

Wishram School
Board Minutes

05/03/2022
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

School Board Directors attendance:

School District employees in attendance:

Detmar McCullough Christina Patten-Rowan Chelsea White Clyde Rosa	Mike Roberts, Superintendent Sarah Hathaway, Business Manager
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Guests present none

Call to Order at 3:35pm
 Pledge of Allegiance lead by D.McCullough

Roll Call

*C.White motioned to excuse Kandy Churchwell due to employment obligations.
 C.Patten-Rowan seconded the motion.
 Motion passed.*

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

Expense approval - Gym floor replacement

District administration recommended to the board to approve the necessary expenditures to replace the gymnasium floor and to allow the district to move forward with the project with the goal of re-opening the gym to students in the Fall of 2022. The District recommends board approval to spend up to \$170,000 on the gym floor replacement.

The school board directors discussed the request. Director McCullough asked if Tapani, Inc. or Brandsen Flooring will be able to repair the floor. Mr. Roberts explained that multiple experts have reported that the floor cannot be repaired at this point and the only path forward is to replace the floor. Director McCullough asked if the district is seeking a legal remedy. Mr. Roberts explained that the District has legal counsel representing the school's interests, but the attorney cautioned that while the school is likely to prevail in a legal action, it will not be without significant expense and will likely leave the school without the use of the gym for several years. Mr. Roberts explained that there are other schools in Washington State having the same issue with Brandsen Flooring's workmanship and that the District has authorized the attorney to discuss our case with another district encountering a very similar issue. Director Patten-Rowan asked if the district would accept bids or award future contracts to Tapani, Inc or Brandsen in the future? Mr. Roberts stated that the District is not required to accept the lowest bid if it is known that the company does not perform quality work. Director Rosa asked if there is sufficient funds in the General Fund to weather this expense. S.Hathaway provided the current fund balance as of March 2022 and estimated that one-time expense will reduce the general fund but there would be sufficient fund balance for school operations. Mr. Roberts added that, in anticipation of this significant expense, the district has initiated the RIF process and has eliminated 1 classified position beginning with the 2022-2023 year and that the district will work diligently to conserve fund balance. Mr. Roberts added that while we are requesting approval of \$170,000, the district will make every possible effort to complete this project well under this amount if possible.

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C.White motioned to approve the expenditures not to exceed \$170,000 to replace the gymnasium floor.

C.Patten-Rowan seconded the motion.

Motion approved

District administration recommends the board to adopt resolution 2122-05 Redirect Apportionment funds from General Fund to Capital Projects Fund. Mr. Roberts explained that there is not sufficient funds in the Capital Projects fund balance to cover the estimated costs of replacing the gym floor. This resolution is needed to request approval from the state to allow funds to be transferred from General Fund to Capital projects to cover the excess expense above the Capital Projects fund balance. The transfer(s) of funds is not to exceed \$120,000.

C.White motioned to adopt Resolution 2122-05 to Redirect Apportionment funds from General Fund to Capital Projects Fund, not to exceed \$120,000.

C.Patten-Rowan seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:46PM

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Mike Roberts

Mike Roberts, Secretary

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Debra McCall

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Board Chair or Designee