

October 18, 2021

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, October 18, 2021 in the high school cafeteria 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	Ms. Karen Ruby
	Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	Dr. Dana Shiller
	Mrs. Patricia Cherry	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
	Mrs. Marsha Pleta	Ms. Jenna Ward

Absent: Mrs. Amy Roberts

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

Present: Mrs. Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary  
Mrs. Kelly Perkovich, 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.

**Recognition**

-Thank You to Leslie LaPosta and McDonalds for delivering breakfast to our staff last week.

**Special Presentation:** Consultant Mrs. Kelley Zebrasky gave the Board an update on the Educational Partnership Grant, the Title 1 School-Wide Plan, emergency substitute trainings, collaborations with Rack Room Shoes, Joanne Fabrics, Washington Financial, ANSYS, Immaculate Conception Church, Blessings in a Backpack and local families in the district.

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

**Agenda:** Ms. Ward moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** Mrs. Barnes moved and Mrs. Cherry seconded that the minutes of the September 20, 2021 special meeting and the October 11, 2021 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

	<u>September 30, 2021</u>
General Fund	\$ 292,428.44
Payroll Account	\$ 22,183.68
Cafeteria Account	\$ 194,687.73
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 20,124.64
WHS Activities Account	\$ 73,501.74
WPS Activities Account	\$ 21,517.74
WSD Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 917,706.41
Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 584,227.22

Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel:** Mrs. Pleta moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Extend the contract for the Director of District Operations, for a term of two (2) additional years commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2022 and ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.

Motion carried, members voting as follows:

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

\*Mr. Campbell voted “no” due to the fact that Mr. Mancini was never held accountable for his “China Virus” statements to teachers and staff. Mr. Mancini is an excellent business manager, but he should apologized for his statements.

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

-Contracted employment of **Becky Winters** and **Sandy Vanatta** as COVID-19 secretaries, \$22 per hour, as needed, not to exceed six (6) hours a week.

-Appointment of **Jennifer Pierosh** as a K-6 elementary school teacher, Master’s degree, Step 15, \$57,210, effective November 1, 2021. (*Position for the 2021-2022 school year will be Math Strategies.*)

-Appointment of **Debra Griffin** as the Cyber Teacher for Grades K-4 at the elementary school for the 2021-2022ool year. (*Mrs. Griffin will remain on her current salary schedule.*)

-The Temporary Long-Term Assignment of **Amy Strang** as a Second Grade Teacher, Master’s Degree, Step 1, pro-rated, effective November 1, 2021 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. (*This long-term assignment is for 90 days or longer. Ms. Strang 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 Mrs. Griffin being appointed as the Cyber Teacher for Grades K-4 for the 2021-2002 school year.*)

Motion carried unanimously.

**Students:** Ms. Ward moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the following item be untabled:

-The application of N.H., a Washington School District student, to attend Trinity Area School District to participate in their Accounting Program of Study for the 2021-2022 school year, pursuant to 24

P.S. 18-1809. Washington School District will not provide transportation.

Motion carried, members voting as follows:

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

Mrs. Barnes moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the following item be approved:

-The application of N.H., a Washington School District student, to attend Trinity Area School District to participate in their Accounting Program of Study for the 2021-2022 school year, pursuant to 24 P.S. 18-1809. Washington School District will not provide transportation.

Motion carried, members voting as follows:

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

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

-Approve the new Strength and Conditioning stipends, which adds 2.5% for each year, starting with the 2021-2022 school year through the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

	2020-2021 Current Stipend	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Strength and Conditioning Director	\$5850	\$5996	\$6146	\$6300
Strength and Conditioning Supervisor	\$3500	\$3588	\$3678	\$3770
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Motion carried, members voting as follows:

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

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

-Appointment of **Mike Bosnic** as Strength and Conditioning Director, at a stipend of \$5,996, retroactive to August 2020 through August 2021, to be paid semi-annually in December and May of each year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Appointment of **Lance Vallee** as Strength and Conditioning Supervisor, at a stipend of \$3,588, retroactive to August 2020 through August 2021, to be paid semi-annually in December and May of each year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Appointment of **Rich Barnes** as Strength and Conditioning Supervisor, at a stipend of \$3,588, retroactive to August 2020 through August 2021, to be paid semi-annually in December and May of each year.

Motion carried, members voting as follows:

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

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

- Three-year agreement to contract with Blackboard, Inc. for the development, migration of old website, maintenance, and hosting of the Washington School District website, at a cost of \$15,154.56 for the first initial year. *(The second and third year cost will be \$12,580 each year, which will include web, app, and mass notifications.)* Exhibit A

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Year End Budget Transfers for the 2020-2021 school year. Exhibit B

- Transportation rates for the 2021-2022 school year. Exhibit C

- Rescind the following action that was approved at the February 15, 2021 Board meeting:

Set the compensation of the elected tax collector for the Borough of East Washington to collect Washington School District school taxes beginning January 1, 2022 as follows:

- \$1.50 per tax duplicate, plus actual postage
- Additional \$0.50 per installment payment
- December 1<sup>st</sup> late notice at \$0.50 per notice, plus actual postage

- Residential LERTA Applications submitted by:

Thelma Turner  
63 Sumner Avenue  
Washington, PA 15301  
Tax Parcel ID #760-018-00-02-0013-00  
(Construction of a new 1,200 square foot ranch single family home)

Bianca Walden  
65 Sumner Avenue  
Washington, PA 15301  
Tax Parcel ID #760-018-00-02-0012-00  
(Construction of a new 1,200 square foot ranch single family home)

Ms. Ward moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that the following item be tabled:

-Residential LERTA Applications submitted by:

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Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Shiller moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the following items be approved:

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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 \$931,463.25.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Unfinished Business**

-Food Service Report for September 2021 – Board members were given the report to review.

**Solicitor's Report:** Attorney Perkovich had no report.

**Special Representative Reports**

- Western Area Career & Technology Center – Ms. Ruby discussed the auto mechanics, plumbing and sports medicine programs.
- PSBA – Mrs. Pleta stated that PSBA is withdrawing their membership from NSBA.
- Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini was absent from the meeting.
- Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini was absent from the meeting.

**Information**

**A. November Board Meetings**

Worksession Meeting – Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:29 pm.

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/s/ Lisa Coffield  
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary