

May 16, 2022

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, May 16, 2022 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Sparks-Gatling, followed by the pledge of allegiance, mission statement and audio/vision statement.

Roll Call:

Members Present:	Mrs. Rhonda Barnes	Mrs. Marsha Pleta
	Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	Dr. Dana Shiller
	Mrs. Jennifer Ewing	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
	Mrs. Kimberly Kelley	Ms. Jenna Ward

Absent: Mrs. Amy Roberts

Non-Voting Member Present: Mr. George Lammay, Superintendent

Present: Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations
Mrs. Rebecca Heaton-Hall, 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

Athletic Recognitions

Coach Ron Faust – Mr. Faust is a Wash High graduate and life-long resident of Washington, PA. He has dedicated over 36 years of coaching service and has the most wins of any basketball coach in Wash High history.

Tayshawn Levy – Congratulations on reaching 1,000 career points on February 14, 2022 during the basketball game against Albert Gallatin High School.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

Agenda: Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Kelley seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the minutes of the April 19, 2022 regular voting meeting and the May 2, 2022 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Pleta moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the April 30, 2022 Treasurer's Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>April 30, 2022</u>
General Fund	\$ 225,539.37
Payroll Account	\$ 22,562.90
Cafeteria Account	\$ 384,248.79
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 22,675.05
WHS Activities Account	\$ 84,879.20
WPS Activities Account	\$ 32,152.86
WSD Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 665,842.83
Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 85,249.50

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel: Mrs. Barnes moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Grant permanent contracts, in accordance with the School Laws of Pennsylvania, to the following teachers who have completed at least three years of satisfactory service and are properly certified:
James Patrick McGill and Erica Ola
- Resignation of **Emily Moyers**, elementary special education teacher, after one year of service in the district, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Approval of the following substitute custodians for the summer months, at the rate of \$14 per hour:
Jamie Wolfe and Lucinda Sworcheck
- Supplemental employment of **Keri Griffith** and **Tiana Brophy** for the ESY Summer School Program, stipend of \$28 per hour.
- Addition of **Stacy Waters** to the list of Emergency substitute teachers.
- Addition of **Catherine Cox** to the list of certified substitute teachers: Certified in Elementary K-6 and Early Childhood
- Addition of **Haeley Gordon** to the list of substitute paraprofessionals.
- Appointment of **Ronald Cox** as a full-time maintenance worker, 260 days a year, 8 hours a day, contractual rate, effective May 17, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Appointment of **Joseph Blickenderfer** as Assistant Soccer Coach for the 2022 season, Step 1-3, Stipend \$4,366.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy: Mrs. Barnes moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Second reading and adoption, pursuant to Washington School District Policy No. 001, of the following policies:

- Policy #570 – Cyber Academy
- Policy #613 – Partnerships and Advertising

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Agreement with California University of Pennsylvania for student teachers.
- The Student Assistance Program (SAP) Agreement with The Center for Community Resources to provide SAP services for the 2022-2023 school year, at no cost to the district.
- Educational Services Agreement with Intermediate Unit 1 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Business and Finance: Mrs. Pleta moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Designation of depositories for school funds, no change from last year. *Exhibit A*
- Accept the bid from PAC Real Estate Holdings for the purchase of the property located at 1099 Allison Avenue, Washington, PA 15301, in the amount of \$127,500.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Tax Collectors: Mrs. Barnes moved and Mrs. Ewing seconded that the Board approve the following:

-RESOLVED, that **Anthony Nicolella**, the duly elected Treasurer of the City of Washington, is hereby appointed Tax Collector for the Business Privilege Tax and Mercantile Tax and the delinquent Business Privilege Tax and Mercantile Tax in the City of Washington for the year 2021 effective July 1, 2022, to collect taxes levied by the Washington School District under the provisions of the Local Tax Enabling Act approved December 31, 1965, Act No. 511, as amended, provided said Tax Collector has posted the surety bond or bonds as required by law, the compensation and cost of such collection for the City to be in accordance with the Joint Tax Agreement between the City of Washington and the Washington School District approved by the School District on May 21, 2007.

-RESOLVED, that Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a **Keystone Collections Group** is hereby appointed Tax Collector for the collection of per capita tax and delinquent per capita tax for the City of Washington and the Borough of East Washington and collection of the current business privilege/mercantile tax and delinquent business privilege/mercantile tax in the Borough of East Washington.

-RESOLVED, that Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a **Keystone Collections Group** is hereby appointed Tax Collector for occupational privilege tax now known as local services tax and delinquent local services tax in the City of Washington and the Borough of East Washington.

-RESOLVED, that Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a **Keystone Collections Group** is hereby appointed Deputy Tax Collector for current real estate taxes in the City of Washington. *(Dawn Petrosky is the duly elected real estate tax collector for the Borough of East Washington through December 31, 2025.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Board Treasurer: Ms. Ward moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

-That the Board elect **Mrs. Marsha Pleta** to serve as school district Treasurer From July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. *(The Board of School Directors shall annually, during the month of May, elect a treasurer to serve for one year beginning the first day in July following such election.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of School Physician and School Dentist: Dr. Shiller moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Appointment of Cornerstone Care, Inc. to provide School Physician services for Washington School District for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Appointment of Dr. Elizabeth Wakim as School Dentist for Washington School District for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Program Changes for the 2022-2023 School Year: Mr. Campbell moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Change the high school's Prexie Academy to an after-school program and eliminate the full-day program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Staffing Changes for the 2022-2023 School Year: Mrs. Pleta moved and Mrs. Kelley seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Addition of one (1) special education (emotional support) teacher at the elementary school.
- Addition of two (2) full-time paraprofessionals at the elementary school.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ratification and Payment of Bills: Mrs. Pleta moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$683,050.50.

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Heaton-Hall had no report.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mr. Campbell reported that they have had some changes in staff, they are starting a sports medicine program and will be partnering with LaRoche University and Waynesburg University. Brandon Little, a Wash High student was on their honor roll for his electrician courses. He would like to see more Washington School District students enroll at WACTC in the future.

-PSBA – Mrs. Pleta stated that she met with senators and representatives on Advocacy Day and discussed cyber charter schools, funding for education and special education requirements.

-Parking Authority – No meeting in May

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – No meeting in May

Information**A. June Board Meeting**

Worksession Meeting – Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm

No Regular Meeting is scheduled

B. Summer Hours – Summer Hours will begin on Monday, June 6th

Employees will be working a four-day workweek, Monday through Thursday

Offices will be closed on Fridays

Adjournment: Moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Barnes that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously. 7:01 pm.

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary