

February 15, 2021

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, February 15, 2021 via Zoom video conferencing.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by President Sparks-Gatling, followed by the pledge of allegiance, mission statement and audio/vision statement.

Roll Call:

Members Present:	Mrs. Rhonda Barnes (6:43)	Ms. Karen Ruby
	Mrs. Patricia Cherry	Dr. Dana Shiller
	Mrs. Marsha Pleta	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
	Mrs. Amy Roberts	Ms. Jenna Ward

Absent: Mr. John Campbell, Sr.

Non-Voting Member Present: Dr. James R. Konrad, Superintendent

Present: Mrs. Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary
Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations
Ms. Amanda Jewell, Solicitor

President Welcomes Visitors: Mrs. Sparks-Gatling extended a welcome to the public and stated the following, “In accordance with Washington School District Policy No. 005 entitled “Public Participation at Meetings”, this public participation session shall not exceed 20 minutes. Any individual resident may make comments not to exceed three minutes. Any resident who wishes to address the Board should have submitted to the President of the Board or to the Board’s Secretary a written statement including their name and address, the name of the group the speaker is representing, if any, and the general nature of the topic and comments to be made. Any resident who has not submitted a written request shall have the right to speak, time permitting by raising his or her hand so that they may be recognized. No one having any desire to speak, the meeting continued.

Recognitions

Staff Recognitions

Administration recognized Denise Bird, the cyber school coordinator and Tiffani Lusk, the elementary cyber counselor for all of their efforts and hours spent focusing on students in the district’s cyber education program. Also, Courtney Levriere for taking the lead in revamping virtual curriculum and working with teachers to provide virtual educational resources.

Special Presentations

-Dave Parker, architect, review of high school window replacement project.

-Anna Ettinger, Senior Research Scientist from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, gave a presentation on their Family Strength Survey.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

Agenda: Dr. Konard requested that a motion to approve participating in the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Medicine’s Family Strength survey be added to the agenda as Item #3 under Contracts, Agreements and Grants. Mrs. Barnes moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the agenda be approved, with the addition of requested item.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Cherry moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the minutes of the January 18, 2021 regular voting meeting and the February 8, 2021 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Reports: Mrs. Cherry moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that the January 31, 2021 Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>January 31, 2021</u>
General Fund	\$ 344,080.05
Payroll Account	\$ 42,814.05
Cafeteria Account	\$ 137,806.45
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 23,035.59
WHS Activities Account	\$ 78,989.98
WPS Activities Account	\$ 24,734.98
WSD Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 260,942.30
Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 83,693.23

Motion carried unanimously.

Contracts, Agreements and Grants: Mrs. Barnes moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Cooperative Agreement between Washington School District, Burgettstown School District and Fort Cherry School District for the Varsity Co-Ed Soccer Program.
- Lease Agreement between Intermediate Unit 1 and the Washington School District for the rental of two (2) classrooms during the 2020-2021 school year, at a cost of \$3,000, payable in two (2) semi-annual installments of \$1,500.
- Washington School District partnering with the University of Pittsburgh's School of Medicine to participate in their Family Strength survey.

Motion carried unanimously.

Business and Finance: Dr. Shiller moved and Mrs. Cherry seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Accept the bid and award the contract for high school masonry and windows project to Arch Masonry & Restoration at a cost of \$293,674.50; pending final review of information by the Architect and Solicitor.
- The 2021-2022 Intermediate Unit 1 Budget as presented. *(The budget calls for total projected expenditures of \$2,360,703, which is an increase of \$7,667 from last year's budget. Contributions to the General Operational Budget are pro-rated to 25 participating school districts by a legislatively designed formula that takes into consideration the market value, aid ratio, and the enrollment of the district. Washington School District's share of the General Operational Budget is \$13,313.12 which is an increase of \$560.25 from last year.)*
- Pursuant to the Local Tax Collection Law, set the compensation of the elected tax collector for the Borough of East Washington to collect Washington School District school taxes beginning January 1, 2022 as follows:
 - \$1.50 per tax duplicate, plus actual postage

- Additional \$0.50 per installment payment
- December 1st late notice at \$0.50 per notice, plus actual postage

Motion carried unanimously.

School Calendar: Mrs. Cherry moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that the Board approve the following:

- The School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented. *Exhibit A*

Motion carried unanimously.

Ratification and Payment of Bills: Mrs. Cherry moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$414,822.88.

Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

-Recognition of former staff members and community supporters who have passed away – Dr. Konrad and Board members continued their discussion from last week. It was decided that the District will continue to send condolence letters to families and that no recognitions would be placed on the electronic message board outside of the high school at the present time.

-Summer School Update – Dr. Konrad reviewed the proposed summer school programs with Board members. The Board was satisfied with the programs and Dr. Konrad will move forward with finalizing the details.

New Business

-Governor's Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 – Mr. Mancini reviewed the Governor's proposed budget.

Superintendent's Weekly Update: Dr. Konrad asked Board members if they had any questions on his weekly report. No one had any questions.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Jewell had no report.

Special Representative Reports

-PSBA – Mrs. Pleta stated that PSBA will begin holding virtual round table discussions the third Thursday of every month. She encouraged everyone to participate. Their annual Advocacy Day will be held virtually on March 22nd, and they are looking for a sectional advisor in our area. If any Board member would be interested, please let her know.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini stated that they had a general meeting; nothing to report.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini stated that their meeting is this upcoming Wednesday.

Information

A. March Board Meetings

Worksession Meeting – Monday, March 8th at 6:30 pm

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, March 15th at 6:30 pm

- B. Ethics “Statement of Financial Interests” Forms** – Please complete your forms and return them to Mr. Mancini. They were due by the end of January.
- C. Petitions to Run for School Director** – Petitions must be picked up at the Elections Office. You can start getting signatures on your petition February 16th. Petitions must be returned to the Elections Office by March 9th.

Adjournment: Moved by Mrs. Pleta and seconded by Mrs. Cherry that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. 7:45 pm.

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary