

Wishram School District 94
Board Minutes
02/24/26

BOARD MEETING

School Board Directors attendance: School District employees in attendance:

Clyde Rosa Christina Patten-Rowan Mary Barnhart (Betsy) Jeff Augustus Aireann Duke	Tye Churchwell Sarah Hathaway Brent Cameron Student - none available
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- Call to Order and Welcome Guests - 5:15pm
Guests: Scott Lewis, Apollo
- Pledge of Allegiance by C.Rosa
- Questions/comments from the audience - none
- Roll Call - all present

- CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - ADD EXECUTIVE SESSION

J.Augustus TO ADD EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL
C.Patten-Rowan seconded the motion
PASSED

EXECUTIVE SESSION (30 MINUTES)

STAFF REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Superintendent reported that HB 2593 would require districts with fewer than 2,000 students to maintain a minimum 8 percent fund balance and previously capped fund balance at 34 percent; the cap has now been removed.

Scott Lewis from Apollo will review the Energy Service Proposal. The FP 252 grant in the amount of \$1,598,000 will fund HVAC replacement in the gymnasium, CTE buildings, and network room, along with kitchen ventilation upgrades. A Board motion will be required.

The district was awarded \$100,000 through the FP 507 School Security and Preparedness Infrastructure grant for controlled front and rear entrances, with any remaining funds to be used for camera upgrades. Quotes are being obtained from three companies.

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The Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools grant application was submitted requesting funding for new drinking fountains with bottle fillers, a cafeteria fountain, and covered picnic tables.

Outdoor School planning continues following the February 12 meeting. Mt. Adams Institute has lost funding and will close. The district is working with the Discovery Center and DNR to develop day trip options.

ESD 112 is exploring ways to provide increased administrative and operational support to schools with fewer than 400 students.

The Small Schools Conference will be held March 15 through March 17. Aireann and the Superintendent will attend.

~~State revenue projections for the current biennium have increased by approximately \$827 million since November.~~

Unfunded mandates continue to significantly impact small districts. For Wishram, 2024-25 substitute costs totaled approximately \$30,900 compared to apportionment of about \$7,087, resulting in an estimated \$24,000 annual budget impact.

Small District Modernization Grant update: chiller parts have arrived. PUD installation and power transfer will take at least two weeks; work will be scheduled for next summer.

A safety update was provided noting the Klickitat Schools Emergency Planning Team met recently.

The Senate budget proposal includes potential reductions affecting Transitional Kindergarten and LEA enhancement funding.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Since the last Board meeting, several student activities and enrichment opportunities took place. Juniors and seniors organized donation collections to support their senior trip, while eighth-grade students participated in a campus visit to Central Washington University. Mobile Medical Unit representatives were on campus and are coordinating future dental screenings for all students. The Bookmobile visited the school to promote literacy and access to reading materials. Students in grades 9-11 participated in a Job Corps field trip to Estacada with

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staff chaperones, and the senior class hosted a Movie Night fundraiser to support class activities.

Legislative Report

Reported by Ms. Barnhart.

Legislative session ends March 12; major cutoff dates are occurring now and will conclude before next Board meeting.

State revenue forecast increased by approximately \$827 million; about \$438 million available to help offset budget deficit.

House and Senate operating budget proposals include K-12 reductions (Senate over \$144 million; House over \$87 million).

Bills still potentially advancing include the proposed millionaire's tax, additional K-4 literacy professional development requirements, Running Start and Transitional Kindergarten funding changes, behavioral health support, and surplus technology for students.

Bills considered unlikely to pass include inclusive historical requirements, first-year SEBB access, initiative process protections, MSOC increases, higher education funding increases, part-time faculty pay equity, and minimum fund balance threshold legislation.

Old Business

New Business (Board Action)

FP252 INDOOR AIR QUALITY GRANT

Presented by Scott Lewis, Apollo Solutions Group

Energy Services Proposal amendment to add FP252 Grant for Indoor Air Quality

Mr. Lewis reviewed the grant and how this grant will be used as an addendum to the existing Energy grant. Gym, CTE shop the kitchen are the areas that will be addressed which were not included in the Energy Efficiency grant.

C.Patten-Rowan motioned to approve the Energy Services Proposal amendment as presented.

J.Augustus seconded the motion

Motion PASSED

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION - MONICA SNODGRASS

C.Patten-Rowan motioned to accept the resignation of Mrs. Snodgrass at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

A.DUKE seconded the motion

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HIRE - Transfer FROM K-1 TO Title/LAP Carisa Huva-Bellamy

A.DUKE motioned to approve the transfer of Mrs. Huva-Bellamy from K-1 Teacher to TITLE IA/LAP Teacher beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

M.BARNHART seconded the motion.

Motion PASSED

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP

Tongue Point Job Corps in Astoria, OR with visits to Lower Columbia College in Longview, WA and WSU-V in Vancouver, WA

Date March 5-6, 2026

2 Students - 12th grade

Chaperone - Phoenix Dorsey-Billy, ESD112 Youth Employment Services

J.Augustus motion to approve 2 students to attend the overnight fieldtrip to Tongue Point Job Corps in Astoria, OR with visits to Lower Columbia College in Longview, WA and WSU-V in Vancouver, WA on March 5th & 6th 2026.

C.Patten-Rowan seconded the motion.

Motion PASSED

School Board Minutes (Board Action Needed)

01/27/2026

Minor correction to approval of the policy approvals noted in the January board minutes - the approval was for the second reading. The typo was corrected during the meeting.

M.BARNHART motioned to approve the 01/27/2026, board meeting minutes with correction of the keying error.

J.Augustus seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

• **Consent Agenda**

- a. Voucher approval-review of monthly bills
- b. Budget Status Report
- c. Payroll

GENERAL FUND		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	37076-37081	\$11,865.77
	37096-37115	\$26,962.90
		\$38,828.67
PAYROLL	\$ 1,180.68	
PAYROLL VENDORS	\$ 42,594.49	
PAYROLL FUNDS XFER	\$ 147,150.25	
	TOTAL PAYROLL	\$190,925.42
ASB FUNS		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2257-2258	\$823.34
	2259-2261	\$313.91
		\$1,137.25
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
	529	\$66,764.73

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*J. Augustus motioned to approve the consent agenda in its entirety.
C. Patten-Rowan seconded the motion
Motion Passed*

POLICIES

POLICY 3515P correction of mascot - first and second reading

M. Barnhart motioned to approve the FIRST and SECOND reading and adopt the revisions to policy 3515P as presented.

C. Patten-Rowan seconded the motion

Motion passed.

Policy 5161 additions to existing policy to include clarification of uncivil conduct as well as uncivil conduct through electronic forms.

M. Barnhart motioned to approve the FIRST and SECOND reading and adopt the revisions to policy 5161 as presented.

C. Patten-Rowan seconded the motion

Motion passed

EXECUTIVE SESSION: To discuss an update from the District's legal counsel litigation or potential litigation. RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Duration: 10 minutes

Starte - 5:55PM

End - 6:00PM

No actions or decisions during executive session

6:00 re-enter open session

AKOLADES:

The board recognized Director Barnhart for the informative legislative report AND recognized the school district for coordinating many great field trips. Mr. Churchwell expressed great appreciation for Will Walters who is scheduling many of the field trips but also mentioned Mr. Walters' exceptional work with Wishram Students and that his contribution is very noticeable in the students and greatly appreciated.

- **Adjournment TIME:** 6:05PM

Tye Churchwell

Tye Churchwell, Board Secretary

Christina Patten-Rowan

Signer ID: NUMGF5FU15...

Board Chair or Designee