

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Monday, September 28, 2020
Open Session - School Commons at 6:00 p.m.
APPROVED MINUTES**

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - President Amy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Administrator of Business Services: Sue Cornell; Principal/Curriculum Director: Michelle Kanipes; Other Board members: Mike Thielke, Kirsten Purinton, Bob Wagner; Community member: Don Riewe; **All other meeting participants attended the meeting remotely using the Zoom platform.** Board members: Sara Sorensen and Amy Jorgenson; Other District Employees: Jessica Dennis, Margaret Foss, Marleen Ehrlich-Johnson; Community Members: Jim Rose.

1. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approve the board agenda as amended to include the 8/24/2020 minutes for approval, and removing the action items for pupil services and guidance services. Approved 5-0.
2. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings on August 24, 25, and 27, 2020, and the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 21, 2020, as presented. Approved 5-0.
3. Public comments will be allowed regarding each agenda item as allowed by the BOE.
4. Open Discussion - none.
5. Communications - Kirsten Purinton and the District were notified of her achievement of level I in the WASB Member Recognition Program. The Board was notified of the election for the WASB Board of Directors from Region 3 election. Kirsten Purinton offered to attend the 2020 Online Fall Regional Meeting on Tuesday, October 20 to cast the District's one vote.
6. Principal's Report -
 - Jim Rose was nominated by the WISD and received the WI Athletic Service Award for traveling, taking pictures during games, and writing newspaper articles about the basketball teams for many years. Thank you and congratulations.
 - Wisconsin Retired Teachers donation of \$172 was forwarded to WICHP, Amy Rose thanked the District.
 - The District received a \$35 giftcard from the Altrusa of Door County group to purchase school supplies, thanks to Nicolet Bank for waving the service fees on the card.
 - The WISD School Security Assessment After-Action Report was completed on September 16. A number of corrective actions have been completed, and progress is being made on the rest.
 - The third year of the Academic Decathlon team has begun under head coach, Ms. Dahlke, and assistant coach, Mrs. Grzelak, on the topic, The Cold War.
 - Ms. Dahlke won a grant for middle school students to participate in the Journey North Symbolic Monarch Butterfly Migration, sponsored by UW-Madison, partnered with students in Mexico.
 - The middle schoolers will also participate in a Junior Phrenology Program funded by a grant by the WI Society of Science Teachers, that Ms. Dahlke secured.
 - The District has implemented a new intervention program called FastForward for students in need of assistance in the area of reading. The entire student population will be assessed in reading and math using another additional new program called FastBridge.
 - Max Johnson is our first participant in the Mark Cuban Foundation's Introduction to Artificial Intelligence Bootcamp hosted by NWTC in Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay.

- The staff received a genuine and heartfelt letter from Gov. Evers at the start of this challenging school year.
- All parents received the 1 to 1 computing initiative forms.
- The District received a WIDA report for our EL students showing improvement, including information helpful to a recent graduate to receive assistance in their postsecondary education.
- Gathering Grounds and the WISD staff have continued to meet to discuss the goal of a forest path between the school and the Gathering Grounds site. Project-based learning and interactive educational opportunities is the goal.
- Thank you to the WI Lions club, the WI Education Foundation, the Jessen Foundation, and a Wisconsin Fab Lab grant, with help from Leif Thoreson and Don Riewe; Mr. LeBrun has a real working Tech Ed classroom with new machines, tools, and equipment. The students are building projects in their classes.
- The WISD Employee Handbook, the Student Handbook and the Athletic-Extra Curricular Activity Code of Conduct have been reviewed, updated and corrected, with COVID-19 guidelines added, and is ready for final approval.
- The WISD Safety and Security Plan was reviewed and revised by the team on September 16.
- Twelve WISD staff are competing in a WCA Group Health Fitness Challenge.
- Mrs. Foss has created a monthly Title I newsletter to increase family engagement in the school.
- The third Friday count is listed at 59 students.

7. 2020-2021 preliminary budget overview - Sara Sorensen presented the 2020-21 preliminary budget with Fund 10 revenues of \$1,628,406 and expenditures of \$1,647,070, with a decrease in Fund Balance of \$18,664.

8. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer, Sara Sorensen, presented the monthly payables in the amount of \$106,312.10. Some of large expenditures included the laser engraver and attachments (will be reimbursed by the Fab Lab grant), the annual CESA 7 contract, health insurance, life insurance, and lawn care, the purchase and installation of the IWave air ionization system, and the repairs on both buses.

9. Board of Education Committee Reports - Kirsten Purinton reviewed the Committee of the Whole meeting last week.

10. Action Items

- MSP (Thielke/Sorensen)** to approve the payment of the September payables in the amount of \$106,312.10. Approved 5-0.
- ~~Approval of Pupil Services Contract~~
- ~~Approval of Guidance Services with Cesa 7~~
- MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approve of Employee Handbook with the Covid-19 Addendum. Approved 5-0. **MSP (Sorensen/Wagner)** to approve the Resolution for the Health and Safe Operation of the Washington Island School District, see attached resolution. Roll Call vote; Jorgenson-aye, Wagner-aye, Sorensen-aye, Thielke-aye, Purinton-aye.
- MSP (Purinton/Thielke)** to approve the 2020-2021 Student Handbook. Approved 5-0.
- MSP (Purinton/Thielke)** to approve the 2020-2021 Athletic Code, with the additions of commas. Approved 5-0.
- MSP (Purinton/Wagner)** to approve the 2020-2021 Emergency Operations and School Safety Plan. Approved 5-0.
- MSP (Wagner/Purinton)** to approve the Sunshine House contract in the amount of \$7,600 for twenty weeks/one semester for one virtual special education student. Approved 5-0.

11. Proposed Future Meetings Dates

Annual Meeting	October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.	WISD Commons
Committee of the Whole	October 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.	WISD Commons
Monthly Board of Education	October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.	WISD Commons

12. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to adjourn the meeting 7:06 p.m. Approved 5-0.

Attachment:

**RESOLUTION A: FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFE OPERATION OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

Resolution for the Health and Safe Operation of the Washington Island School District.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency

WHEREAS, a special meeting of the Washington Island School ("District") Board of Education has been duly called and notice of the meeting published in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes;

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2020, Governor Evers declared a Public Health Emergency due to the drastic rise in COVID-19 cases throughout the entire state, with 61 of 72 counties (84 percent) representing 96 percent of the state's population experiencing high COVID-19 activity.

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, there were 18,543 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wisconsin; on July 1, 2020, there were 29,199 confirmed cases of COVID-19, a 57 percent increase from June 1; and on July 29, 2020, there were 51,049 confirmed cases of COVID-19, a 75 percent increase from July 1;

WHEREAS, as a result of the current conditions related to the pandemic the Administration has developed recommendations that face coverings (masks) be worn by all staff, students and visitors in the school or school activities wherever located when physical/social distancing cannot be maintained, when entering and exiting the school buildings, when on school transportation, when in school hallways and when in large groups, unless outside with physical/social distancing of six feet, or within the recommended guidelines set forth by the Department of Health Services or other regulatory agencies that govern school districts, which permit limited exceptions for students with disabilities or individuals who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical condition;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education agrees that, in light of the current health and safety emergency and pandemic, it is in the best interests of the District to accept the recommendations of the Administration related to the requirement of the use of face coverings (masks) as set forth above.

NOW THEREFORE, the proposed resolution having been considered and the matter voted on September 28, 2020 special Board meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the duties and authority granted to school boards under Wis. Stat. § 118.001, 120.12 and 120.13, that the District's Board of Education hereby approves the request for use of face coverings as proposed and discussed at the special meeting on September 28, 2020, and further directs the Administration to implement the recommended plan consistent with state and federal laws, for the 2020-2021 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Adopted at the special board meeting held this 28th day of September, 2020.

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 and as filed with the secretary to the Board of Education on September 28, 2020 in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, and Policies of the Board of Education.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2020.

Washington Island School District
BOARD of EDUCATION

President of the Board

Administrative Guidelines for Implementation of the Health and Safe Operation of Washington Island School District During the Covid-19 Pandemic and Public Health Emergency Resolution, as Approved by the Board of Education on September 28, 2020.

Guidelines have been developed to address questions and to ensure compliance with the above enacted resolution for face coverings (masks) be worn by all staff, students and visitors in the school or school activities wherever located when physical/social distancing cannot be maintained, when entering and exiting the school buildings, when on school transportation, when in school hallways and when in large groups, unless outside with physical/social distancing of six feet, or within the recommended guidelines set forth by the Department of Health Services or other regulatory agencies that govern school districts, which permit limited exceptions for students with disabilities or individuals who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical condition.

Composition of Face Coverings/Masks

- Meet the requirements of the appropriate dress code policies and/or codes of conduct. (Board Policy 3216, 4216, and 5511) and student handbook guidelines.
- Fully cover the mouth, nose, and chin and fit snugly
- Be held secure through a tie, elastic, etc. to prevent slipping
- Not create difficulty breathing while worn
- Gaiters/neck buffs are an acceptable face covering that meet the above criteria.

Implementation of Face Coverings/Masks

- Face coverings/masks must be worn indoors at all times by students, staff, and visitors under the current Governor's order expires, which is when the Washington Island School District's resolution is in effect. This resolution allows masks to be removed indoors in the case where the health & safety of an individual student or staff member requires a face covering/mask to be worn.
- Face covering/masks will not be required while eating or drinking.
- Face coverings/masks will not be required while outdoors, if social distancing of at least six (6) feet between individuals is maintained.
- A face covering/mask will be provided by the district for any student who forgets or loses their face covering/mask.

Exceptions

- Alternative options or accommodations will be considered where an individual has a medical condition, mental health condition, intellectual or developmental disability, or other sensory sensitivities that prevent the individual from wearing a face covering/mask. Medical documentation should be provided to the administrator.
- Examples include but are not limited to individuals who
 - have trouble breathing
 - are unable to remove the face covering without assistance may be exempt
 - are younger than 4 years of age unless in an individual setting where close proximity necessitates a face covering/mask for the health & safety of self and others
 - are deaf or hard of hearing, students receiving speech/language services, young students in early education programs, or where face coverings/masks will significantly interfere with the teaching or learning process, an exemption may be made.
 - are engaging in a situation where a face covering would create a risk to the individual, as determined by governmental safety guidelines.

Staff Exceptions

- Alternative options or accommodations will be considered where an individual has a medical condition, mental health condition, intellectual or developmental disability, or other sensory sensitivities that prevent the individual from wearing a face covering/mask. Documentation from a medical provider should be provided to Human Resources or an administrator. Examples include but are not limited to individuals who:
 - have trouble breathing may be exempt
 - are unable to remove the face covering without assistance
 - work alone in a personal office or other non-shared space
 - are communicating with students who are deaf or hard of hearing, students receiving speech/language services, young students in early education programs, and

English-language learners where the instructional process would be significantly compromised

- are engaging in a situation where a face covering would create a risk to the individual, as determined by governmental safety guidelines.

Enforcement for Students

- The District will have face coverings available to provide to individuals who may not have ones of their own.
- Non-compliance by a student will result in the following progression:
 - 1) Verbal Warning
 - 2) Written warning
 - 3) Parent Conference(s) with the building principal or designee
 - 4) Move to off-site virtual instruction for a period of time

Enforcement for Staff

- Unless otherwise excused or exempted, failure of an employee to wear a face covering as required herein will subject the employee to discipline.

Enforcement for General Public

- Visitors refusing to wear a face covering will be denied access to school property.