

**WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021  
OPEN SESSION - 4:30 pm in the SCHOOL LIBRARY  
APPROVED MINUTES**

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Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - President Amy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other Board members presented: Mike Thiekle, Bob Wagner, Sara Sorensen, and Kirsten Purinton (arrived late at 4:45 p.m.); Administrator of Business Services: Sue Cornell; Principal/Curriculum Director: Michelle Kanipes; **All other meeting participants attended the meeting remotely using the Zoom platform.** Other District Employees: Michelle Welke, Alyssa Wagner, Marleen Ehrlich-Johnson, Miranda Dahlke; Community members: Timothy VerBoomen, Steve Kretzmann.

1. **MSP (Thielke/Wagner)** to approve the board agenda as posted. Approved 4-0.
2. **MSP (Wagner/Sorensen)** to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings on April 27, 2021, and the special meeting on May 5, 2021, as presented. Approved 4-0.
3. Public comments will be allowed regarding each agenda item as allowed by the BOE.
4. Open Discussion - none.
5. Communications - The first communication was an email from the Washington Island Soccer Club requesting financial assistance in purchase of new soccer goals used by both the club and the school. The second communication was an email from Bob Saulder from DPI concerning the official name of the district. The current name is causing confusion by parents and districts assuming we are a district in Southeastern Wisconsin.
6. Principal's Report
  - Congratulations to Team Pablo: Rita V, Anthony M, Magnus P, Julia P for their work in the International Sea Perch Competition on May 20. The winner will be announced on June 4-5. Ms. Dahlke shared about the excitement of the SeaPerch experience.
  - Congratulations to Jaida M, Jaylyn N, Xander W, Jillian M, George F, Tristan K, and Allison B and Ms. Ehrlich Johnson for their published poems in the Young American Poetry Digest 2021.
  - A handwritten note from State Superintendent, Carolyn Stanford-Taylor, congratulating the district on a successful referendum.
  - Congratulations to WISD for the second WI Economic Development Corporation 2021 Fab Lab award of a matching \$25,000 grant for the Tech Ed classroom. Thank you to Don Riewe and Lief Thoreseon for their continued support of this ongoing project.
  - Thank you to all the WISD staff during the National Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week May 3-7.
  - Congratulations to the K-12th graders and Ms. Dahlke, Ms. Foss, Ms. Welke, Ms. Dennis, and Mr. Lebrun for the work on the Gathering Grounds-Forest Pathway Project.
  - Mrs. Kanipes and Officer Gary Schultz will attend a FIRSTNET on wifi services.
  - Fastbridge and Pals spring progress monitoring was completed last week. Ms. Wagner presented the highlights to PALS.
  - Congratulations! The WISD will celebrate the six 2021 graduates on June 4, including valedictorian, Tara DeJardin, and salutatorian, Julia Valentincic.
  - Seven students signed up for Start College Now classes for Fall 2021.

- Ms. Welke shared a class project for her Master's degree program in which she studied what activities, strategies, and ideas will have a positive impact on Student Math Identities. The positive changes in the students' attitudes towards their Math classes was truly inspiring!

7. Items for Discussion- Graduation update - The Lions Club has allowed the school district to rent their tent at a discounted rate. The graduates and their families have a specific number of tickets for attendees, all the academic and athletic honors the graduates earned will be announced, presentation of the quilts, singing of alma mater, presentation of graduates. General sitting will not be provided. Masking will be encouraged.

8. Treasurer's Report - The treasurer, Sara Sorensen, presented the payables for the month in the amount of \$47,952.82 and the journal entries for last month in the amount of \$215,223.99. Ms. Cornell worked with Baird Financial last week. This resulted in cleaning up the payroll liability accounts, moving activity and budget accounts and moving Fund 60 to Fund 21 and an unusually large amount of journal entries. This updating puts the district in a very good position going into the annual audit.

9. Board of Education Committee Reports

- Employee and Personnel Committee - The committee reviewed the two candidates proposed by Administration for two out of the three open positions.
- Budget Committee - The committee discussed the large amount of bank reconciliations, the preliminary budget for 2021-22, and budget revisions for the current 2020-21 budget, and the use of the ESSER II federal funds as well as budgeted building maintenance funds to complete the bathroom update project.
- Buildings and Grounds - The committee discussed purchasing a smaller, more portable snowblower for next winter, met with Peter Barr, independent consultant, for possible hire to oversee the bathroom update project, and was updated on the painting of the gable ends of the school building..

10. Action Items

1. **MSP (Sorensen/Purinton)** to approve payment of the May payables in the amount of \$47,952.82. Approved 5-0. **MSP (Sorensen/Thielke)** to approve the Journal Entries from April 1 - May 15 in the amount of \$215,223.99. Approved 5-0.
2. **MSP (Purinton/Thielke)** to approve the support staff letters of intent for the 2021-2022 school year for Tom Nikolai, Zuzana Krueger, Kevin Jones, and Karin Baxter. Approved 5-0.
3. **MSP (Purinton/Thielke)** to approve teaching contracts for the 4K/5K Teacher for Kaitlyn Stoller, and High School Science Teacher for Timothy Verboomen. Approved 5-0.
4. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approve the Start College Now online classes for the Fall 2021 for seven students. Approved 5-0.
5. **MSP (Purinton/Sorensen)** to approve the following two 2020-2021 Budget Revisions 1) A Federal revenue in the line item 730 line decreasing from a previously approved amount of \$88,734 to an amended amount of \$70,292 with a difference of \$18,442 and an corresponding Inter district payment expenditure decrease in the line item 382 in the Inter district payments from a previously approved \$94,227 to an amended \$75,785 for a difference of \$18,442 and a change in of projected ending Fund Balance of \$0. 2) In the Special Education Fund 27, a decrease in expenditure appropriations in the line item 150 Special Education Curriculum from a previously approved \$121,539 to an amended \$73,599 with a difference of \$47,940 and an increase in the line item 430 Instructional Service Payments from a previously approved \$0 to an amended \$47,940 with a change in projected ending Fund Balance of \$0. Approved 5-0.
6. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approve the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget with \$2,538,602.00 in revenue and \$2,501,549 in expenditures with a proposed increase of \$37,053 in Fund Balance. Approved 5-0.
7. **MSP (Sorensen/Thielke)** to approve the 2021-2022 Baird Financial Consultant agreement for next year consisting of 30 hours at \$75/hour for virtual training/mentoring. Approved 5-0.
8. **MSP (Thielke/Wagner)** to approve the resolution to change from School District of Washington to Washington Island School District. (See attachment for wording.) Approved 5-0.
9. **MSP (Wagner/Thielke)** to approve of hiring an Independent Consultant, Peter Barr, for the bathroom project at \$110/hour plus expenses, not to exceed \$10,000. Approved 5-0.
10. **MSP (Thielke/Wagner)** to approve usage of the ESSER II funds for the bathroom project upgrade. Approved 5-0.

11. **MSP (Sorensen/Purinton)** to approve the Espark Contract renewal in the amount of \$1,490.  
Approved 5-0.

11. Proposed Future Meetings Dates

Committee of the Whole

June 21, 2021

WISD Library

Monthly Board of Education

June 28, 2021

WISD Library

12. **MSP (Wagner/Sorensen)** to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Approved 5-0.

Attachment:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO THE  
WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 115.01(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes, each school district shall be known by the designation "School District of" followed by the name of the municipalities in which any high schools operated by the district lie; and

WHEREAS presently the district is known by the designation "School District of Washington"; and

WHEREAS the district is proud of its status as the only school district in Wisconsin that has the privilege of being solely an island community; and

WHEREAS the district desires to change its official name to reflects its unique and proud history and geographic status; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 115.01(5)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, a school board may by resolution designate a different name for the school district if the revised name contains the words "school district"; and

WHEREAS the district wishes to change its official name to the "Washington Island School District"; now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of School District of Washington, Door County, Wisconsin, have its official name to the "Washington Island School District" effective July 1, 2021.

*Adopted and recorded (\_\_\_\_\_, 2021).*

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Amy Jorgenson, District President

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Kirsten Purinton, District Clerk

