The meeting of the White River Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was conducted. Under Roll Call, Director Vogel was absent and excused. Director Pearson presided as chair. Under Approve Agenda, Director Lacy moved to approve the agenda; second by Director Sanabria. Motion carried.

Director Jansen moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the July 8, 2015, regular meeting. Director Lacy seconded. Motion carried.

Under Announcements and Recognition, 1) First day of school – September 1, 2015; 2) Labor Day September 7 - No school; 3) Battle of the Bridge Football Game at Sheets Field – September 4, 2015; 4) Next Regular Meeting, September 9, 2015, 5:30 in the DDC Board Conference Room; 5) Next Special Meeting September 23, 2015, 5:30 p.m. at the DDC Board Conference Room.

Under Highlight, Director of Business and Operations, Donna Morey, reviewed changes to the budget since 2015-16 Budget Hearing 3% plus 1.8% COLA vs. enhancement was approved by the legislature. Additionally insurance allocation for employees was also increased. Funding for full day kindergarten at all elementary schools was added; and increase in the levy amount and in the special education allocation. She explained a loss of the K-3 class size funding, a formula which is still pending legislative approval.

We have added Americorps volunteers, and funding for professional development, additional custodial hours, kindergarten screening, and music MSOC budget capacity. We also added certificated employees totaling 1.0 FTE and additional office support for the assistant superintendent and Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Technology.

Ms. Morey outlined enrollment assumptions, revenue amounts from various sources at about $40.8 million, expenditures broken out by object codes for a total of approximately $40.6 million. It is anticipated that about $150,000 will be spent for curriculum adoptions.

Each of the funds were reviewed and summarized, noting that there were no changes since the initial budget overview at the June 24, 2015 meeting. Expenditure appropriations are reviewed in the resolution to be approved at this meeting.

In response to a question, Superintendent Keating stated that the budget reflects the district’s dedication to hiring high quality staff, which in return supports the district’s mission statement. Mrs. Morey stated that the district is in good fiscal health, and she noted that the reserve percentage is excellent, and something not all districts can achieve. She also noted that staffing is currently fairly stable in numbers, and growth may occur if enrollment increases. Food service and transportation always operate in the red.
There was no Public Comment.

Under Consent Agenda, Director Jansen moved to approve. Director Sanabria seconded. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda included the following items:

- Approval of actual vouchers issued July, 2015 (noted below)
- Approval of payroll issued July 31, 2015
- Ratify contracts awarded July, 2015
- Approval of Interdistrict Agreement with Puyallup School District for Educational Services to Students with Disabilities
- Approve Revised Personnel Report

Actual warrants issued July 15, 2015 were:

- General Fund (33557-33635) $225,974.23
- ASB (6819-6826) $22,679.40
- Capital Fund (620-623) $11,967.34

Actual warrants issued July 31, 2015 were:

- General Fund (33636-33681) $133,041.90
- ASB (6827-6832) $6,546.65
- Capital (624-627) $319,788.64
- General ACH $6,451.03

Payroll issued July 31, 2015: $2,670,218.34

Under Business Services, Donna Morey presented Resolution No 15-17 – 2015-16 Budget - for approval. Director Jansen moved to approve the resolution; Director Lacy seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Morey then provided the June budget status report. Ending fund balance $6.9 million, including encumbrances. Under items of note, we have collected a significant amount of delinquent taxes. The turf project was transferred to Capital Fund. She explained some unexpected costs with that project. In the Transportation Vehicle Fund, $57,000 was transferred to debt service. The top ten expenditures were outlined, and local businesses were noted.

Project Update: Donna Morey provided a short review. Construction Services Group has been contracted to update the Capital Facilities Plan.

The final walk through of the turf project was done on August 17, 2015. Ms. Morey acknowledged the assistance and support of the architect in keeping the contractor’s work within budget.

A Request for Qualifications was publicized for architects for pre-bond services, and four were interviewed. McGranahan was selected by the interview committee. The board will be asked to approve this selection at the next regular meeting.

Under Action and Reports, the 2015-16 Glacier Middle School Student Handbook was presented for approval. Mr. Mike Hagadone addressed questions from the board, specifically regarding PBIS practices. Glacier’s objective is to incorporate the PBIS (largely preventative) practices into the regular norms and rules of the school. Director Jansen moved to approve the handbook; Director Lacy seconded. Motion carried.
Mr. Nick Hedman presented the Highly Capable Program grant application for board approval. The legislature changed the RCW a couple of years ago to write into law that access to accelerated learning and enhanced instruction is part of access to a basic education, and does not constitute an individual student entitlement. This year, there will be some change at the middle school level, opening up various avenues for accelerated math, and enhanced opportunities for extended learning (such as coding, learning styles, etc.). The program provides a continuum of services including enrichment opportunities, and opportunity for early entrance at kindergarten and first grade. The program serves about 2% of the school population. The annual plan of the district’s highly capable program is outlined by WAC. A consolidated review of the program will be conducted this year. Director Lacy moved to approve the application; Director Sanabria seconded. Motion carried.

The 2015-2018 IUOE Custodial and Maintenance Collective Bargaining Agreement was brought to the board for their approval. Director Sanabria moved to approve; Director Lacy seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Harrison stated that the focus of negotiations included compensation, clean-up of language in the contract, letters agreement regarding additional facility obligations, compliance with Affordable Care Act, and training and standards. There was an increase in certain areas of compensation. Several areas of contract wording were clarified and changed. Several areas of future focus were also outlined, such as an examination of payments to the training trust, and the retiree carve-out, as well as establishment of relevant cleanliness standards or guidelines.

Non-Represented Salary Schedules were revised to reflect a 3% salary increase. Director Jansen moved to approve the revised schedules. Director Sanabria seconded. Motion carried.

Under Board and Superintendent Comments, Superintendent Keating reflected on the opening day festivities, which were full of excitement and positive energy. Andrew Schwebke informed the board about the new staff laptops, and the training that has occurred to show teachers how to best use them. In addition there are many new units for students as well. Director Jansen shared that he is very impressed with the architect’s initial ideas and renderings for the improvements that are proposed to be funded by the upcoming bond.

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Janel Keating                  Denise Vogel
Secretary to the Board         Board President