

## Wishram School Board Minutes

05/26/2020

**School Board Directors in attendance:**

**School District employees in attendance:**

Clyde Rosa Remote	Mike Roberts, Superintendent
Detmar McCullough	Tye Churchwell, Director of Operations
Kandy Churchwell	Sarah Hathaway, Business Manager
Christina Patten-Rowan	
Rhonda Hargrove	School employee attendance via virtual meeting

**Guests present: none**

Call to Order at 5:15PM  
Pledge of Allegiance lead by Clyde Rosa

### Roll Call

All directors present via virtual meeting through ZOOM.

### Questions/comments from audience

None

### LEAD TEACHER REPORTS

SECONDARY: Ms. Barnhart provided the following printed report:

Secondary report for May 26, 2020 Wishram School Board Meeting  
Secondary teachers have been continuing to create valuable learning opportunities for all secondary students each week. These are being tracked on a google sheets document created by Jane Roberts. We are now in week 9 of what will be 12 weeks of distance learning and things are looking pretty good. There are only a few students that have chosen not to participate (for reasons unknown to us). We've actually had one student that was previously not able to participate, begin participating just a couple of weeks ago. He's now nearly caught up with his math and is continuing to work on all other subjects as well. It seems many students have created a sort of routine for themselves with work coming in regularly which is nice. Unfortunately, we seem to have lost more than we've gained though. In the first four or five weeks our participation (in Math and ELA) was averaging over 75%, but in recent weeks we are under 40%. I'm not sure how we can encourage our students to reapply themselves especially now that it's getting closer to the actual end of the school year. I'm continuing to send out progress reports to students (and parents if I have their email addresses) every few weeks, but only receive responses from a few of them. I'm sure other teachers are also in contact with students, but have received similar non-responses, however we will continue to try to encourage their (renewed) participation.

I was deemed "essential" for a couple of weeks and cleaned out my classroom so that Jane (deemed essential for the week or so after I was out) could move her things into that classroom in anticipation of next year. I've been in contact with our new math teacher and have been discussing next year's curriculum and tentative schedule. Teachers have been in contact with each other and with the administration regarding a possible class schedule for next year, but that schedule is built on the premise that we will be back to normal when we return. There may have to be adjustments made if that isn't the case. We will just have to wait and see what the future brings us.

On the bright side, our secondary teachers (as well as elementary teachers) are stepping up in various ways. Jane Roberts has been reading Tom Sawyer via facebook live, Dave DeVoe has been working with Antoine and Jason updating our student bathrooms (and they are doing a fabulous job by the way), Brent Cameron started a "care package" delivery group here in our Wishram Community. Each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays he picks up donated food from the Grange in Goldendale, drives down to the

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Wishram Church, where a group of community members (Charlie, Rhonda, and Gloria), along with some Wishram Teachers (Brent, Kristen, Judy, and myself), sort and deliver the donations around the community.

Hope all of you on the board are taking care and staying healthy.

Respectfully submitted by

Betsy Barnhart

Elementary Report: Mrs. Hilton provided the following printed report

Elementary Notes 5/26/2020

K/1 - Miss Guthrie reports that she is continuing to push through with the challenges with distance learning. She is struggling to get participation. She said it is trailing off but she continues to try to make connections and contact with students. She is able to make video contact with some and other helpful connections. It's very hard on her teacher's heart but she is trying very hard and she's looking forward to being back in the building! She also reports that one of her parents donated bird house kits that are free for parents to pick up at the school. She said they were donated by Tum-a-lum Lumber and one of the parents thought they would be a great project for the families of Wishram!!

2 / 3 - Mrs. Shinn has been receiving work regularly from many of her second and third graders! She has noticed that it is work that is noticeably poor and out of character of her students. She is there to support her students and will continue with the work that is in place. She, too, has noticed a slip off of participation but will push through to the end. She has noticed a lot of anxiety from her families about next year and is looking forward to guidance on how to answer those questions.

4 / 5 - Mrs. Ringer has gotten all assignments from a few of her students!! It then trickles down from there in participation but almost all of her students have turned in something! She has been able to see some of her students throughout this process and actually check in with them but she also video and messages her students individually daily/weekly. She has been in contact with all of them and has good academic participation with most but it has room for improvement with some students. I have been assigning lessons for my intervention students via i-Ready lessons. I have had pretty good success with students logging on to i-ready and overall as just elementary, we have a 45% login rate. I don't know how that is factored but at some point almost half of our kids have logged in at some point during this quarantine period and I'll take that!! I think it's probably higher than that. I am always here to help the teachers with anything they need. I am still really hoping for Google classrooms and pushing the idea especially as we get farther into this thing and things look more and more like distance learning for a bit anyway. Our staff is working hard!!

### Superintendent Report

Graduation Update: Mr. Roberts read the following letter to the board. The letter was prepared by the Kristen Ringer who is responsible for arranging the graduation ceremony.

Wishram Graduation 2020

05-25-2020

Dear Graduates and Families,

I would like to give my sincerest apologies to our graduates for not being able to receive a traditional senior year and graduation ceremony. It makes my heart very sad for each of you.

We had originally planned a very small gathering, but the state has told all districts that no one may have an in-person ceremony. Wishram School wants your graduation day to be a memorable day while following the states guidelines. So, this is what we have planned:

Graduation Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

Video from your Superintendent/Principal Mr. Roberts at 10:45 A.M.

Guest speaker Mr. Paul Pickette at 11:00 A.M.

Diploma presentation at 11:15

Senior's Parade 11:30.

We will be posting the speeches on the districts Facebook and web page for you to watch. The speeches are planned to be live at the times indicated.

After Mr. Pickette's speech you will get in a car with a family member or two and drive into the schools parking lot to receive your diploma and

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some other goodies. Please make sure you have your cap and gown on. Your items will be on a table that will be clearly marked with your name. Drive up to the table and you may get out and pick up your items. Make sure someone has a camera to take lots of pictures of you getting your items.

After that we ask that your families please deliver you to the decorated pick-up with your name on it. The parade will begin at 11:30, you will be escorted by the Wishram Volunteer Fire Department. We will first go up Boulder Road and through Wishram Heights, then down Boulder Road and continue through downtown Wishram. We will drop you off at your homes when the parade is over.

We truly wish we could do more, but are hopeful this will be a memory to last your lifetime.

Sincerely,

Kristen Kornegay Ringer

Graduation Organizer

Superintendent Roberts reported on school operations during the closure as well as what school in the fall may look like.

1. As a result of the rapidly declining participation in our distance learning activities, we have decided to take a more measured approach. As it sits, secondary students have been asked to complete an average of 45 assignments throughout the duration of this closure, and as Mrs. Barnhart noted in her report, we've dropped to below 50% participation. This doesn't represent the hard work and milestones that we have hit over the last 5 years, so we are going to move forward with holding each student accountable for the assignments they have been provided. Between June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup> (the end of the school year) the entire secondary teaching department is going to be reaching out directly to families of students who haven't been able to get their assignments turned in, and providing them with the necessary assistance to get those assignments completed. Students who don't complete all assignments by June 19<sup>th</sup> will have them added to the missing assignment list, and they will receive an "I" for their final semester grade, which they will have to make up at the beginning of next year.

2. Next year could present some specific challenges that I wanted to make all of you aware of as we proceed. At this point, the state is saying that schools with less than 100 students will be able to operate so long as some very specific criteria is met. These criteria include maintaining a 6 ft distance from student to student, limiting lunch occupancy to 10 students or less, and requiring all individuals to wear masks and other protective equipment to name a few. Also, we are being told that we need to have a plan to transition to a comprehensive distance learning model within 48 hours, which is being done to prepare us for another extended closure should a resurgence of COVID-19 occur in the Fall. In order to meet these demands, we are considering employing an A and B day schedule. This would mean that half of our students would attend in person, while the other half participated in their coursework remotely, then the following day the students would switch roles. While this instructional method has challenges, if it means that we can conduct education on site, it's worth the preparation. We strongly believe that the building is the best place for our students, but should we have to close again, we also need to increase our capacities to teach remotely, what we are doing now just isn't good enough, and we need to prepare for this reality. So, we are in the process of purchasing additional chromebooks to ensure that each student receives one, looking into "Google Classroom" as an online teaching platform that helps us control the content that can be accessed with the device, and looking into the purchase of mobile hotspots to assist those who do not have access to the internet. The details of this instructional model are currently being hammered out, with a full report expected to be presented to the board next meeting, but I just wanted to let you know what we would be doing, as the cost associated with the preparation for this reality could be sizeable (approximately \$20,000) of which we intend to use COVID relief funds, which currently sit at roughly \$34,000.

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### Director of Operations Report

Athletics: Sports in the fall are uncertain at this time. Oregon appears to be relaxing pandemic related restrictions but as of this meeting, Washington remains closed to most athletic activities. At this time we are preparing for athletics as if they will be allowed.

Safety: Recommends that the school be prepared for new requirements within the school such as sanitation that could require adjusting the functions of our current employees to ensure sufficient sanitation is performed throughout each day as well as the possibility of a COVID Officer who would enforce procedures that will be established to reduce the chance of COVID transmission.

Building Maintenance/Repairs/Updates: The student restroom remodel is progressing and while there have been some challenges that have increased the cost of this project; it is still well below what it would have cost if it had been outsourced.

Capital Projects: The construction contract is currently under legal review. Tapani has begun preparations to begin construction and have been on site.

### NEW BUSINESS

New Hire Math Teacher- Kayla Wilber

***D.McCullough motioned to approve the hiring of Kayla Wilber for the Middle School/High School Math teacher position.***

***K.Churchwell seconded the motion.***

***Motion passed.***

Emergency Closure Waiver - Resolution 1920-05

M.Roberts reviewed the purpose of the waiver, went over the Continuous Learning Plan and requirement to revise the 2019-2020 school calendar extending the last day to 6/19/2020.

***D.McCullough motioned to adopt Resolution 1920-05 Adoption of Continuous Learning Plan and Emergency Waiver of School Days and Instruction Hours***

***R.Hargrove seconded the motion.***

***Motion approved***

### Other Business

2020-2021 Calendar revision - Spring Break changed to match Oregon.

***K.Churchwell motioned to adopt the 2020-2021 School Calendar as revised to match Oregon Spring Break.***

***R.Hargrove seconded the motion.***

***Motion approved.***

2019-2020 Calendar revision - School year extension due to COVID-19 emergency school closure.

***D.McCullough motioned to adopt the 2019-2020 School Calendar as revised to extend the last day to 6/19/20 due to the COVID-19 emergency school closure.***

***C.Patten-Rowan seconded the motion.***

***Motion approved***

2020-2021 Salary Schedules

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*D.McCullough motioned to approve the 2020-2021 salary schedules for Certificated, Classified, Business Manager, Administrators and Extra Curricular Activities.*

*K.Churchwell seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved*

Board Meetings - The board discussed changing the start time of school board meetings and decided not to take any action. The board meeting schedule will not be revised at this time.

**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting April 28<sup>th</sup> 2020

*K.Churchwell motioned to approve the regular school board meeting from APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> 2020 minutes.*

*D.McCullough seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

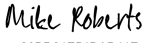
	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	33944-33962	\$16,606.98
	TOTAL	<u>\$16,606.98</u>
PAYROLL	non - Dir.Dep	\$0.00
PAYROLL VENDORS	33935-33943	\$29,687.38
PAYROLL FUNDS XFER		\$119,717.27
	TOTAL PAYROLL	<u>\$149,404.65</u>
<b>ASB</b>		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2145	\$196.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$196.00</u>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	423-425	\$2,899.94
	TOTAL	<u>\$2,899.94</u>

*K.Churchwell motioned to approve the consent agenda in its entirety.*

*R.Hargrove seconded the motion.*

*Motion approved*

Meeting adjourned 5:56PM

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Mike Roberts, Secretary

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