

APPROVED
WASHINGTON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 24, 2025
Open Session - School Media Resource Center at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present: Kirsten Purinton, Mike Thielke, Erika Sawosko, Michael Gillespie, Terry Foster;
administration present: Principal Tim Verboomen, business administrator Sue Cornell; student representatives
present: Emily Nickchen, Julia Pratt; public present: Steve Kretzman, Deb Wisniewski.

1. (Purinton) Call to Order at 6:00 p.m., Roll Call Vote, and Pledge of Allegiance. All present. Motion passed.
2. (Sawosko, Thielke) moved to approve the agenda as presented. All aye. Motion passed.
3. (Thielke, Sawosko) moved to approve the minutes of the February Board Meeting 2/24/2025: The minutes of a Board meeting are not official until they have been approved at the subsequent Board meeting.
4. Communication: A thank you note from the Ehrlic family for the condolences sent from the district. WASB online training will be available weekly on Wednesdays at noon starting on April 9th. May 14th WASB meeting.
5. No comments made during the Public Comment Period.
6. School Updates and Student Council Report: Student Council is spring cleaning - kitchen and closet. Emily and Julia: Health Week will be the week of 3/31-4/4 with exercises each morning and healthy snacks every day. The entire school will walk the block. Dance for 1-4th on 4/4 from 3:45-4:45 p.m. On April 13th, the Alice in Wonderland high tea fundraiser for the Bradley Jordan foundation will take place. Meet the Alice in Wonderland characters, costumes by Donna Russell. An end of year carnival is scheduled to take place. Mr. Verboomen: The top team took 3rd place in the Sea Perch competition this year. High School students have begun participating in the "Sea Mate" program, to develop a more advanced ROV. The Mary Marik grant paid for this year's Sea Perch program. High school students are studying medieval history: a video presentation is up on the district website. Baseball has begun with practices starting last week. There is a home game scheduled against Chilton for May 17th starting at 11:30 a.m.. Professional development for the staff was held today, 3/24. There are two classes that the school is sponsoring - aviation ground school course by Rod Gordon, to lead to flight training. Cheer and tumble class by Cheyenne Watkins. The town has agreed to allow the school to use the gym this summer for the cheer and tumble class. 3rd - 12th grades. Mrs. Cornell met with Shannon Young to add summer apparel items to the school website. Valedictorian Madelyn Kellerman and Salutatorian Fisher Grandy have been announced. ACT testing has been completed and the students are optimistic about their results.
7. (Foster, Gillespie) moved to approve offering 42 Start College Now classes for a total of 130 credits planned for the fall 2025 semester. All aye. Motion passed.
8. (Sawosko, Thielke) moved to accept the resignation of the part-time Physical Education teacher Andy Kehren at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. All aye. Motion passed.
9. (Thielke, Sawosko) moved to approve the Payment of Bills in the amount \$34,370.16 and the February Journal Entries. All aye. Motion passed.
10. (Thielke, Gillespie) moved to approve of the first reading of Policy 2271 - Early College Credit Program, Policy 2271.01 - Start College Now Program, and Policy 5411 - Third Grade Promotion and Retention: At-risk students (ACT 20). All aye. Motion passed.
11. (Thielke, Purinton) moved to accept the following donations for sponsorship of the 2024-2025 yearbook: Island Popcorn Barn \$100, Albatross Drive-In \$100, Terry Foster \$200, North Star Realty \$100, Gillespie Plumbing \$100. Roll call vote. All aye. Motion passed.
(Thielke, Purinton) moved to accept donations of popcorn and frozen lemonade from Island Popcorn Barn for basketball games. Roll call vote. All aye. Motion passed.
12. Future Agenda Items: Sawosko, Foster request information on ACT results. Wednesday 3/26, 4:30 p.m. special closed session meeting
13. (Gillespie, Sawosko) moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Roll call vote. All aye. Motion passed.

Approved April 28, 2025