

March 17, 2025

A regular voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, March 17, 2025 at Western Area Career & Technology Center.

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	Mr. Rodney Jones
	Mr. Eric Bird	Mrs. Amy Roberts
	Mrs. Jennifer Ewing	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling

Absent: Mr. John Campbell, Sr., Mrs. Kimberly Kelley, and Mrs. Pamela Kilgore

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

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

**Executive Session:** The Board met in executive session prior to the start of the meeting to discuss personnel issues. No action was taken.

**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.

**Special Presentation:** Mr. Charlie Rupert from Cypher & Cypher gave the June 30, 2024 audit report.

**Questions on the Agenda:** The Board reviewed the agenda.

**Agenda:** Mrs. Barnes moved and Mr. Jones seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the minutes of the February 18, 2025 regular voting meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the February 28, 2025 Treasurer’s Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>February 28, 2025</u>
General Fund	\$ 281,681.83
Payroll Account	\$ 43,125.15
Cafeteria Account	\$ 102,048.40
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 8,482.01

WHS Activities Account	\$ 76,619.32
WPS Activities Account	\$ 24,779.21
WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 124,872.91
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 88,530.17

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Extend the Superintendent's contract for six months, effective July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, under the same terms and conditions of the existing contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Retirement of **Jay Huss**, secondary technology education teacher, after 34 years of service in the district, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

-Recommend **Dominic Petrocco** as a full-time custodian, 260 days a year, 8 hours a day, contractual rate, effective March 24, 2025.

-Intermittent Family Medical Leave for **Employee #1955**, retroactive to March 3, 2025. (*Per the Family and Medical Leave Act and District Policy No. 410, eligible employees are entitled to take up to 60 unpaid days during a 12-month period for the specific type of FMLA leave requested by this employee.*)

-Conference request, in accordance with the policy of the District as follows:

a. **Anna Stanziano**

-PDE Data Summit

March 24-26, 2025

Estimated cost – \$1,330

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Resignation of **Ryan Bunting** as Boys' Basketball Head Coach, retroactive to March 10, 2025.

-Recommend **Gretchen Battafarno** as the Girls Middle School Volleyball Coach for the 2024-2025 school year, at a stipend of \$2,805.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Policy #003 – Organization

Policy #014 – Volunteers (includes AR1 and AR2)

Policy #211 – Employment Contract Board Resolution

Policy #501 – Admission of Beginners

Policy #502 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students

Motion carried unanimously.

**Contracts, Agreements and Grants:** Mrs. Barnes moved and Mr. Jones seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Renew the agreement with Full Service Network for district wide phone service, at a cost of \$997.00 a month, for a term of 60 months. (*Previous cost was \$1,458 per month.*)
- The Student Assistance Program (SAP) Agreement with The Center for Community Resources to provide SAP services for the 2025-2026 school year, at no cost to the district.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Business and Finance:** Mrs. Barnes moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Transfer of ownership of a part of Parcel No. 750-043-00-00-0001-01 to the City of Washington by Special Warranty Deed for the consideration of \$1.00. This transfer of ownership is subject to the Solicitor's review and approval of the Special Warranty Deed, and contingent on the City of Washington's executive of an Ingress/Egress Access Easement granting the School District access to Parcel No. 750-043-00-00-0001-01.
- Award bids for Fall sports for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Comprehensive School Counseling Plan:** Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

- The five (5) year Comprehensive School Counseling 339 Plan for 2025-2030.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$1,173,073.92.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Continued discussion on the sound system for graduation – Mr. Lammay's opinion for this year's graduation ceremony is that the district rent a sound system; or, hire someone that runs their own sound system for special occasions. Mr. Jones stated that he knows a gentleman in Eighty-Four that does this type of work. He will give Mr. Lammay his contact information.
- Hot Breakfast at Elementary School – Board members had a lengthy discussion on returning hot breakfasts in the cafeteria for all students in Kindergarten through sixth grade beginning at the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

### **New Business**

- Total Grant Services Consulting – Board members discussed the pros and cons of joining the IU1 consortium for grant writing. The majority of the Board want to try the grant writing services and Attorney Heaton-Hall is going to review the agreement.

**Superintendent's Report** – Mr. Lammay stated that AMI will be giving the Board a presentation in April. They have programs to help our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> students and have Peer training for secondary students. He and Mr. Mancini are still looking into getting bus monitors.

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

**Special Representative Reports**

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling stated that tonight's meeting is being held at WACTC and Mr. Milanovich, Executive Director, gave everyone a tour of the building and provided dinner prior to the start of the meeting. He shared growth ideas that he has for the Center and Mrs. Sparks-Gatling will be sharing their grant information with the Board in the near future.

-PSBA – Mrs. Kilgore was at a PSBA conference.

-Parking Authority – No Report

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – No Report

-Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives:

Activities Committee (Mr. Bird) – The committee discussed the following items: alumni banner, reviewed the process for coach recommendations, eligibility for junior high athletes, the soccer feeder program, new equipment for weight room, condition of stadium locker room, the mural on the high school gym wall and bussing issues for athletic events.

Education Committee (Mrs. Roberts) – Mrs. Roberts was not at the meeting. She will give a report next month.

Policy Committee (Mrs. Ewing) – The committee did not meet in March. They will resume their meetings in April.

**Information**

- A. **April Board Meeting** – Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria
- B. **Elementary School's Spring Scholastic Book Fair** – March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 8th
- C. **Intermediate Unit 1's Convention and Student Showcase** at PennWest California Convocation Center located at 250 University Avenue, California, PA 15419  
Tuesday, March 25, 2025  
Student Showcase and voting will take place from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
Dinner is at 6:30 pm  
(*Mr. Lammay, Mr. Mihelcic, Mrs. Sparks-Gatling and Mrs. Heaton-Hall are attending*)
- D. **Snow Make-Up Day** – Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>
- E. **Spring Break** – Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

**F. Prom / Grand March – Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

5:45 pm - Grand March at the high school gym

6:30 to 10:30 pm - Prom at the George Washington Hotel

**G. Job Conference Reports for High School Exterior Improvement Project****H. Awards Day** – Please remember to turn in your \$11 for Awards Day**I. Kennywood Day** – Washington School District's Kennywood Day is Saturday, June 14th**Adjournment:** Moved by Mrs. Ewing and seconded by Mrs. Barnes that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously. 7:43 pm

/s/ Lisa Coffield

Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary