

HOCKINSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Preparing all students for lifelong success



Hockinson School District Board of Directors
Regular School Board Meeting
October 30, 2023
6:30 p.m

LOCATION: HSD Community Center & Zoom
The HSD Website Calendar has a link to join the Zoom meeting

MINUTES

I. Board Meeting/Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

A. Establish Quorum

Quorum established, Greg Gospe, Teresa VanNatta & Anne-Elissa Carter present

B. Land Acknowledgement

Teresa VanNatta read: It is vital to honor those who came before us and acknowledge the long history of what is now southwest Washington State. This area has been home to ancestors of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe for thousands of years. The land, with its rich resources, enabled the Cowlitz People to flourish, and they stewarded the land with their traditional culture. Today we must appreciate the persistence of the Cowlitz People and the important role they play in our region as together we steward the land for all our descendants.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval Of The Agenda

Superintendent Marshall informed the board of one correction on line item G. Personnel, line item 1d should be 10/25 instead of 10/5. Greg Gospe asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. A motion was made by Teresa VanNatta and was seconded by Anne-Elissa Carter. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

III. Communications

A. Welcome Community Members

Greg Gospe, Board Chair welcomed all those present on Zoom.

B. Excuse Any Absent Board Members

Greg Gospe asked for a motion to approve the excused absence of Gordon Smith & Patrick Carter. Anne-Elissa made a motion to excuse Gordon and Patrick and was seconded by Teresa VanNatta. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

C. HSD Recognition

1. Evelyn Weed & Hollie Rose

HHES teacher and HSD volunteer Evelyn Weed were recognized at the October 26, 2023 "Live Here, Learn Here" event organized by Identity Clark County. Their citations are below:

Hollie Rose: A Highly Capable Teacher for Hockinson Heights Elementary School, Hollie Rose works alongside gifted and talented kids to challenge them and foster their high ability to learn. Due to Hollie's classes being smaller in size, she is able to provide an enhanced learning experience for these students as she pushes them to go deeper in their learning. Many of the teachings within Hollie's classroom are project-based, thus allowing students to get more of a hands-on learning experience with the potential to connect their learnings to real-world applications. Outside of the classroom, Hollie also works with kids during after-school activities like nPower Girls and the Solar Car Challenge where students are offered a chance to explore passions, work on personal and professional development, and grow confidence. These opportunities allow students to learn necessary skills—such as problem-solving, team building, and decision-making—that ultimately help shape them into the people they will become in the future

Evelyn Weed: A bundle of positive energy and ambition, Evelyn Weed serves the Hockinson School District in an array of different ways. Whether it be events sponsored by People Working Together (PWT), offering her time as a volunteer, or stepping in as a substitute teacher when needed, Evelyn is always there to offer a helping hand. She excels at connecting community members as well as organizing and helping at events where people can make meaningful relationships. Her skills in gardening have been put to work on a number of occasions for outdoor projects that help preserve a beautiful place for kids to attend school. Not only this, but Evelyn is also an avid supporter of music, dance, theater, and sports—including as a volunteer tennis coach. In all, Evelyn shows her love and appreciation for people through service and supporting her community. Through her service, she aims to help "knit people together" and offer students, teachers, and community members a sense of belonging and reassurance that they are cared about!

D. Reports

1. Board Share Out

Anne-Elissa Carter shared that she went on the tour and it exceeded her expectations and was really eye opening. She enjoyed going into classrooms and hearing from each principal. She is going to encourage people to attend the Spring tour.

2. Superintendent, Steve Marshall

Getting Prepared for Inclement Weather: *As we transition to autumn and winter, it is important that both our schools and families prepare for colder temperatures - and the possibility of late starts and school cancellations due to inclement weather. Parents, we encourage you to take this opportunity to update your contact information in [Skyward Family Access](#) if it has changed in the past year.*

Weather-related late starts and closure decisions are typically made with just a few hours notice. We will do our best to notify parents of any schedule changes as early as possible. Ideally, families can expect to be notified by 6:15 am via a School Messenger text, email, and phone call. Snow route/late start/closure announcements will also be posted in an alert box on the HSD website and shared with local news media. We will also send out follow-up communications if we switch from a late start to a closure. School closures will result in make-up days. Our district's designated snow make-up day is Friday, March 15 ([2023-24 School Calendar](#) here.) Additional closures will likely be added to end of the school year.

Unity Day 2023: *All three HSD schools stepped up to celebrate Unity Day on October 18. At HHES, the event was the culmination of the school's 6-week "Focus on Kindness" campaign. Students dressed up for Spirit*

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Days, participated in an activity promoting kindness, and enjoyed a fun challenge each week such as doing something positive for someone at home. Students from Hockinson HS supported the Hornets by bringing posters with positive messages, greeting students in the morning, and reading books on teamwork, acceptance, and friendship.

At HMS, guest speaker Alex Green shared his "Dream and Believe" message at a school-wide assembly. Green, a former NFL player who is now a motivational speaker and mental health advocate. He spoke to students about believing in themselves, resisting peer pressure, never giving up, and setting and achieving goals even if it takes a few tries. He even signed autographs for a few very inspired students! HMS students also dressed up for spirit days throughout the week and People Working Together (PWT) organized an orange avalanche on Wednesday to show HMS students that they have the power to create a safe and positive school environment.

Students, parents, and school and district staff got into the spirit by wearing orange as a reminder that creating safe and welcoming schools is a team effort.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, and Unity Day is dedicated to using togetherness to combat bullying and promoting a kind, safe school environment. Why orange? Orange is associated with safety and visibility, and its vibrancy makes an impactful statement.

Achieving the HSD's goal of providing "a safe, welcoming, and positive learning environment that supports high behavioral and academic expectations for all" requires everyone in our school communities to take a stand. Thanks to our students, staff, and parents who joined together to: Speak up with kindness, reach out with acceptance, and be a friend by including others!

Healthy Youth Survey: Thank you to our students who recently participated in the biennial Washington State Healthy Youth Survey (HYS). This statewide student survey is given to students in 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade. HYS is an anonymous survey that helps schools gain insights into current youth health trends and possible concerns. This data helps schools throughout Washington plan, evaluate, and improve programs best tailored to students' needs, and helps schools access funding and resources to do so. Data is also shared with local health departments and approved researchers.

The HSD recognizes the benefits of this survey. It also understands that not all families are comfortable with the idea of their students sharing personal information. For these reasons, HMS and HHS school leaders reassured parents that survey data is cumulative and does not identify any single student. Moreover, no one within the HSD will have access to individual student answers.

Students who opted to take the survey could skip any questions they did not want to answer. They could also stop the survey at any time. Those students who did not participate had the option of studying or reading in the library.

To learn more about the HYS, parents are encouraged to visit the Washington State Department of Health [website](#).

2023 HSD Community Tour: Again this year, the HSD's "Focus on Learning" Tour started, appropriately enough, at the site where public education was first established in Hockinson over 150 years ago. Gathering at the Hockinson Community Center, HSD parents were welcomed by Board members Pat Carter and Anne-Elissa Carter and given a brief tour by Community Education Coordinator, Katie O'Malley-Soot, who showed how the facility is currently being used. Superintendent Steve Marshall shared data from the recent

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parent perception survey as well as an overview of the district's "Upward Together" efforts to improve student achievement and our students' overall school experience.

The public school "tourists" then hit the road in a school bus, which stopped for hour-long visits at HHES, HMS, and HHS. At each stop, principals presented a summary of their school improvement plans before giving parents the opportunity to visit classrooms to meet students and see teaching and learning in action. For those parents who were unable to join us this time, the HSD will be offering another tour opportunity later this year. A longer "virtual tour" will be shared on the next newsletter once we have had an opportunity to filter all photos through our do-not-photograph permissions.

Scholastic Book Fair - A big thank you to the PWT for organizing the fall book fairs at HHES and HMS. Thanks, too, to our parent volunteers and teachers who helped to make them such a success. These fairs put hundreds of books in the hands of our students and on the shelves of the libraries at all three of our schools.

Last Chance to Register to Bid and Run (or Walk) - The AAA Boosters' Hawk-o-ween Virtual Auction ends tomorrow [More info](#). Sign up for tomorrow's Haunted Hustle Fun Run or Kids Costume Mile [Registration info](#).

The Hockinson Halloween Carnival is Tomorrow at HHES - PWT and community volunteers have organized family-friendly activities and a safe setting for trick-or-treating tomorrow from 4:30 to 7 pm at Hockinson Heights Elementary School.

Nutrition Services Newsletter - Our three schools are rolling out new menu items that are healthy and delicious. Read more in the latest [Nutrition Services newsletter](#).

HSD Kicks Off Facility Planning Process: The members of the HSD's Facility Planning Committee gathered for their first meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 25. The purpose of the committee is to:

- Inform committee and community members about current and future projects and needs
- Articulate a maintenance and short- and long-term facilities plan
- Collaborate on solutions to short- and long-term facility needs

XC Teams Headed to State - Congratulations to our Girls AND Boys Cross Country Teams. Both teams had season's best performances at yesterday's District Meet and qualified for the State Meet next weekend. The girls team, which finished the regular season as 2A GSHL Champions, came in 2nd overall while the Boys narrowly secured a state berth by placing 3rd!

HHS Girls Soccer Advances to Playoffs - The HHS Girls Soccer Team finished the season with back-to-back wins, defeating Mark Morris 7-1 on Oct. 25 and Woodland 2-1 on Oct. 26. Next up: Two district crossover games next week. Good luck in the postseason, girls!

Boys Golf Sets Season Mark, Qualifiers Off to District Tourney - Recently, the HHS Boys Golf Team finished 3rd in the league 2A tournament. The team's six varsity players represented Hockinson at the District IV Golf Tournament in Union, WA. Branden Corry, Grant Gumringer, and Ethan Wall finished in the Top 15, earning a chance to compete at State in the spring.

Heads Up! Please Obey School Safety Zones - Students, staff, and parents: For the safety of our students, please comply with the posted school zone speed limit of 20 mph during drop-off and pick-up times.

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Student Punctuality and Attendance is Critical to Learning - Parents, staff are working hard to create respectful and academic climates on our three campuses. Please reinforce our HERO initiative: We want Hockinson students Here, Everyday, Ready to learn, On time.

Help Us Stay Healthy: We are in the middle of cold, COVID, and flu season. If your child is symptomatic please keep them home until healthy. Remember that students need to be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

3. Student Reps

a) HHES: Perry Burnham

Perry Burnham, a 5th grader at HHES shared this evening. Fun events that happened over the past month were the Halloween carnival, Kindness month, the Governors visit. The HHES students have been doing a great job in the lunchroom; there are sorting tables, compost bins, recycling, a liquids bin and garbage. The students would like to start a share table, where students could put items they do not want to eat and others could take an item if they are still hungry. One area that the HHES would like to see improved is the parent pick up and drop off. Perry said it is not very safe and it gets very congested; students would like to make it better. At drop off, students would like to get parents to turn their cars off as this would be better for the environment. Superintendent Marshall asked Perry a few questions. Her teacher is Mrs. Hoffman, the book they are reading as a class is All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue. Perry's favorite subject is writing. The Board thanked Perry for sharing.

b) HMS: Kennedy Neff & Yasmine Ugalde

The girls shared what's been happening at the middle school. The Volleyball-a-thon was a great success and enjoyed by many. Some of the highlights they mentioned were: the sports have been doing good, Mrs. Colpron is doing great, the students really like her. The pep assembly was really awesome and so was the Unity Day Assembly - the motivational speaker was great. He was really motivating. Some of the changes this year at the middle school are: the new principal, kids are more involved in events that are happening. Leadership and ASB are doing a great job promoting kindness, this year has had a lot more positivity, they are off to a good start. The vibe of the school is positive. They would like to work on picking stuff/trash up and keeping their campus clean. They maybe will have a basketball-a-thon, they are having a dance this year. Superintendent Marshall asked the girls a few questions. Jasmine loves being in leadership and enjoys history and math. She played in the volleyball-a-thon and had lots of fun. Kennedy also enjoys being in leadership and likes reading and writing. The Board thanked the girls for their report and enjoyed hearing all the positivity.

4. Citizen Advisory Committee Update

The first meeting was held on October 2nd. Teresa VanNatta gave an update. The new president is Harmina Mansur. The minutes from the meeting can be found on the website.

5. Legislative Update

E. Community Input On Agenda Or Comments

Public comment is welcome. So that the planned business of the Board may proceed in a timely manner, a total of 30 minutes maximum is allocated to public comment, with each speaker expected to limit their remarks to 2 minutes. Zoom software will be used to receive public comment. Please review Policy 1400 Meeting Conduct, Order of Business & Quorum. The Board also reminds participants to treat each other with courtesy, honesty and respect. Listen willingly to each other, even when opinions differ. Share accurate information.

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Honor the District's policies to promote consistency and safety. respect each other's time by adhering to the time limit. Thank you.

*There were technical difficulties with the sound. Two community members signed up online to speak.
Bill Eling: HSD Website and board meeting documents*

Sanja Woelherth: Superintendent comments following 10/2 CAC Meeting

IV. Approval Of The Consent Agenda

Greg Gospe asked for a motion to be made to approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Anne-Elissa Carter and was seconded by Teresa VanNatta. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

A. October 2023 Vouchers

1. General Fund Accrual Checks	100453-11453	\$45.06
2. General Fund Checks	100454-100455	\$2,061.78
3. General Fund Accrual Checks	100456-100473	\$39,748.57
4. Capital Projects Accrual Checks	5061-5062	\$12,659.50
5. ASB Accrual Checks	11674-11675	\$5,260.00
6. General Fund Checks	100474-100505	\$36,014.84
7. ASB Checks	11676-11678	\$2,765.38
8. General Fund Accrual ACH Checks	232400046-232400046	\$34.32
9. General Fund ACH Checks	232400047-232400077	\$21,496.07
10. ASB ACH Numbers	232400078-232400078	\$31.14
11. General Fund ACH Checks	232400080-232400089	\$19,739.45
12. General Fund ACH Checks	232400093-232400093	\$79,545.18
13. ASB ACH Checks	232400090-232400092	\$688.63
14. General Fund Checks	100523-100597	\$350,433.84
15. General Fund Checks	100598-100599	\$229.98
16. General Fund Checks	100600-100603	\$3,212.44
17. Capital Projects Checks	5063-5066	\$92,603.19
18. ASB Checks	11679-11695 Voids & Cancellations	\$8,293.62 \$167.57
19. Unclaimed Property Wire Transfer	202300003-202300003	\$491.34
20. Comp Tax Wire Transfer	202300004-202300005	\$303.06
Actual October Payroll	\$2,040,260.95	

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B. Budget

1. September 2023 Budget Status Report
2. October 2023 Enrollment Report

C. Approval of Previous Months Board Minutes

1. September 25, 2023
2. October 9, 2023

D. Boundary and Homeschool Reports

E. Highly Capable Program Approval

F. Contract Approval

1. Occupational Therapist, Gretchen Oberle for the 23-24 school year

G. Personnel

1. Classified New Hires

- a) Sarah White, Eff. 9/19/23, Special Programs Para-Sped, 6hpd, ES
- b) Amy Vierck, Eff. 9/22/23, Special Programs Para-Sped, 12 hours per week, Preschool
- c) Alaina Adkins-Armstrong, Eff. 10/05/23, Special Programs Para-Sped, 6hpd, HS
- d) Cosette Spafford (rehire), Eff. 10/05/23, Special Programs Para-Sped, ES.

Corrected to be Eff. 10/25/23 not 10/5/23.

- e) Ashley Warren, Eff. 10/23/23, Special Programs Para-Sped, ES
- f) Joshua Hart, Eff. 11/16/23, Special Programs Para-Sped, ES
- g) Saharla Jama, Eff. 10/16/23, Admin. Asst. to Director of Special Education, DO

2. Classified Change Position

- a) Alicia Villa, Sped Para will move from HS to MS, eff. 10/23/23
- b) Annemarie Vickery, RBT, will move from ES to HS, eff. 10/23/23
- c) Amy Clover will change roles eff. 10/16/23. She will vacate the Admin. Asst. to Director of Special Education to assume role of Purchasing/Student Services Coordinator

3. Retirement/Resignation/Transfer/Termination

- a) Courtney McIntyre, Resignation, Eff. 10/10/23, Occupational Therapist, 1.0 FTE
- b) Sarah White, Resignation, Eff. 9/22/23, Special Programs Para-Sped, 6hpd, ES
- c) James Packer, Termination, Last day 9/29/23, Student Coordinator

4. Leave of Absence

- a) Lisa Homola will be on a leave of absence beginning 9/25/23

5. New Extracurricular Assignments

- a) Toni Allyn, Eff. 23-24 SY, Class Advisor, HS
- b) Kasey Powers, Eff. 23-24 SY, Class Advisor, HS
- c) Karl Johnson, Eff. 23-24 SY, HS Boys Basketball C-Team Coach

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6. Extracurricular Resignations/Non-Renewal

- a) Joey Harteloo, Resignation, Eff. 23-24 SY, Class Advisor, HS

H. Out of District Travel

1. HHS Boys Golf, District Meet, Olympia, WA, Oct 22 - Oct 24, 2023
2. HHS Cross Country, State Meet, Richland, WA, Nov 3 - Nov 4, 2023
3. HHS Girls Swim, State Meet, Federal Way, WA, Nov 9 - Nov 11, 2023
4. HHS Girls Swim, District Meet, Olympia, WA, Nov 3 - Nov 4, 2023

I. IQ Credit Card Removal/Addition

1. James Packer - removal
2. Saharla Jama - addition

V. Discussion Items

A. Budget & Enrollment Status Update

Aaron Villanueva shared the budget and enrollment reports with the board.

B. Press Release for Annual WSSDA Conference

The Board members will be attending the annual WSSDA Conference. A letter will be sent out two weeks before the conference to The Columbian, The Reflector and Clark County Today; to notify the community of the School Boards upcoming WSSDA conference.

C. HHS Activities & Clubs Report 2023-2024

Kathy Pacheco created the 2023-2024 HHS Activities & Clubs report.

D. Land Update

Superintendent Marshall updated the Board on the 6 month feasibility study. ECO & AKS contracts were approved in June to do the study. Dave Wilson and Superintendent Marshall met recently with the reps from the two companies. There are a few items they are still working on; one of them being an easement that is needed from the county to access the land; also a traffic study is still being reviewed.

E. Smarter Balance Assessment Data

The Board reviewed the scores at the July Retreat.

F. Calendar at a Glance

The Board reviewed the calendar.

G. WSSDA Policy Updates - 1st Reading

Greg Gospe asked for a motion to move these items to a 2nd reading/Action in November. Teresa VanNatta motioned to approve moving these items to a 2nd reading and was seconded by Anne-Elissa Carter. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

1. Policy 5050 - Contracts - Essential - WSSDA has revised this policy based on SB 5175 (School Principals-Employment Contracts - Terms).

The legislation extends the maximum term of a written contract between a school board and a principal from one to three years, if the principal has: been employed as a principal for three or more consecutive years, has been recommended by the superintendent as a candidate for a two or three-year contract because the principal has demonstrated the ability to stabilize instructional practices, and received a comprehensive performance rating of level 3 or above in their most recent comprehensive performance evaluation; and have met the school district's requirements for satisfying an updated record check.

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Additional revisions to this model policy address HB 1015 (Paraeducator Employment Assessments). This legislation addresses minimum employment requirements for paraeducators.

2. Policy 6215 - Expense Claim Certification and Approval - Essential - WSSDA revised this policy and procedure to update current usage terms and to resolve a mismatch between statutory provisions and common practice.
3. Policy 6220 - Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements - Essential - WSSDA has revised this model policy and procedure to reflect input from the State Auditor's Office (SAO) and the Washington Association of School Business Officials (WASBO).

The revisions specify that school boards must have entered into agreements under the Interlocal Cooperation Act before making any purchase utilizing those special terms. The revisions also clarify information about procurement using federal funds. The updates also incorporate provisions from HB 1086 (Local Government Contracting - Community Service Organizations) regarding the community service organization exception to competitive bidding laws for public works.

4. Policy 4001 - Public Information Program - Encouraged - WSSDA has renumbered this policy and procedure from 4000 to 4001 to distinguish it from the table of contents heading for the 4000 services of policies and procedures. WSSDA has revised this model policy and procedures to reflect HB 1230 (Schools - Public Health Information).

This legislation requires school districts that maintain a website to post a prominent link on the district homepage, as well as the homepage of each school within the district, to information from the DOH about substance use trends, overdose symptoms and response, and the secure storage of prescription drugs, over the counter medications, and firearms and ammunition. The legislation also requires school districts to make the DOH information accessible through the district's social media channels. The required information postings must occur at least quarterly. This same legislation also prompted revisions to Policy 2121 - Substance Abuse Program.

5. Policy 4040 - Public Access to District Records - Encouraged - WSSDA revised this policy and procedure based on HB 1533 (Personal Information of Certain Public Employees - Public Records Act Exemption), SB 5127 (Student Personal Information - Public Records Act Exemption) and HB 1210 (Recording School Board Meetings).

This legislation creates a new exemption to the Public Records Act that prevents disclosure of an employee's personally identifiable information if the employee is a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, or stalking. This same legislation prompted revisions to 6513 - Workplace Violence Prevention. This legislation clarifies that the personal information of a child currently or previously enrolled in a school district, contained in any records, including correspondence, is exempt from public disclosure requirements. This same legislation also prompted revisions to Policy 3231 - Student Records. Additionally, this same legislation also prompted revisions to Policy 1400 - Meeting Conduct.

6. Policy 5310 - Compensation - Discretionary - WSSDA has revised this policy based on SB 5650 (K-12 Employees - Salary Inflationary Increases).

For the 2023-2024 school year, the legislation changes the inflationary adjustment index to 3.7 percent. For the 2024-2025 school year the legislation defines the inflationary adjustment index as the implicit price deflator for the previous calendar year.

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7. Policy 6513 - Workplace Violence Prevention - Discretionary - WSSDA revised this policy and procedure based on HB 1533 (Personal Information of Certain Public Employees - Public Records Act Exemption).

This legislation creates a new exemption to the Public Records Act that prevents disclosure of an employee's personally identifiable information if the employee is a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, or stalking. This same legislation prompted revisions to Policy 4040 - Public Access to District Records.

VI. Action Items

A. WSSDA Policies 2nd Reading

Greg Gospe asked for a motion to approve the seven WSSDA Policies. Teresa VanNatta made a motion to approve policies A1 to A7 and was seconded by Anne-Elissa Carter. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

1. Policy 2190 - Highly Capable Programs - Essential - WSSDA revised this policy based on SB 5072. The legislature requires changes to the referral and screening process for highly capable student programs to make them more equitable. The legislation establishes the mandatory use of universal screenings. The legislation also requires that referrals be available for all grades not being universally screened.
2. Policy 1611 - Conflicts of Interests (Districts fewer than 2,000 students) - Encouraged - WSSDA revised this policy based on HB 1577 (Municipal Officers - Beneficial Interest in Contracts). The legislation increases the monthly contract value for which municipal officers may have a beneficial interest from \$1,500 to \$3,000.
3. Policy 3520 - Student Fees, Fines or Charges - Essential - WSSDA revised this policy based on HB 1536 (High School Diplomas - Withholding for Property Damage). The legislation limits school districts' authority to withhold a student's high school diploma because the student lost or willfully damaged district property. Specifically, the legislation limits withholding a diploma to when damages exceed \$1,000 and requires school districts to release a student's withheld diploma after five years or until the amount owed is less than \$1,000, whichever is earlier. Additionally, the legislation provides that the district must credit the monetary value of a student's community service toward damages whatever minimum wage is greater local or state. School districts must facilitate easy access to information about withholding diplomas and publish that information on their websites.
4. Policy 2121 - Substance Abuse Program - Discretionary - WSSDA revised this policy to reflect HB 1230 (Schools-Public Health Information). The legislation requires school districts that maintain a website to post a prominent link on the district homepage, as well as the homepage of each school within the district, to information from the Department of Health

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(DOH) about substance use trends, overdose symptoms and response, and the secure storage of prescription drugs, over-the counter medications, and firearms and ammunition. The legislation also requires school districts to make the DOH information accessible through communication on the district's social media channels. The required information postings must occur quarterly.

5. Policy 3231 - Student Records - Essential - WSSDA revised this policy based on HB 1536 (High School Diplomas-Withholding for Property Damage). Removing language about releasing a student's diploma (per changes in Policy 3520).
6. Policy 1400 - Meeting Conduct, Order of Business, and Quorum - Essential - WSSDA revised this policy based on HB 1210 (Recording School Board Meetings). The legislation requires school districts to make an audio recording of all regular and special board meetings where final action is taken or formal public testimony is accepted. The recording must include the school board members' comments as well as public comments made during public comment period, if any. The requirement to record meetings does not extend to executive sessions or emergency meetings and does not become effective until June 30, 2024. WSSDA has also revised this policy to clarify that the restriction on public comments based on the district's policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation, and bullying is specific to students.
7. Policy 2230 - Transition to Kindergarten Program - New - Essential (for districts that offer transitional kindergarten) - WSSDA based this policy on HB 1550 (Transition to Kindergarten Program) OSPI is currently adopting emergency rules for the 2023-2024 school year and will adopt permanent rules the following year. WSSDA has developed new model Policy 2230 to reflect this year's emergency rules and will update this policy, as needed, based on the permanent rules scheduled to be in place next year. Legislation has established and authorized the Transition to Kindergarten program for children at least 4 years old by August 31 who have identified through a screening process to need additional preparation to be successful kindergarten students the following year.

B. Approval of Settlement Contract

Greg Gospe asked for a motion to approve the settlement contract. Teresa VanNatta made a motion to approve the settlement contract per the advice of legal counsel and was seconded by Anne-Elissa Carter. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Surplus Sale in the Tech Department

Greg Gospe asked for a motion to approve the surplus sale. Anne-Elissa Carter made a motion to approve the sale and was seconded by Teresa VanNatta. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

VII. Adjournment

A. Next School Board Meeting

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1. November 27, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

- B. Items for Next Agenda
- C. Docusign Documents
- D. Close of Meeting

Superintendent Marshall acknowledged that Greg Gospe will be retiring. We will have a retirement celebration before the start of the January 29th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Steve Marshall

11/28/2023

Steve Marshall, Superintendent

Date

Greg Gospe

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Greg Gospe, Board Chair

Date

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