

February 20, 2024

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Sparks-Gatling followed by the pledge of allegiance, mission statement and audio/vision statement.

Roll Call:

Members Present:	Mr. Eric Bird	Mrs. Kimberly Kelley
	Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	Mrs. Pamela Kilgore
	Mrs. Jennifer Ewing	Mrs. Amy Roberts
	Mr. Rodney Jones	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling

Absent: Mrs. Rhonda Barnes

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

Present: Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations
Mrs. Kelly Perkovich, 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.

-Fern Sibert, 486 Addison Street, founder of Cleanup Day in Washington County. She works with kids at local playgrounds to help clean up trash from around the block. She gives them certificates for Dairy Queen, McDonalds and Burger King for them volunteering to help clean the neighborhoods. She handed out a flyer for a cleanup days scheduled for 2024. The April 20th cleanup day is also Earth Day and she would like to get some of our students to help cleanup local playgrounds and neighborhoods.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

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 January 16, 2024 regular voting meeting and the February 12, 2024 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the January 31, 2024 Treasurer’s Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

January 31, 2024

General Fund	\$	500,809.34
Payroll Account	\$	22,040.46
Cafeteria Account	\$	15,062.18
WHS Athletic Account	\$	24,362.16
WHS Activities Account	\$	85,502.03
WPS Activities Account	\$	22,726.16
WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$	24,024.84
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$	13,218.56

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel: Mrs. Roberts moved and Mrs. Ewing seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Resignation of **Alaina Casey Walker**, elementary guidance counselor, after 6 months of service in the district. Mrs. Walker's last day of work will be February 22, 2024.

-Resignation of **Heather Price**, full-time paraprofessional, after 3 months of service in the district. Ms. Price last day of work will be February 23, 2024.

-Supplemental employment of **Tim Witenske** as a social studies teacher for the high school's Credit Recovery Program.

-Recommend **Eustolia Roman** as a part-time cafeteria worker, 177 to 181 days a year, 3 hours a day, contractual rate, effective February 20, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Students: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Expulsion of student #2023-2024-03, a junior high school student, as a result of violation of school district policies No. 516 (Student Discipline) and No. 539 (Student Code of Conduct), effective February 10, 2024 through the end of the school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics: Mrs. Roberts moved and Mrs. Kelley seconded that the Board approve the following:

TRACK

-Recommend **Rich Barnes** as a Track Varsity Assistant Coach, Step 13+, Stipend \$6,069.

-Recommend **Isaiah Robinson** as a Track Varsity Assistant Coach, Step 1-3, Stipend \$4,475.

-Recommend **Derek Hull** as a Jr. High Track Assistant Coach, Step 1-3, Stipend \$4,475

-Recommend **Susie Kohler** as Jr. High Track Assistant Coach, Step 13+, Stipend \$6,069.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

BASEBALL

-Recommend **Michael Digon** as a Baseball Assistant Coach, Step 4-6, Stipend \$4,870.

-Recommend **Ron Todd** as MS Head Baseball Coach, Step 1-3, Stipend \$3,820.

- Recommend **Tim Witenske** as MS Assistant Baseball Coach, Step 1-3, Stipend \$3,416.
- Recommend **George Walz** as a Volunteer Coach.
- Recommend **Shawn Hughes** as a Volunteer Coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Roberts moved and Mrs. Kelley seconded that the Board approve the following:

SOFTBALL

- Recommend **Tyrone Wormsley** as a Softball Assistant Coach, Step 4-6, Stipend \$4,870.
- Recommend **Taylen Gorby** as a Volunteer Coach
- Recommend **Kierston Wormsley** as a Volunteer Coach.
- Recommend **Turner Gorby** as a Volunteer Coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the Board approve the following:

JR. HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Recommend **Josh Wise** as the Jr. High Girls Basketball Head Coach, Step 1-3, Stipend \$5,004.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Wash High Baseball Booster Club By-Laws

Motion carried, Mrs. Roberts abstained, all other members present voted “yes”.

Board Policy: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the Board approve the following:

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

- Policy #408 – Discrimination – Title IX Sexual Harassment, along with attachments
- Policy #550 – Discrimination – Title IX Sexual Harassment, along with attachments
- Policy #707 – Purchases Subject to Bid

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- The 2024-2025 Intermediate Unit 1 Budget as presented. *(Their budget will remain constant for the 27th year at \$549,552. Washington School District’s estimated contribution is \$12,800.14.)*
- Accept the Pennsylvania State Co-Stars proposal, Contract #036-E22-028, from Great Lakes Hotel Supply for the replacement of one (1) gas convection steamer and two (2) gas kettles, plus installation, at a cost of \$108,236.00. *(This is for the replacement of original kitchen equipment*

installed at the elementary school in 1974 and will be paid for from the Cafeteria Fund.)

Motion carried, Mrs. Sparks-Gatling abstained from voting on the 2024-2025 IU1 Budget Resolution, all other members present voted “yes”. Both motions passed.

Ratification and Payment of Bills: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$1,117,232.86.

Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

-Mr. Mancini gave an update on the window project at the elementary school.

Solicitor’s Report: Attorney Perkovich had no report.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling stated that they have several new Board members. They’ve had three instructors resign recently and are searching for a Safety Instructor.

-PSBA – Mrs. Kilgore stated that there are four PSBA Trust Scholarships available for students that range from \$2,500 to \$5,000. The application and requirements are on the PSBA website. PSBA also has a “Submit Your Story” project that is going on. You submit a story highlighting the good things that are going on in your school district and they will run the stories in their publication. There are a couple of grant opportunities coming up this Spring; “School Violence Prevention” and “Renew America Schools”

-Parking Authority – No meeting in February.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – No meeting in February.

-Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives:

Activities Committee (Mr. Campbell) – Their meeting was February 8th. They discussed the soccer program, tennis coach vacancy, weight room at the stadium and high school, evaluation of coaches, cheerleaders at away games, grade checks for student athletes and the baseball field.

Education Committee (Mrs. Roberts) – Their meeting was February 15th. They discussed increasing the graduation credits from 23 to 24 credits, course updates, AP courses, additional Math/Art courses, more hours for teachers working at the Lemoyne Center, Southwest Training opportunities, extending the new reading program to upper grade levels, honors assemblies for students, and applying for LSA money.

Policy Committee (Mrs. Ewing) – Their meeting was February 7th. They reviewed five policies. Three of the policies were approved at tonight’s meeting and the other two will be presented next month for adoption.

Information

A. March Board Meetings

Worksession Meeting – Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:30 in the high school cafeteria

B. Intermediate Unit 1's Convention and Student Showcase at the Hilton Garden Inn

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Student Showcase will begin at 1:00 pm

In-Person Voting will take place from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm

Dinner will be at 6:30 pm

RSVP to Lisa by the end of February if you plan on attending.

C. Awards Day – Don't forget to turn in your \$11 for Awards Day.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:17 pm

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary