

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
(INCLUDING A PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED UNDERNEATH WIS. STATS. 118.38(1)(b))
Monday, April 27, 2020
Open Session at 6:00 p.m. - School Resource Room
APPROVED MINUTES**

The Board of Education Meeting and Public Hearing as required underneath Wis. Stats. 118.38(1)(b) is in open session and is accessible to the public. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Governor Evers "Safer at Home" Order, the District is attempting to mitigate the potential transmission of the virus through alternative measures and methods by which the public can access the meeting. Although the public is permitted with restrictions to attend the meeting (number of people in one location and the distance between persons), the District discourages the public and/or media from attempting to attend the meeting in person at its noticed location due to concerns with health and safety under Governor Evers "Safer at Home" order. The public and/or media can join via Zoom. The meeting will be followed with the rules of a normal meeting and the audience will be able to discuss items when it is appropriate.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7741766435?pwd=NFZ4NVlMQ0RkZm01Vlh4N1o0YnhvZz09>
Meeting ID: 774 176 6435 Password: 12345 (This was also posted on our webpage for access.)

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - All meeting participants attended the meeting remotely using the Zoom platform. President Amy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other Board Members participating: Bob Wagner, Kirsten Purinton, Michael Thielke, Sara Sorensen; Administrator of Business Services: Sue Cornell; Principal/Curriculum Director: Michelle Kanipes; Other District Employees: Margaret Foss, Alyssa Wagner, Jessica Dennis, Marleen Ehrlich-Johnson, Miranda Dahlke; Community Members: Joel Gunnlaugsson, Steve Kretzmann, Casey Dennis, Don Riewe.

Sara Sorensen and Mike Thielke took the school board Oath of Office.

1. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approve of the board agenda as posted. Approved 5-0.
2. **MSP (Wagner/Purinton)** to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings on March 4 and 30, 2020 as presented. Sorensen recused herself since she was not a member of the board at last month's meeting. Approved 4-0.
3. The Board held a public hearing for the purposes listed below: A public hearing certain School Board or School district requirements pursuant to Wis.Stat. 118.38(1) and (1m)
 1. Waiver of the requirements of Wis. Stat. 121.02 (1)(f) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding instructional hours for students in the 2019-20 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency
 2. Waiver of the requirements to complete an Educator Effectiveness Cycle for educators in their Summary Year in 2019-20, including waivers of the requirements to meet PI 8.01 and Wis. Stats. 115.415 and 121.02(1)(q) for the 2019-20 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Individuals wishing to provide public comments were allowed to provide a hard copy to the District office or by mail, as an email to the board clerk, or during the public comment period during the Zoom meeting.

- Mrs. Kanipes and Mrs. Cornell explained that the Wisconsin Department of Instruction required each school district to hold a public hearing and vote to be granted a waiver for instructional hours and completion of the Educator Effectiveness cycle both due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and the governor's school closure.
- There were no comments submitted prior to or at the meeting.

RESOLUTION A: SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION FOR THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN SCHOOL BOARD OR SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. 118.38(1) AND (1m), INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS AND EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS REQUIREMENTS

4. Public comment will be allowed regarding each agenda item as allowed by the BOE.
5. Open Discussion - none.
6. Communications - none.
7. Principal's Report -Mrs. Michelle Luukas-Kanipes

- Mrs. Kanipes announced the District had received a Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation FabLab \$25,000 Grant and \$17,500 in donated funds from community groups.
- Mrs. Kanipes congratulated our teachers for doing an amazing job on the alternative learning education they were providing our students during the pandemic.
- She gave a special shout-out to Mr. Lebrun, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Breisemeister for continuing to teach the students technology education, art, physical education, and music during the pandemic.
- She gave a brief update on the current (alternative) curriculum targets for each grade level.
- Zoom meetings are currently working well for the teachers and students.
- The non-teacher staff members are staying busy: Kirsten Foss is providing one-on-one tutoring with students via Zoom, Zuzka Krueger is doing office work from home and coming into the building two times/week, Karin Baxter and Kevin Jones are doing deep cleaning in the building, Rick Weilbaker is cleaning and maintaining the buses.
- All students cleaned out and took home all their personal belongings when they left school on the final day, March 17.
- Margaret Foss reported that she and Kaley Blatz have contacted via the phone and Zoom meetings all the preschool aged children on the island for their written questionnaires for early childhood screening, at a later date, when it's deemed safe, there will be vision and hearing screenings and the District's contracted speech therapist will also screen for speech issues.

8. President Amy Jorgenson thanked Kevin Krueger for serving on the school board for six years. A plaque honoring his serve will be delivered to his home.

9. Treasurer's Report - Sue Cornell presented the payables for the month in the amount of **\$28,488.33**.

10. Board of Education Committee Reports

- President's Report - Amy Jorgenson acknowledged how proud of the staff, administration, and board members she was in this difficult time. Mrs. Cornell purchased a book on school board governance for all board members, and Mr. Nikolia will work with the new board members to assist with questions on the Google platform used by the District.
- Employee Relation and Personnel Committee - The committee completed changes to the Technology Coordinator and Administrative Assistant job descriptions and discussed staff needs and teacher salaries for next school year.

11. Action Items

- MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approve the payment of bills in the amount of **\$28,488.33**. Approved 5-0.
- MSP (Sorensen/Wagner)** to approve of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation FabLab Grant for \$25,000 of matching funds. Roll Call Vote: Wagner-aye, Purinton-aye, Sorenson-aye, Thielke-aye, Jorgenson-aye. Approved 5-0.
- MSP (Purinton/Jorgenson)** to approve the Espark Contract for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$1,880. **Purinton** struck her motion and the contract will be reviewed closer to next school year. No approval.
- MSP (Thielke/Jorgenson)** to approve the 2020-2021 CESA 7 contract, then, **(Thielke/Jorgenson)** amended the motion to include the amount of \$14,228.00 to the motion. Approved 5-0.
- MSP (Purinton/Wagner)** to approve the 2020-2021 salary schedule. Approved 5-0.
- MSP (Purinton/Thielke)** to approve the 2020-2021 Teacher Contracts. Approved 5-0.
- MSP (Purinton/Wagner)** to approve the updated Technology Coordinator and Administrative Assistant job descriptions. Approved 5-0.
- Amy Jorgenson contacted the board members prior to the meeting to inquire into each board member's interest in committee assignments. She compiled a list of committees and presented to the board. The board members agreed to the list. (See attached list below.) Wagner nominated Amy Jorgenson to the office of President, Jorgenson nominated Mike Thielke to the office Vice President, Jorgenson nominated Kirsten Purinton to the office of Clerk, Thielke nominated Sara Sorenson to the office Treasurer, which would leave the office of Member to Bob Wagner. The nominees agreed to each office in turn. **MSP (Wagner/Purinton)** to approve the Slate of Officers and school board committee assignments. Approved 5-0.

- I. **MSP (Purinton/Thielke)** to approve the **RESOLUTION A: SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION FOR THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN SCHOOL BOARD OR SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. 118.38(1) AND (1m) INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS AND EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS REQUIREMENTS.** (See attached for the full written resolution.) Approved 5-0.
12. Proposed Future Meetings Dates
 Informational Committee Meeting (No Action) Monday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. WISD Resource Room
 Monthly Board of Education Tuesday, May 26 at 6:00 p.m. WISD Resource Room
13. **MSP (Purinton/Sorensen)** to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Approved 5-0.

Attachment #1

Washington Island School Board Committee Assignments 2020 - 2021 School Year

Budget Committee

Chair: Sara Sorensen, Bob Wager

Employee Relations & Personnel Committee

Chair: Kirsten Purinton, Sara Sorensen

Learning & Technology Committee

Chair: Mike Thielke, Amy Jorgenson

Athletic Committee

Chair: Kirsten Purinton, Amy Jorgenson

Special Board Committee - Gym Exploration

Chair: Amy Jorgenson, Sara Sorensen

Legislative Committee:

Amy Jorgenson

CESA 7 Delegate:

Bob Wagner

Transportation/Building & Grounds Committee

Chair: Amy Jorgenson, Kirsten Purinton

Referendum Committee

Chair: Kirsten Purinton, Mike Thielke

Policy Committee

Chair: Bob Wagner, Mike Thielke

Human Growth and Development Committee

Chair: Mike Thielke, Kirsten Purinton

Special Board Committee - STEM Committee

Chair: Bob Wagner, Mike Thielke

Alumni:

Sara Sorensen

Attachment #2

Washington Island School District

SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION FOR THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN SCHOOL BOARD OR SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. §§ 118.38(1) AND (1m)

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §118.38(1) and Wis. Admin. § PI 8.01(4) authorize school boards to request the Department of Public Instruction to waive any school board or school district requirement in Wis. Stat. chs. 115 to 121 or in the administrative rules promulgated by the Department under the authority of those chapters; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §118.38(1)(b) requires that, before requesting a waiver, a school board shall hold a public hearing in the school district on the request for a waiver of any requirement in Wis. Stat. chs. 115 to 121; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 118.38(1m) requires that “the school board shall specify in its request for a waiver its reason for requesting the waiver,” which includes the March 24, 2020, Emergency Order #12 from Governor Evers requiring all individuals present within the State of Wisconsin to stay at home or at their place of residence, with limited exceptions, beginning March 25, 2020 and continuing through 8:00 am on April 24, 2020. With the exception for activities facilitating distance learning or virtual learning, the Order continued the closure of all public and private K-12 schools for pupil instruction and extracurricular activities as set forth in previous Emergency Orders.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. On April 27, 2020, the Board of Education held a public hearing, in satisfaction of Wis. Stat. §118.38(1)(b), concerning requests for waivers of the requirements identified herein; and

2. In compliance with Wis. Stat. §§ 118.38(1) and (1m), and for the reasons set forth herein, the Board of Education hereby directs the District Administrator or his/her designee to apply, on behalf of the Board, to the Office of the Superintendent for Public Instruction (OSPI) for the waiver of the following:

- a. *Waiver of the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(f) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding required instructional hours for students for the 2019-2020 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.*
- b. *Waiver of the requirements to complete an Educator Effectiveness Cycle for educators in their Summary Year in 2019-20, including waivers of the requirements to meet PI 8.01 and Wis. Stat. §§ 115.415 and 121.02(1)(q) for the 2019-20 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board of Education's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein at a duly-noticed meeting of the Board held on April 27, 2020.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Washington Island School

Board of Education

Amy Jorgenson, Board President

Kirsten Purinton, Board Clerk