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Hockinson School District Board of Directors  
Regular School Board Meeting/Budget Hearing  
Wednesday, July 31, 2024  
Budget Hearing 5:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: HSD Community Center & Zoom  
[HSD Calendar](#) has a link to join the Zoom meeting

## MINUTES

### I. 5:30 p.m Budget Hearing

Substitute Board Chair Pat Carter called the hearing to order at 5:45 pm due to a delay caused by technical issues. Superintendent Steve Marshall and Board members Pat Carter, Gordon Smith, and Kat Stupka were present.

Aaron Villanueva presented and pointed out that the budgeted shortfall for the 2024-25 school year had been increased from \$650,000 to \$700,000. This deficit, though, is due to forecasting a lower level of enrollment. Superintendent Steve Marshall commented that this is done due to lower birth rates and changing attitudes toward public education and an increase in education options. Villanueva also pointed out that the HSD's property purchase in June 2024 would impact the Capital Projects account.

A. Public Comment - No Public Comment

### II. Board Meeting/Call To Order

Substitute Board Chair Patrick Carter called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

A. Establish Quorum - Substitute Board Chair Pat Carter acknowledged that there was a quorum present since he, Gordon Smith, and Kat Stupka were in attendance.

B. Land Acknowledgement - Gordon Smith read the land acknowledgment. We acknowledge that Hockinson School District stands on the unceded territory of the Cowlitz (Stl'pulmsh) People, past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. This calls us to commit to continuing to learn how to be better stewards of the land and better allies to the Cowlitz people.

C. Pledge of Allegiance - All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval Of The Agenda**

Kat Stupka moved to approve the agenda. Gordon Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**IV. Communications**

A. Welcome Community Members - Pat Carter welcomed community members, both in person and attending virtually.

B. Excuse Any Absent Board Members - Gordon Smith moved to excuse Teresa VanNatta and Anne-Elissa Carter. Kat Stupka seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

C. Reports

1. Board members deferred to Superintendent Steve Marshall, who read his report aloud. He noted that Julie Paso has been out and the Agenda may not look as normal b

D. Community Input On Agenda Or Comments

There was no public comment.

**V. Approval Of The Consent Agenda**

Kat Stupka moved to approve the agenda. Gordon Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**VI. Discussion Items**

A. Aaron Villanueva presented the July Budget Status Report

B. Steve Marshall reviewed the Calendar at a Glance. It was decided that the Wellness Committee update would take place at the Aug. 26 meeting.

**VII. Action Items**

A. Hockinson School Board Policy Revision – Second Reading  
Kat Stupka moved for the approval of Policy 6213 and 6213 P.  
Gordon Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

B. WSSDA Policies 2022 - Electronic Resources and Internet Safety & 2023 - Digital Citizenship and Media Literacy - 2nd Reading  
Gordon Smith moved to approve the agenda. Kat Stupka seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

C. Approve the adoption of the 2024-2025 Budget, Resolution No. 24-25-01. Gordon Smith moved for the approval of the 24-25 Budget. Kat Stupka seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

- D.** Approve the purchase of Edgenuity from Imagine Learning for \$28,230.91. Kat Stupka moved to approve the Edgenuity contract. Gordon Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
- E.** Approve the food service proposal for Chartwells Food Service (5 yr contract). Gordon Smith moved for the approval of Chartwells contract. Kat Stupka seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**VIII. Executive Session**

At 6:48 pm, Pat Carter announced that the Board was moving into an Executive Session to address the following topics:

- A.** Consideration of site selection of real estate purchase or lease.  
RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)
- B.** Discussion with legal counsel about current or potential litigation.  
RCW  
42.30.110(1)(i)

Steve Marshall shared that the end of the Executive Session would be posted on the HSD website.

**IX. Adjournment**

- A.** Next School Board Meeting
  - 1.** Work Session August 12, 2024 - 6:00p.m.
- B.** Items for Next Agenda
- C.** DocuSign Documents
- D.** Close of Meeting - Meeting formally adjourned at 8:22 pm

*Steve Marshall*

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Superintendent, Steve Marshall

*Patrick Carter*

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Substitute Board Chair, Patrick Carter