

May 17, 2021

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, May 17, 2021 in the high school media center and via Zoom video conferencing.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 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 (6:38)	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

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

Retirements

J. Mike Campsey	2002-2021 (19 years)
Esther Cardillo	2002-2021 (19 years)
Kathy Sickles	1989-2021 (32 years)
Kelley Zebrasky	1991-2021 (30 years)

Doctorate

Congratulations go out to Kellie Geiges for receiving her Doctorate in Philosophy in Instructional Management and Leadership from Robert Morris University. “Way to go, Dr. Geiges!!!!”

Staff Appreciation

The Board of School Directors and Administration would like to take time to acknowledge the principals, teachers and support staff for all of their outstanding work this school year. Thank you for providing an excellent education and safe environment for our students throughout the pandemic.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was shared for Parker Muhleman, a high school freshman, who passed away unexpectedly last week from surgical complications. Parker was an awesome individual who had such a positive impact on everyone he met. A moment of silence was also recognized for Caleb Jackson, a “Class of 2020” graduate, who passed away last week from injuries sustained in a

motorcycle accident. Caleb was an outstanding student. He was a member of the football, track and basketball teams. Both of these young men will be sorely missed by everyone in our Prexie Family.

Special Presentation

Workforce Transition Program

Denise Bird, Joy Daviduk and Kathy Ward gave a presentation on the workforce transition program they are running with 11th and 12th grade students, with money they received through the Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) grant.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Barnes moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the minutes of the April 19, 2021 regular voting meeting and the May 3, 2021 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Cherry moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that the April 30, 2021 Treasurer's Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>April 30, 2021</u>
General Fund	\$ 80,752.42
Payroll Account	\$ 40,194.74
Cafeteria Account	\$ 110,485.08
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 23,670.33
WHS Activities Account	\$ 79,338.66
WPS Activities Account	\$ 24,320.13
WSD Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 906,683.02
Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 583,704.39

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel: Ms. Ward moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Grant permanent contracts, in accordance with the School Laws of Pennsylvania, to the following teachers who have completed at least three years of satisfactory service and are properly certified:

Devon Strimel	Alexandra Cottom	Moriah Fitzgerald	Taylor Morrison
Maria Hovanic	Kelli Anderson	Joy Daviduk	Alison Stewart

-Approval of **Ashley Brand** to provide nursing duties for summer school programs running during June, July and August 2021, at a stipend of \$28 per hour.

-Approval of the following graduate courses for Dr. James R. Konrad, which are relevant to his duties as superintendent:

Temple University – Socioeconomic Context of Business (3 credits)
 Temple University – Financial Analysis & Strategy (3 credits)

-Addition to the list of certified substitute teachers:

Neil Freeze – Elementary PK-4

Motion carried, members voting as follows:

-Mrs. Barnes	-yes	Mrs. Roberts	-yes
-Mr. Campbell	-no	Ms. Ruby	-yes
-Mrs. Cherry	-yes	Dr. Shiller	-yes
-Mrs. Pleta	-yes	Mrs. Sparks-Gatling	-yes
		Ms. Ward	-yes

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

- Educational Services Agreement with Intermediate Unit 1 for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Student Assistance Program (SAP) Agreement with The Center for Community Resources to provide SAP services for the 2021-2022 school year, at no cost to the district.
- Submission of the Flexible Instructional Day (FID) Program application for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Western Area Career & Technology Center's 2021-2022 proposed budget totaling \$5,986,454, which represents a decrease over last year's budget in the amount of \$70,655. Washington School District's contribution will increase from \$252,144.77 to \$258,678.58, which represents an increase of \$6,533.81. This figure is based on an estimated Average Daily Membership of 34.00.
- Designation of depositories for school funds. *Exhibit A*
- Accept the proposal from Qualite Sports Lighting for replacement and field lighting upgrade at the stadium, at a cost of \$211,656. (*Paid with money from the Capital Reserve Fund.*)

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Tax Collector: Mrs. Barnes moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board approve the following:

- RESOLVED, that **Anthony Nicolella**, the duly elected Treasurer of the City of Washington, is hereby appointed Tax Collector for the Business Privilege Tax and Mercantile Tax and the delinquent Business Privilege Tax and Mercantile Tax in the City of Washington for the year 2021 effective July 1, 2021, to collect taxes levied by the Washington School District under the provisions of the Local Tax Enabling Act approved December 31, 1965, Act No. 511, as amended, provided said Tax Collector has posted the surety bond or bonds as required by law, the compensation and cost of such collection for the City to be in accordance with the Joint Tax Agreement between the City of Washington and the Washington School District approved by the School District on May 21, 2007.

-RESOLVED, that Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a **Keystone Collections Group** is hereby appointed Tax Collector for the collection of per capita tax and delinquent per capita tax for the City of Washington and the Borough of East Washington and collection of the current business privilege/mercantile tax and delinquent business privilege/mercantile tax in the Borough of East Washington.

-RESOLVED, that Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a **Keystone Collections Group** is hereby appointed Tax Collector for occupational privilege tax now known as local services tax and delinquent local services tax in the City of Washington and the Borough of East Washington.

-RESOLVED, that Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a **Keystone Collections Group** is hereby appointed Deputy Tax Collector for current real estate taxes in the City of Washington. (*Sharon Adams is the duly elected real estate tax collector for the Borough of East Washington through December 31, 2021.*)

Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Board Treasurer: Mrs. Pleta moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

-That the Board re-elect **Mrs. Patricia Cherry** to serve as school district Treasurer From July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022. (*The Board of School Directors shall annually, during the month of May, elect a treasurer to serve for one year beginning the first day in July following such election.*)

Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Board Secretary: Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Cherry seconded that the Board approve the following:

-That the Board re-elect **Mrs. Lisa Coffield** as Board Secretary for a four-year term, effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025. (*The Board secretary is elected in May of every fourth year for a four-year term. The secretary's present term expires on June 30, 2021.*)

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$523,477.53.

Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

-Summer School Plan – Mrs. Zebrasky reviewed the plans for the summer school program at the elementary school.

-IT Department Plan – Dr. Konrad stated that the district posted for a Director of Instructional Technology last Friday.

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 had no report.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Ms. Ruby stated that they will be holding their Completer Ceremonies on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

-PSBA – Mrs. Pleta informed Board members that their annual conference will be on September 27-29 in the Pocono Mountains. There is a virtual cyber/charter school meeting on May 25th. She also discussed Senate Bill 664, which would give parents the option of holding their child back a grade due to schools being closed so long during the pandemic.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini stated that business is picking up in the garage since people are returning to work.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini stated that they are working with the Redevelopment Authority on upgrading the buildings in the downtown area.

Information

A. June Board Meetings

Worksession Meeting – Monday, June 7th at 6:30 pm

Regular Voting Meeting – NO MEETING IS SCHEDULED

B. Prom – Wednesday, June 2nd (Grand March-5:45 pm) (Prom 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm)

C. Graduation – Friday, June 4th at the stadium

D. Spring Concerts – The High School Symphonic Band, Choralaires and Steel Drum Band will perform on Thursday, May 20th at 7pm in the high school gymnasium. The Junior High School Symphonic Band, Chorus and Jazz Band will perform on Thursday, May 27th at 7pm in the high school gymnasium.

Adjournment: Moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Barnes that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously. 7:53 pm.

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary