

Wishram School
Board Minutes
02/28/2023

BOARD MEETING

School Board Directors attendance: School District employees in attendance:

Kandy Churchwell Clyde Rosa Christina Patten-Rowan Chelsea White	Guy Strot Tye Churchwell Sarah Hathaway Kadee Herrington, Brent Cameron Lead Teachers
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Guests Present: Peter Leon, George Stockoff, Jason Blodgett, Ronni Orton-Blodgett

Call to Order at 5:15
Pledge of Allegiance lead -K.Churchwell

Comments from Audience

P.Leon inquired on the status of the active shooter policy, recommended that the board support the reduction of speed on Hwy 14.

Jason Blodgett expressed concern related to student discipline and the administration's response to bullying and inquired if there had been a change in addressing discipline.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: G.Strot provided a report and explanation of the following items.

- 1) Raise student (SBAC) test scores and take a critical look at curriculum.
 - a. Wishes for Wishram - two days of meetings
 - b. Discussion with the Yakama Indian Nation
 - c. Learning Center / 6-12 intervention support room
 - d. Training for interim SBAC tests with 3 teachers

- 2) Build new facilities and secure new property.
 - a. Moving on to modernization of our current school building
 - b. Impact monies and the Yakama Indian Nation

- 3) Keep the levy going in future years.
 - a. Pizza with Administration this month
 - b. Monthly parent newsletter U S mailed

- 4) Recruit high quality staff for the school district.

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- a. Meeting with Math Department Chair at Heritage University
- 5) Increase community participation in the school district and students.
- a. Wishes for Wishram
 - b. Planning for athletic field and community park upgrades
- 6) Nurture and maintain the confidence of the board.
- a. Recommend the Strategic Plan at the March School Board Meeting
 - b. Input from Yakama Indian Nation
- 7) General Items
- a. First meeting for the park and athletic field design
 - b. 38th Washington State Indian Education Association Conference
 - i. Bringing some students
 - ii. School Board is welcome to attend - April 3-5 in Toppenish
 - c. Library in the hall and the surplus sale

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Reduction of speed on Highway 14:

Lisa-Rene Shilperoort

T.Churchwell reported to the board on his communication with the WA Department of Transportation. Mr. Churchwell asked that each board member send Lisa-Rene a quick email supporting the cause to reduce the speed through Wishram Heights on Highway 14.

Property Purchases:

12/27/2022 Board Report

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The owner of the property on Main St. left a lot of stuff, some good and some not so good. I had my crew scheduled to start cleaning up the outside of the property last Thursday, but with temps in the single digits I called that off and had them work within the building. They will start cleaning up around the property tomorrow. I'm currently looking to get bids to demolish the house and turn the two lots into a protected area for school district vehicles. The first thing we have to do is have the property surveyed. We have a quote from Bell Design for \$5,500 + \$350.00 filing fee for them to do it. I'm waiting for a quote from Tenneson Engineering out of The Dalles.

JAN 24, 2023 Board Report

Property Purchases:

My guys cleaned all the junk up around the property over the winter break.

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I ended up getting 3 bids to survey the property at 147 Bunn St. Pioneer Engineering and Surveying in Goldendale gave us the best quote. They surveyed the property last Tuesday.

I will start working on getting bid to demolish the house, level and gravel the property along with putting protective fencing around the property.

Review of bids to demolish house, level property, gravel property and install security fencing around the property.

Plumbing Grant:

We've agreed to change the scope of the work and move the maintenance washroom to the old locker room. I currently have two contractors working on bids. OSPI has granted permission to do so.

Apollo:

No new news.

MCCC Head Start Building Fence:

They are again without a lead teacher for the position.

District Firearms Policy:

Reviewed the update to policy 6514 to be considered for adoption

LEAD TEACHER REPORTS:

Kadee Herrington:

K/1 has just completed a round of growth monitoring. We have entered our second math book for both 1 and Kinder. Many students have shown huge amounts of growth. Reading has been very successful and our kindergarteners are becoming strong readers. 2/3- At the last progress monitor checkup for I-Ready nearly all the students improved their scores. Currently had training via zoom on the new math curriculum and are using it now. 4/5 Presentation from Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery Fish and Wildlife service. Finished the novel Holes and starting a non-fiction story next.. REACH program has a full schedule of activities including a muralist, Swish Basketball, Haircuts by Aireann, and a presentation by KLASAC coming up.

Brent Cameron: Reported on Ft Simcoe field trip, republic services field trip as well as the subject currently being cover in Mr. Boucher' classes

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and his plans to coordinate a middle school "Daddy/Daughter Dance" and Mr. Cameron shared what he is currently covering in his classes.

OLD BUSINESS

BID REVIEW AND SELECTION- presented by T.Churchwell
Contractor bids for the demolition, leveling and fence installation at 125 Main Street property.

C.White motioned to accept the bid from HGL Construction in the amount of \$54,825.

C.Patten-Rowan seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation: Detmar McCullough, School Board Chairman
The members of the board read the letter of resignation from D.McCullough.

C.Patten-Rowan motioned to accept D.McCullough's resignation.

C.Whiate seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Resignation: Kayla Justman, Middle School/Secondary Math Teacher
The members of the board read the letter of resignation from K.Justman.

C.Patten-Rowan motioned to accept K.Justman's resignation.

C.Whiate seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The resignation of member McCullough left the Chair position vacant.
K.Churchwell recommended Clyde Rosa for Chair.

C.White asked for clarification on the letter from Superintendent Strot indicating that he had legal advice recommending that the election of officers be delayed. Mr. Strot clarified that it was not advice from an attorney, rather it was his recommendation.

C.Patten-Rowan motioned to elect Clyde Rosa as the board Chair.

C.White seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

2023/2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

T.Churchwell explained that the majority of the staff selected this calendar and that it aligns with Lyle School and OSAA although Lyle's calendar has not been board approved at time of this meeting.

K.Churchwell motioned to adopt the 2023/2024 school calendar as presented.

C.Patten-Rowan seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

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SURPLUS SALE

Mr. Strot summarized the types of items that will be included in the surplus sale and that the sale is scheduled for March 22nd, 23rd.

K.Churchwell motioned to approve the disposal/surplus of obsolete and/or surplus supplies and equipment in accordance with Board Policy 6881.

C.White seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

LETTER TO WSDOT

Reduction of speed on Hwy 14 through Wishram Heights

K.Churchwell motioned to draft a letter from the school board in support of the request for a speed reduction on Hwy 14 through Wishram Heights.

C.White seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

E. SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 24TH, 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

K.Churchwell motioned to approve the January 24th Board Meeting Minutes as written.

C.Patten-Rowan seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

F. Consent Agenda (Board Action Needed)

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

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	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	35336-35368	\$ 58,223.10
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PAYROLL	35321-35324	\$ 1,970.52
PAYROLL VENDORS	35325-35335	\$ 28,464.00
PAYROLL FUNDS XFER		\$ 139,523.71
	TOTAL PAYROLL	\$ 169,958.23
ASB		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2183-2184	\$ 178.17
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CAPITAL PROJECTS		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		\$ 65,955.00

Discussion: C.Rosa inquired about the legal bills that have been appearing in the monthly AP. The attorney that is listed is not familiar and requested more information. Mr. Strot explained his use of an attorney he is familiar with and consults this attorney when he feels he or the district is at risk.

The board responded that they would like to be involved in attorney selection and since routine use of an attorney has not been necessary in the recent past, reminded the administration that they should use other resources to find legal answers first and consult an attorney only after other resources have been tried. The board also asked the administration to consider other attorneys before final selection of an attorney that will be supporting the school going forward.

The board requested additional details on some of the expenses listed in the monthly AP and each inquiry was addressed.

C.White motioned to approve the consent agenda in its entirety.

C.Patten-Rowan seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed

Policy Updates and Revisions

6514 FIREARMS

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T.Churchwell reviewed the revisions to the policy and reported that the authorized employee(s) have successfully passed firearms qualifications conducted by the Klickitat County Sheriff's Office.
C.Patten-Rowan motioned to adopt the policy 6514 as revised.
C.White seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Executive Session

Purpose: To review the performance of a public employee. Time-15 minutes.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:36PM
Resumed regular session at 6:47PM
No actions taken during executive session.

Discussion:

The board initiated a discussion regarding current practices for handling reports of bullying. Mr. Strot responded and described how he is handling such situations.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05PM

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Guy Strot, Board Secretary

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Board Chair or Designee