

Wishram School
Board Minutes

04/27/2021

School Board Directors attendance: School District employees in attendance:

Clyde Rosa	Mike Roberts, Superintendent
Kandy Churchwell	Tye Churchwell, Director of Operations
Detmar McCullough	Sarah Hathaway, Business Manager
	Ken Weaver, sub Lead Teacher

****Meeting conducted via ZOOM virtual meeting. Public access provided through a link posted on the school's website.

Guests present:

Call to Order at 5:15PM
Pledge of Allegiance lead T.Churchwell

Roll Call

Directors C.Patten-Rowan and C.White absent.

D.McCullough motioned to excuse Directors C.Patten-Rowan and C.White. K.Churchwell seconded the motion.

Motion passed

Questions/comments from audience

Superintendent Report

1. To date, over 2800 missing assignments have been turned in for the 2020/2021 school year. We do have some students who are quite far behind due to excessive absenteeism, but overall, our students are bouncing back. We will have quite a challenge in front of us as well transition into next school year, but we are committed to retaining what was lost due to the pandemic in terms of missing assignments, absenteeism/showing up late, failing grades, and overall school culture. Wishram is a resilient district, and we will come back from this once in a lifetime event.
2. The ESD is going to be holding a virtual Summer School for credit retention. Students who fail this year will be eligible to attend, and could retain an entire credit for attending just the month long program. We will be reaching out to individual students and families who may benefit from this option.
3. The Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce provided us with a generous donation for secondary Art supplies. This will require board action later in the meeting as a result of the amount exceeding \$500. Mrs. Ringer and I accepted the check, and there will be a blurb in the White Salmon newspaper about our district and what we intend to use the funds for. This was a great opportunity for some positive publicity for our

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district, and the individuals who visited our school were very impressed.

4. HB 1356 has been passed by the Washington State legislature, which forbids the use of Native American mascots in the state. The only schools allowed to continue with the use of their mascot are tribal schools, and areas with historical significance to Native American culture. Wishram does qualify for this exemption, so we sent out a survey to our Native American families to ask for their input. In response, our families opted in favor of changing our mascot. So, we will be sending out a community wide mailer asking for suggestions on our new mascot. With construction winding down, we really need to have this decided so that we can have the new mascot and logo painted on our gym and included on our new scoreboard, so time is of the essence.
5. ESSER 1, 2, and 3 funding. The federal government has approved significant allocations to states to use for K-12 education and their continued efforts in combating COVID-19, and the learning loss that the pandemic has caused. Unfortunately, the formula used to disperse these funds wasn't very equitable for our district. While we will receive some funding to help offset the costs of PPE, hand sanitizing stations, and additional improvements/considerations made to help us keep the facility as safe as possible, we are receiving significantly less than our regional counterparts. Through numerous conversations with elected officials, federal officials, and even the superintendent of public instruction himself, we were unable to come to what I would consider to be an equitable alternative. As it sits, we will receive roughly \$60,000 in total relief.
6. The board will have to approve a re-engagement plan at our May meeting that includes what we intend to do to combat the significant level of learning loss that schools are facing across the state. This plan will include the adoption of an equity assessment tool. I've researched what other districts are doing in the area to fulfill this requirement, and I believe that we will develop something that we will all be able to support. This must be submitted to OSPI no later than June 1st, so just know that this is something that has my attention at the moment.
7. The new housing development has officially changed hands, and is now owned by the Yakima Tribal Housing Authority. This means that we should expect at least some new students next school year. I've reached out to the coordinator out of Toppenish to include enrollment information for all individuals who will be approved to reside in the new development with the hope that we will be able to plan adequately for the influx in enrollment. As we understand, this development will occur in phases, which should help us adjust and work with the state see what kind of resources might be available to assist us in this transition.
8. We will be bringing on a new Title/Lap/Generalist teacher in the 2021/2022 school year. Later in the meeting I'm going to ask you to approve their hire. Mr. Kyle Cairns comes to us from Klickitat School District, and was spoken of very highly by everyone who worked with him that we spoke to. We feel like he is going to make a great addition to our staff here at Wishram School District, and will play an essential

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role in addressing learning loss and improving out state testing outcomes.

Director of Operations Report

North Wall:

Due to many change orders, we only have about \$135,000 left in the grant for the North Wall. However, Tapani is telling us that there should be no more change orders. This is very little money left for a project of this size. Since we met last, the construction has moved right along. All the concrete has been poured minus the steps from the weight room up to the wood shop. They have put in the moisture barrier, the drain pipe and the drain rock. They have also started putting in the all the wall joists that were taken out to build the false wall. If all goes well, the false wall will start coming out this week.

Work left to be done:

1. Rebuild all the interior walls
2. Rebuild the gymnasium floor
3. put the kitchen back together
4. rebuild the weight room
5. paint the exterior of the walls
6. place all the dirt back while compacting it in
7. install fencing
8. install new irrigation system
9. plant new field

Anyway, still tons to do, but it's getting closer.

We had our meeting with the PUD which did get fairly heated. They basically told us that not only was our water and sewer rates going to increase from \$95.23 to \$761.84 , but that we also owed them \$7,311.96 dollars for water back bill for 3 years and \$14,691.56 for sewer, for a total of \$22,003.56. After some arguing, they then told us they were going to wave this back fee. At that point they hit us with a new issue. They stated they figured out that our water meter had been broken and that they didn't know for sure how long, but based some research they did, they wanted back pay for that for \$4,473.25. After lots of back and forth, we negotiated that fee down to \$98.61.

With all that being said, our monthly base rates are increasing for both water and sewer. Sewer charge is based on size of water meter. Right now we have a 2" water meter servicing our school and we need that size to service both our school and our irrigation. However, if we reduce the water meter to a 1.5" to service the school and added a new 1" meter to service our irritating we'd save about \$200 per month.

Water was	\$36.93	based on a ¾" line
Sewer was	\$58.30	
Total:	\$95.23	

Now, Water	\$295.44	based on a 2" line which is what we have.
Sewer	\$466.40	
Total:	\$761.84	Per Month

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Now the kicker, if we pay to have a separate 1" meter put in for irrigation and at the same time have the current meter that feeds the building dropped to a 1 ½" meter our rates would only be.

1" Water:	\$92.33	For irrigation
1 ½" Water:	\$184.65	
Sewer	\$291.50	
Total:	\$568.48	Per Month with a savings of about \$200.00

I have authorized our architect to hand this over to his civil engineers to make sure this will work. This is going to cost us \$2000.00 for their services.

We will not have to pay to have a new meter put in for the building as they were already installing new meters which is how this all started. We would however have to pay for the new irrigation meter and just the cost from the PUD to install a new 1.5" meter we are looking at \$17,535.00 dollars. That would be cheaper if a 1" will work. I'm also guessing that we'd be looking at \$20,000 to \$30,000 for someone to run the pipe from the street up to the school. In the end we could be in this for \$40,000, but it with the saving \$200.00 per month, it would eventually pay for its self.

It's a decision we need to make.

A discussion among the board was done and they will not make a decision Without a more a professional estimate of the cost.

Lead Teacher Report

K.Weaver (Sub for B.Cameron)

K.Weaver reported for secondary: Track and Baseball in full swing as well as JH track. Planning an outdoor graduation by invitation only with limited tickets adhering to all county COVID restrictions. Ms. Barhart has been asked to be the speaker. We have started the 4th quarter of school.

K.Hilton (Elementary)

K.Hilton reported some mid- iReady testing and could see significant growth. Testing of all grades is scheduled. Elementary report cards have just gone out and that the elementary teachers are looking forward to having next year be closer to "normal".

NEW BUSINESS

DONATION from MT. ADAMS CHAMBER: \$552.50 to be used specifically for student art programs or supplies.

D.McCullough motioned to accept the donation of \$552.50 for art supplies from Mt. Adams Chamber.

K.Churchwell seconded the motion.

Motion passed

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Other Business

New Hire approval: LAP/TITLE Coordinator/General Ed - Certificated

K.Churchwell motioned to approve the hiring of Kyle Cairns into the position of LAP/Title Coordinator/General Ed.

*D.McCullough seconded the motion
Motion approved*

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

MARCH 30TH, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

D.McCullough motioned to approve the regular school board meeting minutes from MARCH 30TH, 2021.

*K.Churchwell seconded the motion.
Motion carried.*

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Voucher approval-review of monthly bills
- b. Budget status report
- c. Payroll

GENERAL FUND	WARRANT NUMBER APRIL	AMOUNT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	34352-34377	21260.12
	TOTAL	<u><u>\$21,260.12</u></u>
PAYROLL	324350-34351	\$1,107.92
	34378	\$724.41
PAYROLL VENDORS	34379-34390	\$30,919.91
PAYROLL FUNDS XFER		118287.97
	TOTAL PAYROLL	<u><u>\$151,040.21</u></u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	454-456	166526.58
	TOTAL	<u><u>\$166,526.58</u></u>
ASB		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	609	9.99
	TOTAL	<u><u>\$9.99</u></u>

K.Churchwell motioned to approve the consent agenda in its entirety.

*D.McCullough seconded the motion.
Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned **6:17pm**

DocuSigned by:
Mike Roberts

Mike Roberts, Secretary

DocuSigned by:
Kandy Churchwell

Board Chair or Designee