

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE
Monday, May 18, 2020
Open Session at 6:00 p.m. - School Resource Room
APPROVED MINUTES**

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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, absent - Sara Sorensen; Administrator of Business Services: Sue Cornell; Principal/Curriculum Director: Michelle Kanipes; Other District Employees: Margaret Foss, Marleen Ehrlich-Johnson, Barb Krueger, Jessica Dennis, Community Members: Krista Gunnlaugsson, Joel Gunnlaugsson, Don Johnson, Steve Kretzmann, Hans Lux, Casey Dennis; Student: Julia Valentincic.

MSP (Purinton/Thielke) to approve the agenda as amended to update the safer at home order official. Approved 4-0.

Open Session Agenda Items:

1. Fast ForWord - A systematic intervention program with progress monitoring capabilities, for which the District currently does not have. Options are a one time purchase of \$13,210, plus a yearly \$1,520 maintenance fee, or a yearly purchase of \$4,750, plus a higher yearly maintenance fee of \$3,500. The company offered the District a free trial starting February through May.
2. GoGuardian - The contract is the District's online filtering product. There are pricing options for one or three year renewal costs, and a new product with pricing options for one, three, or five years.
3. COVID 19 updates - The school building is to remain closed, with no face-to-face instruction, and social distancing requirements as ordered by the governor.
4. Alternative Learning updates - This week is Student Appreciation Week. Last week was likely the most difficult week for all the students, teachers, and parents. The end of school is now in sight. The District will send a survey to parents to assess what did and did not work with alternative learning. Many districts are working with CESA 7 to create a 100 day plan.
5. Purchase of new chromebooks - Mr. Nikolia looked into the cost of purchasing 20 new Chromebooks to phase out five year old models. The District is currently down to one surplus device. Purchase totaling \$4,848.40 includes the devices and google chrome licences, \$3,000 of Title III grant monies can go towards this purchase. Mr. Theilke requested the District contact CESA 7 for group discounts on purchasing the Chromebooks.
6. eSpark renewal - This K-4 interactive, personalized online instruction program has a cost of \$1880. Mrs. Purinton requested the District look into waiving the professional development costs (\$500), since the teachers have already received training on this product.
7. FastBridge (v Star/Accel) - FastBridge is a program for universal assessment and progress monitoring, providing adaptive assessments in Reading, Math, Social-Emotional behavior. This program is used by many other Districts with great success. Current costs are needed, but would be much less than Renaissance Learning.
8. EPIC (library) - This an online library of books for students up to 8th grade. Ten of 27 students are currently utilizing it. The company offered their services free until the end of the school year due to COVID-19 and school closings. Pricing will be explored for the future.

9. Renaissance Learning Contract - The contract was incomplete, last year was over \$6,000. There was limited use by the teachers last school year. FastBridge
10. Gym Update - Amy Jorgenson said that the mysterious donor has not come forward. There might be different building or funding options. She would like the gym discussion to continue, but it is likely to be put on hold during the pandemic.
11. Building updates - The Tech Shop windows are installed, painting all complete, Tony Young will be installing lights, Barb Cornell improvised a temporary trench to divert water from the back of the Shop, the gutter company hopes to install gutters next month, John Nickchen is working on water softener hook up, installing hot water line into new teachers lounge. Kevin Jones is doing summer deep cleaning and painting, Karin Baxter has cleaned every locker, chair, table, etc in the building. Hand sanitizing stations for each room are ordered and more Lysol wipes for next school year.
12. Curriculum update - The Samsung MindSpark- professional development will now be virtual. June 8-10 will still be teacher inservice with curriculum maps worked on individually and in small groups.
13. Graduation update and restrictions per DPI - The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has provided new guidelines recommending all schools cancel or postpone in-person ceremonies for graduation. Hans Lux stated his children didn't want a virtual ceremony, but would rather have a full graduation ceremony at a later date. The District will like to honor the graduates by publishing the graduates pictures, full plans, scholarships received, and acknowledge their former classmates this spring in the Observer, school website, school billboard, yard signs, etc.
14. Title I Coordinator/Instructional Coach Description - Michelle Kanipes and Margaret Foss work together to create this job description together.
15. Baird School Business Solutions Contract - extend services with Auditor requests and Baird model - Sue Cornell presented the Board with two contract options. One was basic through the June 30, 2020, and the second option through June 30, 2021, which included the budgeting model (purchased biannually for past two referendums cycles) and additional work on bank reconciliations as recommended by the auditor, Kerber Rose, and many state budgetary changes likely due to COVID-19.
16. Financial overview - Sue Cornell presented the numbers on the WI Retirement System Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability in the amount of \$69,361.60. Kerber Rose advised paying off this balance with either budget surplus or low interest loan due to 6% interest accrued on the liability. The District will receive its August taxpayer amount despite the extended deadline for tax collection due to COVID-19. The District is allowed to make an additional Energy Efficiency Project loan payment if funds are available.

MSP (Wagner/Purinton) to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Approved 4-0.