

April 19, 2021

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, April 19, 2021 in the high school media center and via Zoom video conferencing.

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. Amy Roberts
	Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	Ms. Karen Ruby
	Mrs. Patricia Cherry	Dr. Dana Shiller
	Mrs. Marsha Pleta	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
		Ms. Jenna Ward

Non-Voting Member Present: Dr. James R. Konrad, Superintendent

Present: Mrs. Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary
Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations
Mr. Robert Mihelcic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Amanda Jewell, 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.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

Agenda: Ms. Ward moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Pleta moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the minutes of the March 15, 2021 regular voting meeting and the April 12, 2021 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Cherry moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the March 31, 2021 Treasurer’s Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>March 31, 2021</u>
General Fund	\$ 78,252.56
Payroll Account	\$ 28,980.68
Cafeteria Account	\$ 76,750.54
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 25,221.01
WHS Activities Account	\$ 78,668.32
WPS Activities Account	\$ 24,431.70

WSD Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 906,675.52
Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 583,699.59

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Retirement of **Kelley Zebrasky**, elementary school principal, after 30 years of service in the district, effective June 30, 2021.
- Appointment of **Darren Vaccaro** as the K-6 Elementary School Principal, at a salary of \$89,569, effective July 1, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Approval of **Ron Faust** as the Winter 2021-2022 Basketball Head Coach (Step 13+, \$9,627). The head coach for boys basketball may appoint 1 paid varsity assistant coach, 1 paid junior high head coach, 1 paid junior high assistant coach and unlimited volunteer coaches. If student participation increases, the district will add additional coaches and/or event workers. (*Record for 2020-2021 – (11-1, 12-5) – Participants-19*)

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Approval of **Ron Moore**, with an improvement plan in which he has already agreed upon, as the Winter 2021-2022 Girls Basketball Head Coach (step 4-6, \$7,348). The head coach for girls basketball may appoint 1 paid varsity assistant coach and unlimited volunteer coaches. If student participation increases, the district will add additional coaches and/or event workers. (*Record for 2020-2021 – (5-6, 8-10) – Participants-8*)

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Approval of **Joyce Eisiminger** as the Winter 2021-2022 Rifle Head Coach (Step 13+, \$4,624). The head coach for rifle may appoint 1 paid varsity assistant coach with the payment formula of a maximum stipend of \$2,750 and unlimited volunteer coaches. If student participation increases, the district will add additional coaches and/or event workers. (*Record for 2020-2021 – (0-10) – Participants-14*)

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Approval of **Adrian Turner** as the Winter 2021-2022 Wrestling Head Coach (Step 7-9, \$7,981). The head coach for wrestling may appoint 1 paid varsity assistant coach, 1 junior high head coach with payment formula of a maximum stipend of \$2,750 and unlimited volunteer coaches. If student participation increases, the district will add additional coaches and/or event workers. (*Record for 2020-2021 – (1-4, 1-8) – Participants-8*)

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Campbell moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Appointment of **Zach Barnes** as the Spring 2021 Junior High Track Assistant Coach, Step 1-3, Stipend \$4,155, retroactive to April 9, 2021.

Motion carried, members present voting as follows:

Mrs. Barnes	-abstain	Mrs. Roberts	-yes
Mr. Campbell	-yes	Ms. Ruby	-yes
Mrs. Cherry	-yes	Dr. Shiller	-yes
Mrs. Pleta	-yes	Mrs. Sparks-Gatling	-yes
		Ms. Ward	-yes

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

- Renewal of The Nutrition Group Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year. *(On April 24, 2017, the Board entered into a five-year option agreement with The Nutrition Group to manage the food service operations of Washington School District. The district and The Nutrition Group are now entering the fifth and final year of the five year option agreement.)*

-“Arts Are Education” Resolution for their 2021-2022 educational programs.

- Contract with KMZ Consulting, LLC for educational services, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, per the attachment. Exhibit B

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Award bids for Fall sports for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$32,795.29. Exhibit A

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of School Physician and School Dentist: Mrs. Roberts moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Appointment of **Dr. Anna-Binney McCague** as School Physician for Washington School District for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Appointment of **Dr. Elizabeth Wakim** as School Dentist for Washington School District for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

High School Course Curriculum Changes for the 2021-2022 School Year: Ms. Ward moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the Board approve the following:

- The following high school course curriculum changes for the 2021-2022 school year:
 - New Elective – AP Computer Science A
 - New Elective – Survey of American Popular Culture
 - New Elective – Spanish for Professionals

- Increase number of credits to graduate to 24 (currently 23) beginning with the Class of 2025 and require students to earn a minimum of 0.5 (1 semester) Computer Science credit sometime throughout their four-year tenure in the high school, beginning with the Class of 2025
- Make Introductory Sociology (0.5 credit / semester course) a graduation requirement beginning with the Class of 2025
- Introduction of Career Pathways course, which will provide high school students with a well-rounded, but career focused, educational experience that provides students with meaningful career education and workplace experiences. Students will earn a Career Ready grade of “pass or fail”. Does not count towards GPA, but will be a required credit to graduate (.25 per year). Career Ready credit is made up of student performance checks, career evidence (Smart Futures), field trip requirements and speakers.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$418,149.70.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

-COVID-19 Update – Dr. Konrad informed the Board that about an hour ago he was informed that there is a fourth case of COVID-19 in the junior/senior high school building. The Pandemic Team met at 6pm and decided to close that building for the remainder of this week. Starting on Monday, April 26th, the junior/senior high school students will return to school on a Hybrid schedule. The elementary school students will remain attending school, in-person, four days a week. There have not been any COVID-19 cases reported in that building.

-Microphones at Board Meeting – Mr. Campbell requested that microphones be available for people who speak at Board meetings. Participants viewing the meeting via Zoom cannot hear what is being said during the meeting.

Superintendent’s Weekly Update: Dr. Konrad asked Board members if they had any questions on his weekly report. No one had any questions.

Solicitor’s Report: Attorney Jewell stated that there is a hearing on Thursday at 9:30 am for the sale of the Retos and Clark properties.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Ms. Ruby stated that their certificate ceremonies will be divided into three nights, their enrollment numbers are down, and they are working on negotiations.

-PSBA – Mrs. Pleta reminded everyone to read their daily newsletters. They have excellent articles on school related issues.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini stated they had a short meeting; nothing major was approved.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini stated that their meeting is later this week.

Information

A. May Board Meetings

Worksession Meeting – Monday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, May 17th at 6:30 pm

Adjournment: Moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Ms. Ward that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously. 7:09 pm.

_____/s/ Lisa Coffield_____
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary