

June 7, 2021

A worksession meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, June 7, 2021 in the high school media center and via Zoom video conference.

The meeting was called to order by President Sparks-Gatling at 6:31 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance and the district's mission and audio/video recording statements.

**Roll Call:**

Members Present:	Mrs. Rhonda Barnes <sup>(6:34)</sup>	Ms. Karen Ruby
	Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	Dr. Dana Shiller
	Mrs. Patricia Cherry	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
	Mrs. Marsha Pleta	Ms. Jenna Ward
	Mrs. Amy Roberts	

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, Mr. Lou Magnotta, Mr. Robert Mihelcic,  
Mr. Darren Vaccaro and Mrs. Kelley Zebrasky

**Executive Session:** Mrs. Sparks-Gatling announced that an executive session was held prior to the start of the meeting to discuss "Litigation". 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.

**Recognitions**

**Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame Washington-Greene County Chapter**

Congratulations to Asa Charnik on being selected as a Scholar-Athlete award winner in the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. Asa played four years for both the football and baseball teams and was a three-year starter for both programs, earning all-conference honors in football. He helped the football team win the WPIAL Class AA championship in 2017 and reach the 2019 WPIAL title game. A member of the National Honor Society, he was twice named to the Century Conference All-Academic Team. Charnik received the Dynamet Volunteer Award twice and was a Black History Month essay winner. A four-year high honors student, Asa will major in electrical engineering or bio-chemistry at West Virginia University. Asa is also Valedictorian of the Class of 2021.

2020 All-Star Teacher Recognition

Congratulations once again to Marsha Mosca for being selected as a 2020 All-Star Teacher from the Pirates Charities and The Grable Foundation. Mrs. Mosca will be recognized at the Pirate game on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Awesome job Marsha!

Graduation

Thank you to Chet Henderson, Kellie Ryburn, Teresa Booker, Jamie Frazier, Barbie Jones and other staff members for an outstanding 2021 graduation ceremony.

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

**Agenda:** Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Disability retirement of **Kristen Meyer**, third grade teacher, after 21 years of service in the district, effective August 6, 2021.
- Appointment of **Timothy Grebeck** as a secondary special education teacher, Master's Degree, Step 1, \$44,460, effective August 23, 2021.
- Appointment of **Keith Walters** as a secondary guidance counselor, Master's +30 Degree, Step 4, \$46,360, effective August 23, 2021.
- Appointment of **Nicole Doss** as Title I Parent Liaison, at a salary of \$10.00 per hour for 200 hours, effective June 7, 2021.
- Addition of **Neil Freeze** to the list of summer school teachers at the elementary school.
- Summer employment of the following part-time custodians as replacements for vacationing full-time custodians:  
**Amanda Durila      Renee Cummins      John Riley      Ray Wallace**

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Resignation of **Anthony Belcastro** as Head Varsity Baseball Coach, retroactive to June 1, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Contracts, Agreements and Grants:** Mrs. Pleta moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Lease Agreement with Blueprints/Head Start to occupy one (1) classroom at Washington Park Elementary School at no cost, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
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District \$4,800 for janitorial services for the cleaning of the classroom during the term of the lease.

- Lease Agreement with Blueprints/Head Start to occupy one (1) classroom at Washington Park Elementary School at a cost of \$9,000, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Blueprints will also pay the District \$4,800 for janitorial services for the cleaning of the classroom during the term of the lease.
- Letter of Agreement with Outside In School of Experiential Learning to provide substance abuse treatment services for students identified by the Student Assistance Program through Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. for the 2021-2022 school year. *(Each student referral for "in-school counseling services" must be initiated by the recommendation of the SAP Team and/or Liaison. The responsibility of payment for any services provided by Outside rest the student's funding source, be it private health insurance, Health Choices or SAP funds.)*
- Meal Service Agreement with Blueprints to provide a free breakfast and lunch for each child enrolled in Head Start during the 2021-2022 school year, at no extra cost to Blueprints and/or the parent/guardian. The district will claim reimbursement for the enrolled Head Start children through the National School Lunch Program. Adult meals will be billed to Blueprints on a monthly basis by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- Meal Service Agreement with Blueprints for Pre-K Children for the 2021-2022 school year. Each enrolled family will receive a Meal Benefit form to complete and return to the school. Pre-K children and staff will not be individually charged for the meal service. The school district will track the number of meals served per child for billing purposes. Blueprints will pay for Pre-K children according to the coding of the Meal Benefit form and staff according to current adult meal prices. The school district will submit billing for meals on a monthly basis to Blueprints by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month following meal service.
- The following provider agreements, which pertain to special education services in the district:
  - a.) Epic Health Services, Inc., d/b/a Aveanna Healthcare
  - b.) Pediatric Services of America, Inc., d/b/a Aveanna Healthcare
  - c.) Care Unlimited, Inc., d/b/a Aveanna Healthcare
- Agreement with Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. to provide Student Assistant (SAP) services free of charge for the 2021-2022 school year. *(There is a need for continued assistance to students who display high-risk or dysfunctional behavior. Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission has provided services free of charge for the past several years.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Authorize the Director of District Operations to make all necessary year-end budget transfers in order to close out the 2020-2021 fiscal year. *(Once such transfers are made, appropriate details will be provided to the Board for final ratification. This request is made to avoid budgetary line items and categorical over expenditure as a result of year-end adjustments and final audit. School districts have been advised to request such blanket authorization for budgetary transfers by the director of school audits.)*

-Extend the Local Economic Revitalization Tax for General Businesses District (Commercial LERTA), with the City, retroactive to August 8, 2020 through August 8, 2025.

-Authorize the Solicitor to appeal the assessment on the Crossroads building.

-Reject all bids in the stadium lighting project and to further rescind the action of the May 17, 2021 awarding the contract to Qualite Sports Lighting, upon recommendation of the solicitor.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Final Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year:** Mrs. Pleta moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Adoption of the following resolution, which sets forth the general fund operating budget for the school year 2021-2022 consisting of total revenues of \$29,126,045 and expenditures of \$29,126,045.

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Washington School District, Washington County, Washington, Pennsylvania, hereby authorizes the expenditures of \$29,126,045 for the school year 2021-2022 and levies a tax of 15.1578 mills per dollar, (\$15.16 per thousand dollars), which is no increase from last year; and the Earned Income Tax Resolution as adopted on June 25, 1990 and amended June 26, 1995 and April 28, 2003; a Per Capita Tax Resolution adopted June 25, 1990 and amended April 28, 2003; an Emergency and Municipal Services Tax (Formerly Occupational Privilege Tax) adopted July 24, 1972 and amended December 18, 1972 and December 16, 1974, June 30, 2003 and June 6, 2005; a Realty Transfer Tax adopted July 24, 1972; a Mercantile License Tax adopted July 24, 1972; and a Business Privilege Tax adopted June 21, 1976; and further, that the penalty for late payment of any taxes after November 1, 2021 be set at 10 percent. *Exhibit A*

Motion carried unanimously.

**Homestead and Farmstead Resolution:** Mrs. Cherry moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the Board approve the following:

-The Resolution concerning the Homestead and Farmstead exclusion for the school year 2021-2022, as presented, and to authorize the President of the Board of School Directors and Secretary to execute the same. *Exhibit B*

Motion carried unanimously.

**PSBA Delegate Assembly:** Mrs. Roberts moved and Mrs. Cherry seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Appointment of **Mrs. Marsha Pleta** as a voting delegate to participate in the PSBA Delegate Assembly to be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 9:00 am at PSBA Headquarters in Mechanicsburg, PA OR via Zoom video conference.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee of the Whole Discussion:** There is no Regular meeting scheduled for June.

**New Business**

-Mr. Campbell informed Board members that this year's Salutatorian was awarded \$197,000 in scholarships, he asked for better communication in the district, stated that parents and grandparents should have been permitted to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade end-of-year events, he stated that a candidate's resume was sent in to central office for the IT position, he asked for a report on how many students would be attending summer school and he thanked Solicitor Amanda Jewell for the awesome job she is doing for the district and presented her with a small gift from the Board.

**Superintendent's Weekly Update**

-Dr. Konrad emailed his weekly update to Board members last Friday.

**Solicitor's Report**

-Attorney Jewell had no report.

**Information****A. August Board Meetings**

Worksession Meeting – Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the high school media center

Voting Meeting – Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the high school media center

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

Motion carried unanimously. 6:49 pm.

/s/Lisa Coffield  
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary