

November 20, 2023

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, November 20, 2023 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 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.	Mrs. Amy Roberts
	Mrs. Jennifer Ewing	Dr. Dana Shiller
	Mr. Rodney Jones	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
	Mrs. Kimberly Kelley	

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

Present: Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations
Mrs. Kelly Perkovich, Solicitor
Mrs. Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary

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.

-Mr. Jeff Pleta, 650 Lockhart Street, recognized Mrs. Pleta’s 20 years of service as a school director.

He spoke about her accomplishments during her tenure as a Board member in the District.

-Mrs. Patricia Cherry, 50 Erie Street, thanked Mrs. Pleta for her dedication to the students in the District.

Recognition

School Directors

Marsha Pleta – 20 years of service as a school director (2003 to 2023)

Dana Shiller – 4 years of service as a school director (2019 to 2023)

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda. An item was added to the agenda under Unfinished Business.

-Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that “Public Safety” be added to the agenda under Unfinished Business.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mr. Campbell moved and Mr. Jones seconded that the minutes of the October 16, 2023 regular voting meeting and the November 13, 2023 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Pleta moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the October 31, 2023 Treasurer's Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>October 31, 2023</u>
General Fund	\$ 721,363.00
Payroll Account	\$ 20,194.38
Cafeteria Account	\$ 147,989.33
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 21,861.26
WHS Activities Account	\$ 84,972.77
WPS Activities Account	\$ 24,896.15
WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 23,711.10
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 13,045.84

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Recommend **Jeanne Garrison** as a full-time paraprofessional, 186 days a year, 7 hours a day, contractual rate, effective November 20, 2023.

-Supplement employment of **Teresa Booker** as the Yearbook Sponsor, at a stipend of \$2,660 and Yearbook Insert Sponsor (end of year), at a stipend of \$674.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Resignation of **Noah Yartin** as the Girls Basketball -Varsity Assistant Coach, retroactive to November 14, 2023.

-Recommend **Oshai Wright** as the Boys Basketball, Junior High Assistant Coach, at a stipend of \$4,475.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy: Mrs. Ewing 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 #004 – Meetings

Policy #718 and AR1 - Crowdfunding

Policy #806 and AR1 – Booster Clubs

Motion carried, all members voting “yes”, except Mr. Campbell voted “no” for Policy #004.

Contracts, Agreements and Grants: Mrs. Pleta moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Scoreboard Agreement between Washington School District, 84 Lumber and the Caleb Jackson Foundation, as presented. (*Uploaded on OneDrive*)

-Five-year lease agreement extension with Richardson Copy Concepts for copier equipment at the high school and 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 \$1,521,881.79.

Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

-Public Safety – Mr. Lammay and Board members discussed ways to help improve the safety of students walking to and from the high school. Mr. Lammay has contacted PennDot and the City regarding painting the crosswalk across Jefferson Avenue. Mrs. Pleta suggested requesting speed bumps on Allison Avenue. Mr. Campbell suggested sending out a phone message to parents regarding safety walking to school and Mrs. Roberts suggested sending a letter home to parents.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Perkovich had no report.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling stated that they met last week. They surveyed students to see what types of new programs they would be interested in seeing WACTC offer. The new director and principal are doing well in their positions.

-PSBA – Mrs. Pleta stated that she attended their annual conference last month. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of all of the resources PSBA offers.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini stated that they did not have a quorum to hold a meeting.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini stated they did not have a meeting.

-Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives:

Activities Committee (Mrs. Pleta) – They did not have a meeting in November.

Education Committee (Dr. Shiller) – They did not have a meeting in November.

Policy Committee (Mrs. Ewing) – They met the first Wednesday of November and reviewed the policies that were adopted at tonight's meeting.

Information

A. December Board Meeting

Reorganization Meeting – Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria
Worksession Meeting will start immediately after the Reorganization meeting ends

B. Fall Break – Wednesday, November 22nd through Monday, November 27th

- C. **October & November Students of the Month Breakfast** – Wednesday, November 29th in the high school cafeteria at 9:00 am.
- D. **Elementary Literacy Information Night** – Wednesday, December 6th at the elementary school, start time is 6:00 pm
- E. **Online Safety & Awareness Presentation** – Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 pm in the high school gym. Presentation will discuss the dangers of social media, cyber bullying and the increase of online exploitation.

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

Executive Session: An executive session was held after the meeting to discuss (Personnel). No action was taken.

Motion carried unanimously. 7:18 pm

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary