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# White River School District

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday August 19, 2026 at 4:00 PM

#### Location

District Board/Conference Room

310 River Avenue North, Buckley, WA 98321

or via Zoom (to request access via Zoom, call 360 829-3814)

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#### Directors Present

Denise Vogel, James Johnson, Karen Bunker, Matt Scheer

#### Directors Absent

Cassie Pearson

#### Guests Present

Heather McAllister, Maiden Greene

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Call the Meeting to Order

Denise Vogel called a meeting of the board of directors of White River School District to order on Wednesday Aug 19, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

#### B.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

### **C. Roll Call**

Under roll call, Director Pearson was absent; all other members were present. Assistant Superintendent Heather McAllister was filling in for Superintendent Harrison, who was absent.

### **D. Approve Agenda**

James Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda.

Matt Scheer seconded the motion.

Under Approve Agenda, it was moved by Director Scheer to remove the Out of State Travel for White River High School Girls Basketball team to compete in a three-game tournament in Honolulu, HI, December 7-13, 2026, item under Action and Reports.

Director Bunker seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was then moved and seconded to approve the rest of the Agenda.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **E. Approve Minutes of the July 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting**

Karen Bunker made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting on 07-08-26.

Matt Scheer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **F. Approve Minutes of the July 30, 2026 Board Special Session Meeting**

Karen Bunker made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Session Meeting on 07-30-26.

Matt Scheer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## **II. Announcements and Recognition**

### **A. Next Regular Meeting- September 9, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the District Board Conference Room**

### **B. First Day of School- August 31, 2026**

### **C. Welcome Back Day for Staff- August 27, 2026**

### **D. New Educator Introductions**

Executive Director of Human Resources, Dr. Sunday Ferris, shared that we had a great group joining the White River School District this year. Who we hire matters, and the

building administrators did a great job in the hiring process. She also thanked Mandy Lepannen and Eric Sage Richard for their work. The building administrators then introduced the new staff to the board. The board introduced themselves and welcomed them.

### **III. Highlight**

#### **A. Summer Projects 2026**

Maintenance and Custodial Supervisor Marty Brewer gave the board an update on all the summer projects that have been occurring. The department has been very busy and has done a lot of work. Work done includes the following:

District-Wide LED Lighting  
White River High School Dishwasher Replacement  
Mountain Meadow Secure Fencing  
Wilkeson Cornice Replacement  
White River Early Learning Center & White River High School HVAC Upgrades  
White River High School CTE Welding Shop circuits  
Glacier Middle School, White River Early Learning Center & White River High School  
Gym Floor Refinishing

Smaller projects include:

White River Early Learning Center:  
Plumbing Repairs  
Shut Off Valve Replacement

Foothills Elementary:  
Pole Light Repairs  
Hot Water Tank/Main Pipe Repair

Mountain Meadow Elementary:  
Hydronic Repairs

District Office & District Distribution Center:  
Theater Heating Coil Replacement  
Hydronic Repairs

District-Wide:  
Campus Beautification  
Fire Testing

#### **B. Public Hearing for the 2026-2027 Budget**

Donna Morey gave a presentation on the 2026-2027 budget hearing. She went over revenue assumptions, revenue, expenditures, MSOC compliance, the general fund summary and the components of fund balance. She also shared information regarding the Capital Projects funds, the Debt Service Fund and the Transportation Vehicle fund. She went over the ASB fund and gave school summaries. Under the consent agenda, the 2026-2027 Budget Adoption Resolution will be going up for approval this evening.

Director Vogel opened the hearing for public comment. There were no comments. The hearing was closed.

#### **IV. Break**

##### **A. Break**

President Vogel called for a five-minute break.

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

##### **A. Approve Actual Vouchers Issued July, 2026**

##### **B. Approve Payroll Issued July 31, 2026**

##### **C. Approve Revised Personnel Report**

##### **D. Approve 2026-2027 Clock Hours**

##### **E. Approve Central Washington University College in the High School Interlocal Agreement**

##### **F. Approve PSESD ECEAP Food Services Agreement**

##### **G. Approve Interdistrict Agreement White River SD and Carbonado SD SPED Services 2026-2027**

##### **H. Vote on Consent Agenda Items**

James Johnson made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda items.

Karen Bunker seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### **VI. Business Services**

##### **A. Financial Report for Month of June, 2026**

Under Business Services, Donna Morey provided the information for the monthly financial report in the board members' agenda packets. There were no questions.

Items of note were:

#### GENERAL FUND

##### Note Regarding the June Budget Status Reports

As part of the District's transition from Skyward SMS to Qmlativ at the end of June, salary and benefit encumbrances were temporarily liquidated during the data conversion process.

To provide the most complete financial information available, two June Budget Status Reports are included:

- Skyward SMS Report: Reflects accurate expenditures and encumbrances; however, June revenue had not yet been fully posted prior to the system conversion.
- Qmlative Report: Reflects accurate revenue and expenditures after June was closed; however, salary and benefit encumbrances had not yet been reinstated following the conversion.

Salary and benefit encumbrances will be fully restored and reflected in the July Budget Status Report.

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS

Revenue in May consisted of property taxes, impact fees, and proceeds from the tree farm harvest.

Expenditures were for small projects, technology, and the costs related to the tree farm harvest.

#### DEBT SERVICE FUND

In June, debt service payments were made on the 2016 Bond (interest) and the 2022 LGO (interest and principal).

#### TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE FUND

There was no significant activity in the Transportation Vehicle Fund in June.

### VII. Action and Reports

#### A. Approve Resolution 26-17- 2026-2027 Budget

Matt Scheer made a motion to Approve Resolution 26-17- 2026-2027 Budget.

James Johnson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### B. Approve Out of State Travel for White River High School Girls Basketball team to compete in a three game tournament in Honolulu, HI, December 7-13, 2026.

Under Approve Agenda, Director Scheer moved to remove this item from the Agenda. Director Bunker seconded the motion. The motion carried, and this item was removed from the agenda.

### **C. WRSD 2026 Spring Assessment Data Highlights Report**

Information on the White River School District Spring Achievement Data was provided in the board members' agenda packets. The report focused on growth, highlights, and celebrations. There were no questions. Overall Highlights and Celebrations were:

- Math fluency is developing well in early grades, supporting foundational skills.
- Concepts & Applications scores show improved problem-solving in 3rd -5th grades.
- Clear focus on scaffolding and rigor through the development and use of proficiency scales at GMS is having a positive impact on student learning.
- High School continues to hold high standards for students in ELA.

## **VIII. Closing Items**

### **A. Board/Superintendent Comments**

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Heather McAllister, wanted to recognize Dr. Ferris and her work on new education training. She showed how White River cares for our staff.

Director Johnson is impressed with the lack of new staff; retention is good, and how long-term subs become full-time teachers- it's really great.

### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

It was moved by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Scheer to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maiden Greene