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Whatcom Intergenerational High School

Minutes

Whatcom Intergenerational High School Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday March 20, 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), M. Hudson (remote), N. Mughal-Barrows, S. Clark (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
D. Walker

Guests Present
E. Zamora (remote), J. Fochtman (remote), K. Silberstein (remote), Scott Canfield (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Johnson called a meeting of the board of directors of Whatcom Intergenerational High School to order on Thursday Mar 20, 2025 at 5:38 PM.

B. Record Attendance & Welcome

C. Land Acknowledgement

N.Mughal-Barrows read the land acknowledgement

D. Mission & Vision

J.Johnson read the Mission and Board choral read the vision.

E. Approve Minutes

J. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from Whatcom Intergenerational High School Board Meeting on 02-20-25.
S. Clark seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Consent Agenda

D.Walker shared the draft 25-26 SY calendar

- Includes start and end dates, holidays, and breaks. Additional half days will be added closer to the end of the school year.

Required board language for the March monthly financials:

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 $62,013.53 are also approved.

General Fund

Accounts Payable

- Total electronic payments totaling $74,334.60
- Accounts Payable check number N/A totaling $0.00

Non-AP Cash Disbursements

- Total electronic payments totaling $2,454.26
- Non-Accounts Payable check #279, 282 totaling $840.00

Payroll

- Total electronic payments totaling $62,013.53 and
- Payroll check number N/A totaling $0

J. Johnson made a motion to Approve the March consent agenda.
S. Clark seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

No people present for public comment

III. School Updates

A. School Team Updates

D.Walker discussed recent and upcoming events, focusing on the attendance experiences. Talked about the Pickle experience from yesterday, and how the students had so much fun trying strange things.

D.Walker also talked about the guest speakers in Ms.Catwell's class, including the fashion designer who was very engaging for the students.

E.Zamora shared about the plans for the salmon release and Women's History celebration on Monday. Ceremony for release of salmon, then special lunch, guests to present, sharing of poems, door decorating contest, and discussion around sexism.

N.M-B asked about how WIHS plans to deal with the attacks on DEI. DW said that the school plans to hold firm on the values the school was founded on, and keep as a safe space for all people.

B. Enrollment Update

J.Fochtman presented March enrollment updates and upcoming plans:

- Currently at 89 confirmed students, with 10 more in the pipeline. Last year WIHS was at 70 students at this time
- Intent to return survey went out in February, and vast majority are a yes.
- D.Walker, J.Fochtman, and Monica will host open house this Saturday. 8 families are confirmed to attend.
- Ongoing advertisements with Meta and other sources to expand reach.
- Focus on drawing homeschool and online school families

C. WIHS Academic Overview

D.Walker shared that the school is currently at 95 students, and that attendance is very slowly rising since the drop in November.

E.Zamora talked about the growth of the 24-25 SY, and how the CEB meetings and truancy petitions are consistent so the team can start looking ahead to August and the coming year.

IV. Finance

A. School Financial Updates

K.Silberstein led an overview of the 25-26 draft budget, and shared the February financials.

Draft budget:

- Good time of year to share draft budget to see a high level overview of how the school is doing.
- J.Johnson confirmed that the board did not need to vote on the new budget at this meeting, and that further discussion would continue in the coming months.

February Budget:

- Currently achieving budget targets and in alignment to be on track
- Private revenue consistent, but need to seek out grants and funding sources for next year
- Expenditures to date are on pace, and at a good spot
- Days on cash are consistent and on track to exceed the 30 day minimum at the end of the year
- Budget based on some levy equalization coming through, and WIHS should know more by May
- Balance sheet shows items staying roughly the same due to higher apportionment payments

B. 23-24 Audit and 990 Review

J. Johnson made a motion to Approve the Fiscal year 23-24 Audit conducted by an independent third party.
S. Clark seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Cultural Engagement Committee Update

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Cultural Engagement Committee Update

S.Clark and Nasreen are working together to bring the committee back to life. Focus on reaching out to other local cultures and members of our community. D.Walker stated that she might know someone who would be an excellent connection for this committee

VI. Governance

A. CAP, Compliance, and Reporting Updates

D.Walker shared that WIHS is currently in compliance with the CAP, and that the March Independent Audit item will be submitted next week now that it has been approved by the board.

J.Johnson asked about renewal and if there is anything that may hinder it.

- D.Walker said that the commission could choose not to allow the school to apply for renewal based on having a CAP, but the school and board could appeal if that happened.
- DW stated that information from the commission will be sent by the end of March, and then the school will respond and plan next steps.

J.Johnson asked S.Canfield from the Commission if the board and school were understanding the steps correctly. S.Canfiend confirmed that the information is correct.

VII. Board Goals

A. Board Development and Empowerment

J.Johnson shared the board goals again- Board is on track with the majority of goals, but will need to continue to grow the fundraising opportunities.

JJ will take more central role on setting board expectations and seeking out sources of funding.

VIII. Other Business

A. Announcements

No announcements for this meeting

B. Anti-Racism and Transformative Justice Work

D.Walker asked for additional resources and events from any of the board members. When asked about the DEI changes, she stated that WIHS will be staying true to its

identity as a safe place for all people. DW has been attending informational Superintendent meetings with OSPI for additional information on legalities and the most up to date changes.

IX. Closing Items

A. Board Debrief and Evaluation

J.Johnson led the board in a thumbs up/ thumbs down on the items for debrief and evaluation. Most board members said yes to all items, except for 1 member who had not RSVP'd through Board on Track.

B. Adjourn Meeting

J. Johnson made a motion to Adjourn the March board meeting at 6:47 pm.
N. Mughal-Barrows 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 6:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Walker