

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
(Originally posted for January 30, but postponed due to weather)
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
6:00 P.M. Open Session - School Resource Room
Closed Session to Immediately Follow Open Session
APPROVED MINUTES**

OPEN SESSION

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - President Amy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Other Board Members present: Sarah Duggan Goldstein, Kevin Krueger, Kirsten Purinton, and Bob Wagner; Principal/Curriculum Director: Michelle Kanipes; Superintendent of Business Services: Sue Cornell; Additional District Employees: Jenn Heath, Donna Breismeister, Michelle Jordan, Barb Krueger, Michael Gillespie; Community Members: Denise Kellerman, Tyler McGrane, Tom Jordan, Don Riewe, Krista Gunnlaugsson; Students: Julia Valentincic, Molly McGrane, Tiffany Wacaser, Rylee Lux, Zachary Lux, Ellie Isaacson.

1. **MSP (Wagner/Purinton)** to approve of the the agenda as posted. Approved 5-0.
2. **MSP (Duggan Goldstein/Krueger)** to approve of the minutes of regular Board of Education Meeting on December 17, 2018 and the special meetings on January 3 and January 14, 2019, as presented. Approved 5-0.
3. Public comment will be allowed regarding each agenda item as allowed by the BOE.
4. Open Discussion - Julie Valentincic of the Student Council requested that the Board allow the eighth grade students join the high school students on the ski trip this year.
5. Communications - Sue Cornell reported that one email was received from a community member regarding emergency drills and procedures. This topic will be addressed later in the meeting.
6. Student Council Report - Ellie and Zach reported that the Student Council sold concessions and requested donations for the dig-a-well project at the home basketball games, There were parents whom helped at the most recent lunch fundraiser. The council is discussing organizing a Flick 'n Float and a Valentine's Day dance.
7. Principal's Report - Michelle Kanipes
 - The STEAM After-school science program was highlighted on FOX 11 News in January and February. Thank you to Dean at CESA 7 for putting the videos together and for the students poise.
 - There are many things happening in the school: A 4-8th grade Geography Bee Contest spearheaded by Mrs. Grzelak, with one students moving on the State qualifier. A K-8th grade National Handwriting Contest lead by Mrs. Ehrlich-Johnson. A 4K-8th grade Tundra Tales Reading Challenge Contest facilitated by Mrs. Dahlke. Preparations and testing are finalized for the Wisconsin DPI Youth risk behavior assessment survey taken by middle and high school students, Juniors to take the ACT and Work Keys exams in February, Freshman and sophomores to take the ACT Aspire in April, and elem/middle school students to take the Forward exam in April. All High School students are being provided an opportunity to receive ongoing preparation for the ACT an ACT Aspire exam through direct teacher instruction in four subject areas.
 - The required reports and updates to required plans are in compliance with State and Federal mandates including: Every Student Succeeds Act Plan, Local Education Association Plan, School Alternative Assessment Accountability Report, Title I, II, III, IV Plans, School Safety and Security Plan, and 2016, 2017, 2018 WiseData reports for discipline and attendance.
 - Jessica Dennis will be presenting at eh Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers Conference in March on the After school science program involving STREAm curriculum to build ROVs. Miranda Dahlke and Steve Schmidt will also attend.
 - The SAMSUNG SOLVE for Tomorrow grant announced the Washington Island School as the State winner with a \$20,000 technology equipment grant and a opportunity to compete for the national prize.

- Congratulations to Donna Briesemeister whom will be featured by the Door County Magazine in the Philanthropy issue. She was nominated by Mrs. Kanipes.

8. Items for Discussion

- The board received an email concerning the emergency drill conducted with the Washington Island Fire and Rescue Department in December. Amy Jorgenson addressed that such drills are required by the State, but the school works to perform the drills with as little disruption to the students as possible. Kirsten Purinton reported that every student and employee she spoke with reported that the drill in December went smoothly and quickly, and that there were no students in distress during the drill. Michelle Kanipes informed the audience that the school informed the parents that the drill took place as soon as the drill was declared completed by police and fire personnel, and for an hour following the drill, representatives from both departments were in the school building for any students with questions or concerns. The District will be posting on its website a letter from all Door County emergency agencies and schools the process of all emergency drills. The District will also be giving a letter to all parents at registration a letter outlining the State required safety drills notification protocols, and information for parents.
- Sarah Duggan Goldstein, Sue Cornell, Michelle Kanipes, and Amy Jorgenson addressed a community members questions concerning holiday-themed items in the District, specifically the celebration of Christmas. There is no Christmas policy in place, nor will the Board be writing one. Both students and staff wanting to celebrate the Christmas holiday were allowed to do so. Most school district label their school breaks on their calendars with wording such as: Holiday, Winter, Spring, non-School days, etc instead of labeling specific holidays. A number of Christmas themed events and activities such as decorations, trees, gift exchanges, parties, etc were held during school time.
- Amy Jorgenson and Sue Cornell offered the benefits of using a company like NEOLA to update and write school board policies. Almost all schools use a similar service, all policies are aligned to state statutes twice a year, all required policies would be completed, and the Board and community would know all policies are cross referenced and would reduce the school liability in legal matters, There is a cost up front and a yearly maintenance fee, and administration is looking into funding requests from outside entities to help cover the initial costings.
- Amy Jorgenson requested the rest of the Board to look at their calendars to schedule a board member retreat.

9. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer, Kevin Krueger, went over the monthly financial report with payables in the amount **\$42,019.28**.

10. Board of Education Committee's Reports

- President's Report - President Jorgenson, Sue Cornell, and Bob Wagner learned lots of information while attending the Wisconsin School Board State Conference.
- Budget Committee - The committee met earlier in the month to discuss the annual budget for the next two years looking forward to amounts need for the non-recurring operating referendum.
- Learning & Technology Committee - Tabled.
- Policy Committee - Tabled.
- Referendum Committee - The committee had a number of community members attend the first referendum committee meeting and community members will be invited to another meeting later this month. A boxholder is being finalized to be mailed shortly and a newspaper article for the Observer is in draft mode.
- Athletic Committee - Tabled.
- Employee Relation and Personnel Committee - Scheduled for tomorrow night.
- Transportation / Building & Grounds Committee - LaForce was onsite this week installing the front door camera and locks on the front door, lobby doors and office areas.
- Special Committee - Gym - Rescheduled due to weather.
- Special Committee - STEM - Tabled.

11. Action Items

- A. **MSP (Krueger/Wagner)** to approve the payment of bills in the amount of **\$42,019.28**. Approved 5-0.

- B. **MSP (Purinton/Wagner)** to accept \$50 donated by Lee and Janet Engstrom to the Athletics Program. Roll Call vote: Wagner-aye, Krueger-aye, Purinton-aye, Duggan Goldstein-aye, Jorgenson-aye. Approved 5-0.
- C. **MSP (Wagner/Krueger)** to accept \$1,190 donated by Trueblood Performing Art Center Board members and Donna Russell of the proceeds from the Holiday Program. Roll Call vote: Wagner-aye, Krueger-aye, Purinton-aye, Duggan Goldstein-aye, Jorgenson-aye. Approved 5-0.
- D. **MSP (Krueger/Wagner)** to accept \$500 donated by the Washington Island Lions Club towards Beaver Island trip expenses. Roll Call vote: Wagner-aye, Krueger-aye, Purinton-aye, Duggan Goldstein-aye, Jorgenson-aye. Approved 5-0.
- E. **MSP (Purinton/Jorgenson)** to accept of donation five new ICOM radios valued at \$1,200 by the Washington Island Fire and Rescue Departments of Roll Call vote: Wagner-aye, Krueger-aye, Purinton-aye, Duggan Goldstein-aye, Jorgenson-aye. Approved 5-0.
- F. Approval for the bid from to create our needs assessment/preliminary designs budgeting proposal from the designated gymnasium fund. **Tabled.**
- G. **MSP (Jorgenson/Krueger)** to approve the Student Council Ski Trip on March 1-3, 2019. Purinton abstain from voting. Approved 4-0.
- H. Approval of the hiring of NEOLA policy services to start July 1, 2019. **Tabled.**

12. Proposed Future Meetings Dates

Spec. Committee - Gym	TBA	WISD Commons
Employee Relations & Personnel Comm.	Jan 31 at 6:30 p.m.	WISD Library
Policy Committee	TBA	WISD Library
Learning & Technology Comm.	TBA	WISD Commons
Transportation Building Grounds Comm.	TBA	WISD Commons
Budget Committee	TBA	WISD Common
Referendum Committee	TBA	
Regular Board of Education	Feb 28 at 6:00 p.m.	WISD Commons

13. MSP (Wagner/Duggan Goldstein) to move into Executive (Closed) Session Pursuant to Section 19.85(1) (f) of Wisconsin State Statute at 8:01 p.m. [Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations].

- 1. The Board discussed and reviewed a student discipline issue.

14. MSP (Krueger/Wagner) to adjourn the Executive (Closed) Session to reconvene into Open Session at 9:44 p.m. Approved 5-0.

15. MSP (Krueger/Wagner) to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. Approved 5-0.