

Wishram School  
Board Minutes

11-22-22

BOARD MEETING

School Board Directors attendance:

School District employees in attendance:

Detmar McCullough Chelsea White Kandy Churchwell Christina Patten-Rowan	Guy Strot, Superintendent Tye Churchwell, Director of Operations Sarah Hathaway, Business Manager
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Guests Present: none

Call to Order at 5:15PM

Pledge of Allegiance lead by D.McCullough

Roll Call

*C. White Motion to excuse Clye Rosa for employment obligations.*

*K.Churchwell seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed*

*Questions Comments from Audience*

*none*

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- 1) Raise student (SBAC) test scores and take a critical look at the curriculum.
- a. Secondary ELA delivered and in use
- b. Applied for a \$50,000 Career / College grant from College Spark
- c. Introduced Draft Academic Plan to staff

Last week our new English curriculum for 6th to 12th grade was delivered and Ms Taylor has started to use it.

We did apply for a \$50,000 Grant with a company called Bloom Consulting that will amplify the College and Career curriculum that we bought from Xello. We will find out in December or January if we are successful.

Finally on Monday we talked to all staff about our academic plan and moving to a 4 day school week next year. I brought some copies of the folder we gave to staff. You are welcome to take it with you tonight or leave it here after the meeting. The academic plan is part of the Strategic plan. I've given you a sheet that lists out the part of the academic plan that will be new. The reason for the meeting was to get their consensus to move forward. We will start the year with a two-day parent community staff camp out, we will have a K-12 berry picking and root digging day as well as a secondary fishing day, we will be outside learning at least once a week or consistently and we will include our retired and our elders in the learning of our kids. For the Elders, one area would be to help us teach the Since Time Immemorial curriculum, which the state has created. An overview is in the packet.

The 4 day school week is an option available to schools but we need State approval. the process I see is our staff look at it, which we are currently doing, then we announce it to our parents and Community to get their feedback, the third step would be to ask the school board to approve it, and if the school board approves it, we would apply to the state. Not every school that applies is given the waiver. There are pros and cons to this and I've listed some of them out.

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- 2) Build new facilities and secure new property.
  - a. Tye sent 15+ documents to ESD Construction Services
  - b. Talking with Yakama Indian Nation and The Wave Foundation about a sport court on our upper field.
  - c. Applied for a planning grant for an athletic field. There will be a follow on grant opportunity this summer for the development of the athletic field.

On the building of new facilities, ESD Construction Services, which we have a contract with, has all the information to start looking at our site and developing recommendations for the board on both modernizing our building and making it last for 30 years as well as adding on to the building. My guess is we will hear something from them in January.

The Yakima Housing Authority along with a nonprofit called The Wave Foundation have money for a sport court and would like to place this court in the upper field. It would be a combination soccer, basketball, tennis, Etc. We are meeting with them after Thanksgiving to start putting something together. They have funding for the sport court right now.

We also applied for a \$50,000 planning Grant with a company called Bell Design Group out of White Salmon to do two things. The first is enhance our city park and the second is to create an athletic field next to the city park. There are seven lots for sale which could be turned into a football field/Athletic Field. If we are successful with the planning grant we would end up with a design for the city park and its cost as well as the athletic field. We will have to go search and find a second Grant to construct the enhancement of the city park but there will be a grant opportunity for the construction of an athletic field this coming summer from the same state agency that released this planning grant. We should know whether we won or not in January.

- 3) Keep the levy going in future years.
  - a. Community Newsletter
  - b. Pizza with the Principal or Sundaes with the Superintendent

I will start the pizza or sundaes in January.

- 4) Recruit high quality staff for the school district.
  - a. Working with contact at Heritage University
  - b. Reaching out to the community

The Director of Languages at Heritage University is going to let the graduates who are native speakers know about Wishram SD. Again, one of our plans for next fall is to offer a class for Sahaptin. We are also reaching out to the community to find out what resources we might have locally, whether in Oregon or Washington, who could come teach this class. It would be great if we can get some graduates with a teaching degree, who are native, to take a serious look at Wishram SD to start their career.

- 5) Increase community participation in the school district and students.
  - a. Elders to teach Since Time Immemorial curriculum

I mentioned this earlier when talking about the academic plan.

- 6) Nurture and maintain the confidence of the board.
  - a. Final Draft Strategic Plan and 4 day school week at a January Board Retreat - Can we do this on January 19<sup>th</sup> over dinner?

The administration, along with help from staff, will be proposing a draft strategic plan in January to the school board. The academic plan is part of the strategic plan. I would like to discuss this as well as the 4 day school week in a board retreat

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format, separate from a normal board meeting. I would also like to discuss some changes we can make to the school board meeting format to make it easier and more useful for the school board. I would like to propose January 19th over dinner. Will that work?

### 7) General Items

a. Applied for a grant to plan and design an enhanced city park and create an athletic field.

*A discussion was held regarding the ideas presented for future development of athletics fields and on the ideas presented for a future academic plan that includes the 7 Learnings and involving tribal elders in the implementation of the Since Time Immemorial curriculum*

### **DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT - By Tye Churchwell**

#### **Gymnasium:**

Meditation was very successful. I will discuss that when we get to it on the agenda. Carlson testing set up testing on the 14<sup>th</sup> and came back and read them on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We passed this time. Dominate the Hardwood plans to continue the installation of our gym floor on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Western Bus:**

We still havenot been provided a quote for a new bus. Italked to Sarah Jones from Western Bus yesterday, and she said that both Ford and Chevy canceled some of the chassis that they make so that has put them behind. She hopes to have a quote to me by the end of this week.

#### **Plumbing Grant:**

Roto Rooter Snaked all the pipes. I got the report, and it wasn't as bad as expected. The pipes leaving both the boys and girls restrooms appear to have some useful life left in them. The pipes leaving Antoine's' room are no good and need to be replaced as well as the pipe leaving the old Pre School room.

#### **Apollo:**

Apollo is still looking to help us find more money to work on our plumbing as well as well as our Small School Modernization Grant that we applied for. They had planned on attending tonight's meeting but have still not secured any more money for us. They have also had a real hard time attracting a plumber who is interested in doing this job. With that being said, I ran into an old friend the other day and he just happens to work for a company called Skycam Construction. He introduced me to the owner of the company, and it just so happens that they specialize in plumbing jobs. They seem interested so I've given their information to Apollo. Hopefully we can get going on this project soon.

#### **MCCC Head Start Building Fence:**

See Quote - This is to enclose the grassy area directly south of the preschool building entrance. This is to provide a safe space for preschool children.

#### **Athletics:**

We're in basketball season. So far, we have 3 JH girls, 7 JH boys, 1 HS girls and 4 HS boys on the basketball teams. We also have 1 HS girl who is the manager of the HS girls BB team.

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### E. NEW BUSINESS

FENCE AROUND PRESCHOOL BUILDING FRONT LAWN SPACE

***C.WHITE MOTIONED TO CONSIDER THE EXPENSE TO ADD A CHAINLINK FENCE AROUND THE LAWN IN FRONT OF THE PRESCHOOL BUILDING.***

***K.CHURCHWELL SECONDED THE MOTION.***

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD AROUND THE REQUEST FROM MCCC TO HAVE A FENCE INSTALLED. THIS FENCE WILL PROVIDE SAFETY FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN ALLOWING THEM TO HAVE A SMALL OUTDOOR SPACE THAT IS SECURE.

**VOTE: APPROVED UNANIMOUS**

ADDITIONAL JH BASKETBALL COACHING STIPEND

***K.CHURCHWELL MOTIONED TO CONSIDER ADDING AN ADDITIONAL JH BASKETBALL COACH FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON.***

***C.WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION***

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD DESCRIBING THE NUMBER OF STUDENT ATHLETES PARTICIPATING AND THE SAFETY CHALLENGES IN MANAGING THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AT WIDE RANGING SKILL LEVELS.

**VOT: APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**

### F. OTHER BUSINESS

***F-196 YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022***

***Business Manager Sarah Hathaway reviewed the year end report with the school board.***

### G. OLD BUSINESS

GYM FLOOR MEDIATION AND SETTLEMENT CONTRACT

T.CHURCHWELL REPORTED ON HOW THE MEDIATION UNFOLDED AND HOW THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT WAS DETERMINED AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD.

***C.WHITE MOTIONED TO ACCEPT OF THE GYM FLOOR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS WRITTEN.***

***K.CHURCWHELL SECONDED THE MOTION***

**VOTE: APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**

### E. SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

***OCTOBER 25, 2022, SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES***

***C.WHITE MOTIONED TO CONSIDER THE OCTOBER 25 2022 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES.***

***K.CHURCHWELL SECONDED THE MOTION***

DISCUSSION - THERE WERE NOT QUESTIONS

**VOTE: APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**

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**F. Consent Agenda (Board Action Needed)**

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

	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	35192-35219	\$ 40,918.67
		\$ 51.50
	35220	
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 40,970.17</u>
PAYROLL	35221-35223	\$ 7,979.41
PAYROLL VENDORS	35224-35232	\$ 28,359.28
PAYROLL FUNDS XFER		\$ 129,812.87
	TOTAL PAYROLL	<u>\$ 166,151.56</u>
<b>ASB</b>		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2178	<u>26.55</u>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	489	<u>1,520.50</u>

**C.WHITE motioned to approve the consent agenda in its entirety.**

**K.CHURCHWELL seconded the motion**

**VOTE: YES -UNANIMOUS**

**POLICY UPDATES AND REVISIONS – FIRST READING**

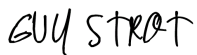
- 5410 – Holidays
- 2140/2140P/2140R – Comprehensive Programs Counseling Programs
- 4200 – Parent Access and Safe and Orderly Learning
- 3416P – Medication at School
- 3211P – Gender-Inclusive Schools
- 3416 – Medication at School
- 3424/3424P- Opioid Related Overdose Reversal

**K.Churchwell motioned to approve the first reading of the above policies.**


**C.White seconded the motion.**

**VOTE: YES -UNANIMOUS**

Meeting Adjourned 6:43PM

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Guy Strot, Board Secretary

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Board Chair or Designee