

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**Worksession Meeting – Monday, September 11, 2023
High School Cafeteria**

6:30 pm

AGENDA

I. Call to Order by Board President

II. Roll Call

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Mission Statement – Audio/Video Recording Statement

Mission Statement

Washington School District is committed to educating ALL students under the guidance of our dedicated staff members. We provide our learners with lifelong tools to navigate a course toward growth and advancement while collectively supporting and celebrating student, staff and community achievement.

Audio/Video Recording Statement

Portions of tonight’s public Board meeting will be audio and/or video recorded in accordance with Policy No. 006.

IV. Additions or Changes to the Agenda (includes announcement of any executive sessions of the Board or of any Committee and the purpose(s) thereof held since the last public meeting)

V. Opportunity for Public Participation in Accordance with Policy No. 005

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. The resident should state their name, address and topic. The policy and complete procedures for its implementation are posted and copies are also available to the public.

VI. Recognitions - (None)

VII. Presentations - (None)

VIII. Board Member Questions on the Agenda

IX. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented, any additions or deletions to be made at this time.

Motion _____ Second _____

X. Recommendations of the Administration

A. Personnel

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

1. Reclassification of **Ami Behrens** from a 10-month secretary at the elementary school to a 12-month secretary at the high school, 260 days a year, 7½ hours a day, contractual rate, retroactive to August 1, 2023.
2. Reclassification of _____ from a part-time paraprofessional to a full-time paraprofessional, 186 days a year, 7 hours a day, contractual rate, effective September 12, 2023.
3. Reclassification of _____ from a part-time paraprofessional to a full-time paraprofessional, 186 days a year, 7 hours a day, contractual rate, effective September 12, 2023.
4. Recommend **Mellisa Walters** as a part-time foodservice worker, 177 to 181 days a year, 3 hours a day, contractual rate, retroactive to August 28, 2023.
5. Recommend **Jamie Yonish** as a part-time foodservice worker, 177 to 181 days a year, 3 hours a day, contractual rate, retroactive to September 6, 2023.
6. The Temporary Long-Term Assignment of **Mercedes Conner** as a secondary math teacher, Master's Degree, Step 1, \$47,160 pro-rated, retroactive to August 24, 2023 through January 23, 2024. This long-term assignment is for 90 days or longer. Ms. Conner will start on Step 1 of the salary scale, receive fringe benefits, medical, dental and vision insurance and must attend Act 80 and/or Inservice Days. *(This vacancy is due to Kelsey Echard's Family Medical Leave and Unpaid Childcare Leave.)*
7. Addition of **Taylor Keene** and **Chace Johnson** to the list of IU1 emergency substitute teachers.
8. Supplemental employment of the following teacher for the W&J's President's Prep after-school program at the Jr/Sr High School for the 2023-2024 school year, \$28 per hour. Program will run from October 2, 2023 through May 24, 2024. Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. **Teacher – Jeff Devenney**
9. Supplemental employment of the following teachers for the Jr/Sr High School's After-School Detention for the 2023-2024 school year, \$28 per hour. Program will run from September 18, 2023 through May 31, 2024. Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.
Teacher – Teresa Booker
Substitute(s) – Jeff Devenney and Jessica Gardner
10. Supplemental employment of the following teacher for the Jr/Sr High School's Saturday Detention for the 2023-2024 school year, \$28 per hour. Program will run from September 16, 2023 through June 1, 2024. Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
Teacher – Teresa Booker
11. Supplemental employment of the following teachers for the high school's Credit Recovery program for the 2023-2024 school year, \$28 per hour. Program will run from October 31, 2023 through July 12, 2024. Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.
Teachers – Siobhan Visser(Math), Jessica Gardner(SpEd), Ali Cottom(Science)
Substitute – Shawn Hughes-Ankrom

12. Supplemental employment of the following teachers for the Elementary School’s Homework and More after-school program for the 2023-2024 school year, \$28 per hour. Program will run from September 25, 2023 through April 18, 2024. Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm (Primary) and 4:00 to 5:00 pm (Intermediate)

Teachers – Joe Herda, Tracey Gilpin, Tiffani Titler and Ashley Kern

Motion _____ Second _____

B. Students

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

- 1. Expulsion of student #2023-2024-01, a high school student, as a result of violation of school district policies No. 516 (Student Discipline) and No. 539 (Student Code of Conduct), effective for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. The parent may submit a written request to the superintendent for readmission into the district for the 2024-2025 school year. *(Parent signed the “Waiver of Formal Hearing” form.)*

Motion _____ Second _____

C. Athletics

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

- 1. Resignation of **Shawn Hughes-Ankrom** as the junior high head wrestling coach.

Motion _____ Second _____

D. PSBA- Election of Officers

The Board recommends approval of the following:

- 1. **PRESIDENT: (one-year term)**
The Washington School District Board of Directors selects **Allison Mathis** as their candidate for PSBA President. *(Ms. Mathis is the only candidate running for this position.)*
- 2. **VICE PRESIDENT: (one-year term)**
The Washington School District Board of Directors selects **Sabrina Backer** as their candidate for PSBA Vice President. *(Ms. Backer is the only candidate running for this position.)*
- 3. **TREASURER: (three-year term)**
The Washington School District Board of Directors selects **Karen Beck Pooley** as their candidate for PSBA Treasurer. *(Ms. Pooley is the only candidate running for this position.)*
- 4. **Western Zone Representative: (three-year term)**
The Washington School District Board of Directors selects **Marsha Pleta** as their candidate for PSBA Western Zone Representative. *(Mrs. Pleta is the only candidate running for this position.)*
- 5. **Section W3 Advisor: (two-year term)**
The Washington School District Board of Directors selects **Erik Meredith** as their candidate for PSBA Section W3 Advisor. *(Mr. Meredith is the only candidate running for this position.)*

6. PSBA Insurance Trustees: (*three-year term*)

The Washington School District Board of Directors selects **Marianne Neel** and **Michael Faccinnetto** as their candidates for PSBA Insurance Trustees. (*Ms. Neel and Mr. Faccinnetto are the only candidates running for these two open positions.*)

Motion _____ Second _____

XI. Committee of the Whole Discussion –Board members and administrators will discuss the items below that will be voted on at the September 18, 2023 Board meeting. Discussion on these items is to take place at this meeting, while all administrators are in attendance. Are there any questions?

Personnel

1. Appointment of the following 2023-2024 Extra-Curricular Club Sponsors/Advisors:

District Wide

Teresa Booker	District-Wide “Safe 2 Say” Sponsor	\$1,000
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Central Office

Lisa Coffield	Facebook Coordinator	\$1,000
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Senior High School

Joshua Barrette	Social Studies Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Julia Calder	French Club Sponsor	\$ 377
Julia Calder	Key Club Sponsor	\$ 377
Julia Calder	Junior Class Sponsor/Prom	\$1,036
Treg Campbell	Freshman Class Sponsor	\$1,036
Treg Campbell	English Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Stephen Cherry	Band Director	\$7,482
Jeff Devenney	Science Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Antoinette Dirda	History Club Sponsor	\$ 377
Diana Fronzaglio	Caring Team Sponsor	\$ 0
Jessica Gardner	Special Education Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Jay Huss	Robotics Club Sponsor	\$ 377
Brandy LaQuatra	Drama Sponsor	\$1,782
Jessica Ott	Spanish Club Sponsor	\$ 377
Jessica Ott	Student Council Sponsor/Homecoming	\$1,499
Kellie Ryburn	Senior Class Sponsor	\$1,036
Jeffrey Schmidt	Assistant Band Director	\$5,613
Robert Strnisha	Math Competition Team Sponsor	\$ 377
Siobhan Visser	National Honor Society Sponsor	\$ 377
Siobhan Visser	Future Teachers of America Sponsor	\$ 377
Siobhan Visser	Math Curriculum Leader	\$1,000

Junior High School

Lee Bigelow	Student Council Sponsor	\$ 377
Lee Bigelow	Math Curriculum Co-Leader	\$ 500
Jay Huss	Robotics Club Sponsor	\$ 377
Kim Pelkey	Reading Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Andrew Spargur	Math Curriculum Co-Leader	\$ 500

Elementary School

Vincent Anderson	Girls Who Code (Grades 3 & 4)	\$ 377
Staci Connolly	Reading Curriculum Leader (K-2)	\$1,000
Heather Kennedy	Math Curriculum Leader (K-2)	\$1,000
Marsha Mosca	Math Curriculum Leader (3-6)	\$1,000
Michele Radachy	Ski Club Sponsor	\$ 377
Susan Robertson	Caring Team Sponsor	\$ 0
Tiffani Titler	Reading Curriculum Leader (3-6)	\$1,000

Athletics

1. Discussion on the weight room program

Contracts, Agreements and Grants

1. Intermediate Unit 1 Agreements to provide Title I services to students of Washington School District who are attending non-public schools during the 2023-2024 school year. Also, Title II and Title IV services for John F. Kennedy Elementary School.

Business and Finance

1. Purchase athletic supplies for the 2023-2024 Winter sports season.
2. The Nutrition Group’s Ala Carte prices for the 2023-2024 school year.
3. Approval of bus/van drivers for the 2023-2024 school year.

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business

XIV. Superintendent’s Report

XV. Solicitor’s Report

XVI. Information

A. September Regular Voting Board Meeting

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

B. Junior High School Open House – Thursday, September 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

C. High School Open House – Thursday, October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

XVII. Adjournment

XVIII. Executive Session – *Privilege- student confidentiality*