

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Thursday, November 16, 2017  
7:30 p.m. Open Session - School Commons  
8:30 p.m. or Immediately after Open Session - Executive Session  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**OPEN SESSION**

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance** - President Amy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Other Board Members present: Kevin Krueger, Tom Jordan, Sarah Duggan Goldstein, and Kirsten Purinton; Administrator: Dr. Mati Palm-Leis; Community Members: Hans Lux, Casey Dennis, Laura Waldron, Lou Munao; Teachers: Michelle Jordan, Jessica Dennis, Alyssa Wagner, Barb Krueger, Miranda Sczepanski; Students: Rylee Lux, Sena Johanna Schnelle, and Yana Kulinich.

1. **MSP (Krueger/Purinton)** to approve of the agenda amended to strike approval of minutes from November 2. Approved 5-0.
2. **MSP (Purinton/Duggan Goldstein)** to approve the minutes of the monthly Board of Education meeting on October 26, 2017, and special meetings of the Board of Education on November 9, 2017 as presented. Approved 5-0.
3. Open Discussion - none.
4. Communications - The District received a thank you card for the teachers from Death's Door Spirits LLC. They look forward to coming again next year.
5. Student Council Report - The Fannie May candy and Bucks clothing sales are currently going on, the dig-a-well project continuing, and the council sold concessions at the basketball games last weekend.
6. Good News Report -
  - Last Friday there was a Hype Rally to celebrate student attendance. We had eight students who had perfect attendance first quarter, and 17 students who only were absent one day. The whole school cheered as the students came up to accept their award.
  - The Junior Hype Squad has 18 new members, many of whom attended and cheered at last weekend's basketball games.
7. Treasurer' Report - Kevin Krueger presented the payables for the month in the amount of **\$12,189.95**.
8. District Administrator's Report -
  - Our school was featured on the front page of the Country Today Newspaper on October 30.
  - Dr. Palm-Leis met with Brett Goldstein several weeks ago to discuss the possibility of creating a Computer Coding Club for elementary and middle school students to begin early in January.
  - November 10 - Nine students and Mr. Gillespie joined Mr. Nourse's social justice group and watched a PBS video, Illusion of Race. A smaller group is attending again this evening. Our student have some well developed ideas and opinions, that they have shared during discussion.
  - The District is in discussion with WDOR to broadcast our basketball game versus Beaver Island on January 5.
  - Author John Coy came to visit our district on November 9 to work with our students about writing and being an author . He sent an email saying, "Mati, I get to visit a lot of different schools, and today at Washington Island was one of my favorites. I was very impressed with how engaged students were and how well they treated each other. I also appreciated how interested they were in reading and writing. It is clear that is a high priority in the school. Please thank everybody for me and keep up the great work you are doing. Warmly, John "
  - November 10 - Our students participated in the annual community Veterans Day Program. Dr. Palm-Leis thanked Bill Nauda, Donna Briesmeister, and Marleen Ehrlich Johnson for working with our students and staff to provide a moving tribute to our veterans.

- This past Friday and Saturday our basketball teams hosted Monroe County for a total of four games and a community potluck.  
Upcoming in December
- December 6 - CESA Superintendents' meeting at the Brillion School District.
- Washington Island School Holiday Program will be held at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, December 9, at the TPAC. This year's program, "Christmas Island" has been produced by Donna Russell.
- December 12 and 13 - our math teachers will be traveling down to CESA 7 for additional training in math engagement and deep learning.
- December 9 - the Door County Schools Superintendents are meeting with Rep. Joel Kitchens.
- December 20 or 21 - Dr. Becky Walker is coming to the Island to train to our teachers and host an evening program for our parents teach them how to help their children with math homework.
- Following the meeting with parents on November 2, Dr. Palm-Leis decided to forgo the participation grade for the second quarter. The Board will revisit this topic next year.

#### 9. Board of Education Committee's Report

- President's Report - President Amy Jorgenson thanked every community member, parent, and coach that brought food, moved tables and chairs, and helped clean up, but reminded the audience that all players are expected to stay and be good hosts.
- Budget Committee - The committee reviewed the wish list and items (chop box and table saw), purchased for the Technology workshop, the Math Expressions contract renewal, and the monthly financials.
- Learning & Technology Committee - The committee reviewed the two curriculum maps completed by Jessica Dennis, Life Science 5th/6th grades and Earth Science 7th/8th grades, 8th grade math from Dan Jaeger, K5 Social Studies from Margaret Foss. Also, the District will be lengthening time available to schedule Parent/Teacher Conferences in February, and actively will call parents to schedule conference times. The committee reviewed student attendance.
- Policy Committee - The committee has two policies up for final approval, Student Dress and Graduation Requirements. Denise Kellerman joined the committee and had researched 20 bullying policies already in place throughout the state including a picture form for young students. In light of safety concerns, the committee will again be working on Visitors to the District policy.
- Employee Relation and Personnel Committee - The committee began to review compensation models from other Door County schools.
- Transportation / Building & Grounds Committee - The committee received an update on the bus window replacement, received a bid from Packer City Trucks to fix windshield wiper and replace windows for a total \$2,547.35, reviewed the sidewalk snow removal bids, and the winter work list painting and faucet replacement.

#### 10. Action Items

- A. **MSP (Krueger/Jordan)** to approve the payments of the bills in the amount of **\$12,189.95**.  
Approved 5-0.
- B. Approval of Budget Committee recommendations
  1. **MSP (Jorgenson/Jordan)** to approve the Math Expressions Contract in the amount of \$2,236.08/three year contract including student activity books, whiteboards, student digital access, and teacher resources . Approved 5-0.
  2. **MSP (Krueger/Jordan)** to approve the Wishlist expenditures in the amount of \$115 for a router and \$150 for a spindle sander. Approved 5-0.
- C. **MSP (Purinton/Duggan Goldstein)** to approve the Washington Island Special Education Manual. Approved 5-0.
- D. Approval of Policy Committee recommendations

1. **MSP (Krueger/Duggan Goldstein)** to approve the renumbering correction Policy 443 Student Use of Wireless communication Devices to 443.5. Approved 5-0.
  2. **MSP (Duggan Goldstein/Jorgenson)** to approve the second and final reading of the 443.1 Student Dress Policy 443.1. Approved 5-0.
  - E. **MSP (Purinton/Krueger)** to accept the resignation of Madeleine Lyman effective January 1, 2018. Approve 5-0.
  - F. **MSP (Duggan Goldstein/Jordan)** to accept the resignation of Tom Waldron effective on January 3, 2018. Approved 5-0.
  - G. **MSP (Krueger/Duggan Goldstein)** to accept the gift of \$500 from Stella Maris Parish. Roll Call vote: Krueger-aye, Jordan-aye, Duggan Goldstein-aye, Jorgenson-aye, Purinton-aye. Approved 5-0. **MSP (Duggan Goldstein/Jorgenson)** to accept the gift of \$500 from Condon Oil Company that wrote a grant on our behalf to Mobil Oil in order to support science and math classes. Roll Call vote: Krueger-aye, Jordan-aye, Duggan Goldstein-aye, Jorgenson-aye, Purinton-aye. Approved 5-0. **MSP (Krueger/Jordan)** to accept the gift of \$600 worth of books purchased by community members and visitors to Fair Isle Books. Roll Call vote: Krueger-aye, Jordan-aye, Duggan Goldstein-aye, Jorgenson-aye, Purinton-aye. Approved 5-0. **MSP (Duggan Goldstein/Jordan)** to accept the donation of potted plants valued at \$375 from Ed Heyward. Roll Call vote: Krueger-aye, Jordan-aye, Duggan Goldstein-aye, Jorgenson-aye, Purinton-aye. Approved 5-0.
11. Proposed Future Meetings Dates
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| Employee Relations & Personnel Comm.  | December 6 at 9:45 a.m.  | WISD Commons |
| Policy Committee                      | December 6 at 7:00 p.m.  | WISD Commons |
| Learning & Technology Comm.           | December 21 at 6:00 p.m. | WISD Commons |
| Transportation Building Grounds Comm. | December 21 at 6:30 p.m. | WISD Commons |
| Budget Committee                      | December 21 at 7:00 p.m. | WISD Commons |
| Board of Education                    | December 21 at 7:30 p.m. | WISD Commons |

**CLOSED SESSION**

12. **MSP (Krueger/Jorgenson)** to move into Executive Session (Pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) & (e) of the Wisconsin State Statutes) at 8:37 p.m. Approved 5-0.
  - A. The Board met with the superintendent to review of goals.
13. **MSP (Duggan Goldstein/Krueger)** to adjourn the Executive Session and to reconvene Into Open Session at 10:15 p.m. Approved 5-0.
14. **MSP (Jorgenson/Krueger)** to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. Approved 5-0.