen reported that on January 3rd and 4th there will be home basketball games vs. Chesterton and GRACE Christian schools. Courtney and Eric DeJardin have generously donated lodging for the visiting teams. The student-made tessellation artwork has been placed in the pediment of the school, with one additional row still to be added.
7. ERP Committee Update: Erika Sawosko presented information on the district improving insurance for staff, including short-term disability and pet insurance in the future. Mrs. Cornell is pursuing insurance quotes for next year. Policy Committee Update: Kirsten Purinton presented work being done on new policy changes being proposed for a first reading at the January 2025 Board meeting.
8. (Sawosko, Purinton) moved to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$46,619.28 and November Journal Entries. All aye. Motion passed.
9. (Sawosko, Gillespie) moved to accept a donation from Sue Schwartz, the Director of Community Partnerships with Destination Door County - Extra Mittens, Hats, Boots, and Snowpants. Roll call vote. All aye. Motion passed. (Foster, Thielke) moved to accept a \$5,600.00 donation for the Island History Project. Roll call vote. All aye. Motion passed.
10. No future agenda items suggested.
11. (Foster, Thielke) moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. All aye. Motion passed.

Approved January 27, 2025