



For Washington Schools, By Washington Schools

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

451 Diamond Drive, Ephrata, or via Zoom

January 19, 2024

MINUTES

The United Schools Insurance Program (USIP) Board of Directors conducted an All-Board Meeting on January 19, 2024, at 9:01 a.m. in person at 451 Diamond Drive, Ephrata, WA, or via Zoom. Board Members participating: Brian Talbott, East Valley School District; Tom Venable, Methow Valley School District; Kyle Rydell, West Valley School District; Thad Nelson, Adna School District; Mandi Rehn, Valley School District; Michelle Price, North Central ESD; Jon Tienharra, South Bend School District; Doug Burge, Zillah Scholl District, and Ben Ferney, Cheney School District. Participating from the Administration Office: Dave Kosa, Patrick Boruff, Becca Kirsch, Rick Templeton, Rick Doehle, Frank Andrus, Patti Ferguson, Angela Eloff, Rob Hill, and Aaron Sheneman representing Clear Risk Solutions. Also in attendance was Attorney Jen Homer.

Guests: Lance Gibbon, Superintendent-Hood Canal School District, Rhonda Ross, Propel Insurance, and Stephanie Carlin, Propel Insurance.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Talbott at 9:01 a.m.

ITEM 1

INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL:

Introductions were conducted.

ITEM 2

ADDITIONS:

Additions to the agenda were called for; there was one addition-Freeze claims report 2024.

ITEM 3

FREEZE CLAIM REPORT 2024 by D Kosa

- USIP reported 17 freeze claims less than last year.
- Districts with water sensors felt they were notified and could catch any issue before damage occurred.
- Early and multiple weather alerts were helpful.

ITEM 4

RESERVE ACCOUNT REPORT AND VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Boruff and Kosa gave an overview of the items listed on the Voucher Summary. The voucher has been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board.

As of this date, January 19, 2024, the January 2024 Voucher# 23/24-05 in the amount of \$1,696,622.66 was presented. Motion by Venable to approve said vouchers, as presented. Second by Rydell, motion carried.

ITEM 5

MEMBER APPEAL:

Chair Talbott introduced Superintendent Lance Gibbon of the Hood Canal School District. Mr. Gibbon was given the floor to address the board and those present regarding the notice requirement to vacate the USIP program. There have been previous discussions between board chair Talbott, Clear Risk Solutions, and the Pre-Litigation program. The issue at hand was not resolved prior to this appeal request. Superintendent Gibbon discussed the reasons in detail for the delay in submitting Hood Canal's notice to vacate USIP. After some discussion, a motion was made by Burge at 9:55 a.m. to call for an executive session for 20 minutes under RCW 42.30.110. Second by Nelson, motion passed. The Board, along with Attorney Jen Homer and several Clear Risk Solution staff members, closed the meeting for 20 minutes and entered an executive session. The regular Board meeting will then be reconvened in order to discuss the ruling of the Board.

Chair Talbott called the meeting back to order at 10:10 a.m. A motion was made by Price to deny the request of Superintendent Gibbon to leave the USIP program in 2024. Second by Burge, the vote was called for with the following results: All agreed no further discussion is needed.

Ben Ferney – yay
Brian Talbott – yay
Doug Burge – yay
Jon Tienhaara – yay
Kyle Rydell- yay
Mandi Rehn– yay
Michelle Price – yay
Thad Nelson – yay
Tom Venable – yay

Chair Talbott explained the board does take the member appeal process very seriously as USIP is a member-owned program, however, the governing documents and the deadlines need to be followed for program consistency. The notice given in November 2023 for the Hood Canal School District to leave the USIP will be applied to the 2025 policy year.

ITEM 6

NEXT MEETING:

The next Board of Directors meeting will be March 19, 2024, at noon; at the NCESD in Wenatchee, WA.

Respectfully submitted,



Becca Kirsch



Brian Talbott, Chairman