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Whatcom Intergenerational High School

Minutes

Whatcom Intergenerational High School Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday January 16, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location
Hybrid meeting. Available to join via Zoom or in person at WIHS.

Directors Present
A. Juarez Cordova (remote), J. Johnson (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
D. Walker

Guests Present
E. Zamora (remote), Halma Abubakar (remote), J. Ferrera (remote), J. Fochtman (remote), K. Catwell (remote), Sheri Clark (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

J.Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm

B.

Record Attendance & Welcome

C. Land Acknowledgement

J. Johnson read the land acknowledgement

D. Mission & Vision

Choral reading of Mission and Vision

E. Approve Minutes

J. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from Whatcom Intergenerational High School Board Meeting on 12-19-24.
Shari Clark seconded the motion
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Consent Agenda

Required language for the Board minutes (to reflect Board approval of expenditures):

The following payments as audited and certified by the auditing officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursements claims certified, as required by RCW 42.24.090, are approved for payment. In addition, payroll payments in the amount of $64,190.95 are also approved.

General Fund
Accounts Payable
Total electronic payments totaling $129,513.51
Accounts Payable check number N/A totaling $0.00

Non-AP Cash Disbursements
Total electronic payments totaling $1,690.95

Non-Accounts Payable check #272, 273, 274, 276 totaling $1,450.00

Payroll
Total electronic payments totaling $64,190.95 and
Payroll check number N/A totaling $0

J. Johnson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as is.

J.Johnson read the required language for payroll.

seconded by Shari Clark
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

No public comments

III. School Updates

A. School Team Updates

D.Walker introduced teacher Kit Catwell.

Kit Catwell shared updates from the school:

- Geometry students very exited about building 3-d models for their projects, and many were working
- Students will be cooking five food dishes for Post-secondary Success
- Pet drive!
- Food drive for local community
- Salmon have arrived! Students are monitoring water and growth. Will be released into Squalicum creek later this spring

A.Juarez Cordova and E.Zamora commented on how inspiring this was to hear.

B. WIHS Academic Overview

D.Walker shared about recent enrollment, attendance, and upcoming assessment dates

- Enrollment is at 105, but 3 students are starting in the next 2 weeks
- Grades 10 and 12 had the lowest average daily attendance for 12/10-1/14, but overall attendance was beginning to improve from the November low
- NWEA MAP assessment data will be shared at the February board meeting

E.Zamora presented how WIHS is expanding student rewards for attendance

- Continued monthly attendance rewards by grade
- Addition of monthly attendance awards for attendance above 95%
- Addition of monthly award for students with the most attendance growth/progress

C. Enrollment Update

J.Fochtman presented on current enrollment trends and plans for our enrollment process.

- Will begin monthly open houses in February
- Intent to return will be sent out by the end of next week
- Still have a waitlist of students for 9th grade
- Mariposa is working on marketing and will start putting out FB and social media ads
- Focus on homeschool campaign as a starting point to backfill 9th grade

IV. Cultural Engagement Committee Update

A. Cultural Engagement Committee Update

J.Johnson shared that we will need a new board member to step up as chair of this committee.

S.Clark offered to join this committee as a participant or leader.

Board decided not to vote on a new chair as all board members were not present

V. Governance

A. CAP, Compliance, and Reporting Updates

D.Walker shared that WIHS is currently 100% compliant with the CAP and compliance.

- All items for January have been submitted
- Recommendation that the Board continue to work on recruiting new board members
- WIHS also has Audits, OSPI program requirements, and the Charter renewal over the next couple of months

VI. Board Goals

A. Board Development and Empowerment

J.Johnson highlighted the goal of increasing the number of board members

- Any suggested people should be emailed to J.Johnson
- E.Zamora stated there is a parent interested in joining the board with time and experience around fundraising
- Board members may be asked to support with vetting new members
- Goal is to vote in 1-2 new members at the February board meeting

VII. Other Business

A. Announcements

E.Zamora shared that WIHS is celebrating Black History Month on Monday, February 24th, and an email invitation will be sent to the board members. The event will include Ethiopian food, music, and presentations from local Black business members focused on their experiences.

B. Anti-Racism and Transformative Justice Work

VIII. Closing Items

A. Board Debrief and Evaluation

B. Adjourn Meeting

J. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the January board meeting at 6:24pm.
A. Juarez Cordova seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Walker