

Wishram School
Board Minutes

08/23/2022

BOARD MEETING

School Board Directors attendance:

School District employees in attendance:

Detmar McCullough Kandy Churchwell Chelsea White	Guy Strot, Superintendent Tye Churchwell, Director of Operations Sarah Hathaway, Business Manager
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Guests present: Peter Leon

Call to Order at 5:15PM

Pledge of Allegiance lead by D.McCullough

Roll Call

C.White Motion to excuse C.Rosa and C.Patten-Rowan for employment obligations.

K.Churchwell seconded the motion.

Motion passed

Questions Comments from Audience

Guest P.Leon inquired on the ongoing status of armed personnel at Wishram School since there is a new Superintendent.

Board President D.McCullough responded indicating that Wishram School will continue to have armed personnel on staff.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Presented by Guy Strot

Board Priorities plus General

- 1) Raise student (SBAC) test scores and take a critical look at curriculum.
 - a. Danny Hill from ICU providing PD on August 24th
 - b. AJ Hostak from Character Strong providing PD on August 25th

Wishram SD have been using ICU for 7 years. This is a great time to refine what we are doing to make it even better. Mr. Hill can help accomplish this for us. He is the expert. The day will include an overview of the system from Mr. Hill, a discussion with all staff where they can ask any question such as are we preparing our students for college when we provider such a safety net or how can we raise our test scores? Also, Mr. Hill will spend time with just the elementary teachers, just the secondary teachers and one on one as needed.

Wishram SD made the investment in Character Strong or SEL three years ago and in finding the money to hire a full-time counselor in Ashley Blodgett. We are coming out of the pandemic and all the educational disruptions. It has been a difficult two years for everyone. Character Strong is coming onsite to complete a few items. These include building the staff up, celebrating them, having some fun and getting to know each other better. They will plant some seeds on how important SEL is to the middle and high school students and culture since we have only implemented Character Strong at the elementary level.

- 2) Build new facilities and secure new property.
- 3) Keep the levy going in future years.

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- 4) Recruit high quality staff for the school district.
 - a. We are still needing a Preschool teacher for the MCCC Headstart program, but have found an excellent PE / LAP teacher.

We are in much better shape than many school districts. We are still needing to find a preschool teacher as well as an aide. We have a local person who has applied for the aide position and are looking for the preschool teacher.

- 5) Increase community participation in the school district and students.
 - a. Where do we need help? (carry over from last month)

I will be looking for ways to increase community participation during the first month of school. The staff, students and parents have the ideas.

- 6) Nurture and maintain the confidence of the board.
 - a. You are invited on August 24th, 25th and 29th.
 - b. Rolling 90 day plan starting in September (Sept-Nov, Dec-Feb, and March-May). (to be created)
 - c. Update Strategic Plan (to be created)

You are invited to any part of the training on August 24th and 25th. You can come sit in on August 29th in the morning or we can add you to the agenda.

- 7) General Items
 - a. School Enterprise - Small Grocery Store

This started when Tye and I had a conversation about the lack of a grocery store in our community. It would be great if the school could manage a grocery store as a nonprofit, educational enterprise. We are very early with this. It will take finding a grant, location and creating the store. We see it selling staples like bread, milk and cheese, fruit and veggies, pop, ice cream, candy, etc. No alcohol or cigarettes or anything like that.

Principal Report

- 1) Welcome Shannon Boucher and Carisa Bellamy

Shannon comes to us with a teaching license in Special Education and K-12 PE and will be teaching LAP/Title 1 as well as PE/Health. Carisa is an employee of ESD 112 and will be here on campus 4 days a week. She comes with experience from Wasco County and Sherman SD and lives in Dallesport. We are excited for what both will bring to Wishram SD.

- 2) 5 year (or high school) and beyond plan starting in the 8th grade this spring.

This fall I plan to find out what we have done in the past and transition if needed to a model that starts in the 7th or 8th grade year and continues until high school graduation. Students start planning their career starting in middle school and make decisions in high school toward that career. If a student wants to be a teacher, welder, farmer, hairdresser, or anything else, we help them build a plan to get there.

- 3) Shout outs to: Ronni, Sarah, Tye, Jason, Antoine plus the coaches and staff who came in over the summer.

These people have worked very hard this summer and deserve recognition. The school looks great, and spaces have been created to accommodate the preschool program.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT - By Tye Churchwell

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Gymnasium:

No New News. We will be going to Mediation on September 22nd to get Tapani inc. Brandsen Floors and EL Architects to take responsibility for destroying our gym floor. This could be an all-day event.

Review of ongoing work: Gym floor removed by Wishram summer crew which saved the district considerable expense. The existing concrete is too rough and un-level to be suitable without further work to prepare it for the new floor installation. The floor installation company, CourtSports recommended the bleachers also be removed and that the prepped concrete must have no more than a ¼ in variance over any 10-foot area. The bid from CourtSports does not cover prepping the concrete floor

At the last meeting I informed you of the need to either grind or level our gym floor. After talking to a few companies who specialize in this type of work it was decided that the best direction/cheapest direction for us was to level it. We will discuss this further in New Business.

Cooling Center:

None have taken advantage of it this summer, but we will continue to offer it when temperatures are forecasted in the triple digits. The truth is, we would never turn someone away if they needed a place to cool off.

Mid-Columbia Children's Council:

The district building identified for used by the MCCC Headstart program has not yet been licensed and MCCC currently does not have a teacher for the program.

Plumbing Grant:

The company that was hired to snake our pipes fell through. Apollo is working on securing more grant funding for the plumbing project. We currently have \$200,000 in grant funding but plumbing companies seem to be believe that is nowhere enough money to complete the project.

Apollo:

Apollo was scheduled to update the board this evening on the grant funding as well as we are at with the planning grant. However, since they found some leads to get us more money for our plumbing issue, they asked to postpone this update until September.

Bus Driver In-Service:

Today, I hosted Wishram and Glenwood bus driver for their annual in-service class. This was a mandatory 4 class that I had to have to put my drivers through every year. I've always opened it up to the neighboring district if needed.

Athletics:

HS FB & HS VB started on August 15th JH Sports will start on August 29th

E. NEW BUSINESS (Board Action Needed)

GYM FLOOR LEVELING

The administration discussed the need to level the gym floor to prep it for installation and reviewed the associated quotes. The administration recommended the board approve hiring REED CONCRETE AND CONSTRUCTION LLC for leveling the floor with additional concrete at the quoted expense of \$25,365.60.

C.White motioned to approve the district to proceed with REED CONCRETE AND CONSTRUCTION QUOTE #2059 for \$25,365 to prepare the Gym floor.

K.Churchwell seconded the motion.

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TEACHER HIRE

The administration recommended the board approve the hiring of Shannon Boucher as the TITE/LAP/PE teacher for Wishram School District.

K.Churchwell motioned to approve the hiring of Shannon Boucher as the TITLE/LAP/PE teacher.

*C.White seconded the motion
Motion passed.*

F. OTHER BUSINESS

ATTORNEY FEES

The administration reviewed the legal expense amount through July related to the gym floor replacement matter and recommended the board approve the district to continue working with the attorney on this matter through September board meeting update.

C.White motioned to approve the district to continue accruing legal bills on the gym floor matter through the September 2022 board meeting update.

K.Churchwell seconded the motion.
Motion passed

E. SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

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7/26/22 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

C.White motioned to approve the 7/26/2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes as written.

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

F. Consent Agenda (Board Action Needed)

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

	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	35065-35090	36,579.04
	35091	75.03
	TOTAL	36,579.04
PAYROLL	35050-35053	8,008.55
PAYROLL VENDORS	35054-35064	28,844.90
PAYROLL FUNDS XFER		120,703.70
	TOTAL PAYROLL	157,557.15

CAPITAL PROJECTS

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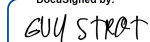
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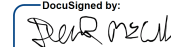
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*C.White motioned to approve the consent agenda in its entirety.
K.Churchwell seconded the motion
MOTION PASSED*

Meeting Adjourned 6:00PM

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Guy Strot, Board Secretary

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Board Chair or Designee