

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Voting Meeting – Monday, January 18, 2021
High School Media Center and Zoom Video Conference
Zoom Login Info – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84352358373>
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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 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.

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- VI. Recognitions**

School Director Recognition Month

January is "School Director" recognition month. School Directors will be presented with a token of appreciation for volunteering their time and efforts focusing on making sure the students in Washington School District are receiving an outstanding education.

Moment of Silence

Please have a moment of silence for Ms. Joyce Ellis, who passed away on December 16, 2020. Ms. Ellis was a 1977 graduate of Washington High School. She was named the Observer-Reporter's "Person of the Year", a community award that recognized her selfless acts of kindness, concern, generosity and true giving spirit. Her passing is a tremendous loss to our community, school district and children in the City of Washington.

- VII. Special Presentation**

VIII. Executive Session

IX. Additional Opportunity for Public Participation - ONLY IF an action or discussion item is to be added to the agenda as a result of executive session. Public comment can ONLY reference the item(s) from executive session.

X. Board Member Questions on the Agenda

XI. Adoption of Agenda

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

Motion _____ Second _____

XII. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular voting meeting, the December 7, 2020 Reorganization meeting, the December 7, 2020 worksession meeting and the January 11, 2021 worksession meeting, as presented. *(All minutes are uploaded on OneDrive in the “Board Minutes” folder.)*

Motion _____ Second _____

XIII. Treasurer’s Report

Motion to accept the November 30, 2020 and December 31, 2020 Treasurer’s Reports, as presented.

Motion _____ Second _____

XIV. Recommendations of the Administration

A. Personnel

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

1. Family Medical Leave for **Employee #1443**, effective February 22, 2021 through May 18, 2021. *(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. Employee #1443 will be using sick days from January 11, 2021 through February 19, 2021.)*
2. The Temporary Long-Term Assignment of **Kelsey Young** as a Kindergarten teacher, Bachelor’s Degree, Step 1, pro-rated, retroactive to January 11, 2021 through May 18, 2021. *(This long-term assignment is for 90 days or longer. Mrs. Young 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 Employee #1443’s Family Medical Leave and Sick Leave.)*
3. Resignation of **Suzanne Price** as the Title I Parent Liaison at the elementary school, effective June 30, 2021.
4. Addition of **Brittany Gilpin** as an Emergency Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher.

- 5. Change the effective dates of FMLA leave for **Employee #1172** from January 15, 2021 through February 25, 2021 (*originally 30 days of leave*) to January 15, 2021 to January 26, 2021 (*changed to 8 days of leave*). *Employee requested to shortened her FMLA leave.*
- 6. Change the effective dates of **Haley Comodor** as a Temporary Assignment Substitute Teacher from November 5, 2020 through February 25, 2021 (*originally 71 days of work*) to November 5, 2020 through January 26, 2021 (*changed to 49 days of work*). *This change is due to Employee #1172 returning early from FMLA leave.*

Motion _____ Second _____

B. Contracts, Agreements and Grants

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

- 1. Agreement between Washington School District and Penn Commercial for their related educational programs in medical assistant, medical office administration, medical billing/coding and practical nursing, effective January 2021 through January 2022.

Motion _____ Second _____

C. Business and Finance

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

- 1. Impact Aid Resolution: The Board of School Directors of the Washington School District authorizes and directs the filing of an application for school assistance in federally-affected areas. Further, the directors name Dr. James R. Konrad, Superintendent, as their representative to file said application and to make the representations and commitments for, and on behalf of the Washington School District, and otherwise act as their authorized representative in connection with said application. (*Public Law provides financial assistance to public schools where there is a high concentration of parents employed by the federal government or live on federal property or where parents are on active duty in the uniformed services. The Washington School District is qualified to receive federal funds under the provisions of this act.*)
- 2. Purchase of athletic supplies for Spring sports for the 2020-2021 school year in the total amount of \$9,886.14. Exhibit A

Motion _____ Second _____

D. Resolution

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

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

Motion _____ Second _____

XV. Ratification and Payment of Bills – Treasurer

Motion to approve ratification and payment of bills as presented.

Motion _____ Second _____

- XVI. Unfinished Business**
- XVII. New Business**
- XVIII. Superintendent’s Report**
- XIX. Solicitor’s Report**
- XX. Special Representative Reports**
 - A. Western Area Career & Technology Center – Ms. Ruby
 - B. PSBA Representative and Legislative Chairman – Mrs. Pleta
 - C. Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini and Mrs. Pleta
 - D. Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini
- XXI. Information**
 - A. February Board Meetings**
 - Reorganization Meeting – Monday, February 8th at 6:30 pm
 - Worksession Meeting – Monday, February 15th at 6:30 pm
 - B. 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.
- XXII. Executive Session**
- XXIII. Additional Opportunity for Public Participation - ONLY IF action or discussion item to be added to agenda as a result of executive session. Public comment can ONLY reference the item(s) from executive session.**
- XXIV. Additional Action or Discussion Items, if any, as a Result of Executive Session**
- XXV. Adjournment**