

January 11, 2021

A worksession meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, January 11, 2021 via Zoom video conference.

The meeting was called to order by President Sparks-Gatling at 6:32 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance and the district's mission and audio/video recording statements.

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
 Ms. Amanda Jewell, Solicitor

Administrators: Mr. Chet Henderson, Mrs. Carla Herrnberger, Mr. Lou Magnotta,
 Mr. Robert Mihelcic, Mr. Darren Vaccaro and Mrs. Kelley Zebrasky

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.

Recognitions

Students of the Month

Grade 2 – Joslynn Landock
Grade 6 – Breonna Mitchell
Grade 8 – Olivia Miller
Grade 12 – Marissa Taufer
Grade 12 – Steven Patterson

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

Agenda: Mrs. Cherry moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Tax assessment appeals, as presented. Exhibit A

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole Discussion: The Board discussed the following items that will be voted on at the January 18, 2021 Regular Voting meeting:

Business and Finance

1. Impact Aid Resolution
2. Purchase of athletic supplies for Spring sports for the 2020-2021 school year
3. Ford Van Lease – Funded for special education use by a Competitive Integrated Grant

Resolution

1. Resolution indicating that Washington School District will not raise its tax rate for the 2021-2022 school year by more than the allowable index.

New Business

-Returning Students to the Classroom – Dr. Konrad, Board members, principals and staff discussed returning students to in-person learning on the Hybrid Schedule beginning on Monday, January 18, 2021. Dr. Konrad also reviewed a draft plan for bringing students back to the classroom, starting with elementary students. The district will submit an updated Attestation form to PDE informing them of students returning to a hybrid schedule.

Superintendent's Report

-Dr. Konrad had no report.

Solicitor's Report

-Attorney Jewell had no report.

Information

- Regular Voting Meeting** – Monday, January 18th at 6:30 pm in the high school media center and via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Ethics "Statement of Financial Interests" Forms** – Please complete your forms and return them to Mr. Mancini by the end of January. The forms were mailed to your home address.

Executive Session: Mrs. Sparks-Gatling announced the need for an executive session for the following reason: *Personnel*

Moved by Mrs. Pleta and seconded by Dr. Shiller that an executive session be held.
Motion carried unanimously. 8:39 pm.

Moved by Mrs. Roberts and seconded by Dr. Shiller that the executive session be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously. 9:47 pm.

Additional Opportunity for Public Participation: Mrs. Sparks-Gatling inquired if anyone desired to speak. No one having any desire to speak, the meeting continued.

Adjournment: Moved by Mrs. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. Barnes that the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried unanimously. 9:47 pm.

/s/Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary