

August 15, 2022

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, August 15, 2022 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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. Marsha Pleta
	Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	Mrs. Amy Roberts
	Mrs. Jennifer Ewing	Dr. Dana Shiller
	Mrs. Kimberly Kelley	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
		Ms. Jenna Ward

Non-Voting Member Present: Mr. George Lammay, Superintendent

Present: Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations
Mr. Robert Mihelcic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mrs. Rebecca Heaton-Hall, 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.

-Ms. Joy Cumer, 610 Broad Street, stated her concerns with the new cell phone policy.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the minutes of the June 6, 2022 worksession meeting, the June 28, 2022 and July 19, 2022 special meetings, and the August 8, 2022 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Pleta moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the July 31, 2022 Treasurer’s Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>July 31, 2022</u>
General Fund	\$ 605,831.22
Payroll Account	\$ 48,505.19
Cafeteria Account	\$ 602,218.72
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 25,473.35
WHS Activities Account	\$ 82,542.64

WPS Activities Account	\$ 22,000.56
WSD Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 169,475.97
Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 85,410.60

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Appointment of **Camilla Justice** as Special Education Director, Act 93 position, at a salary of \$111,000, effective upon release from her previous employer.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Appointment of **Raven Sherbine** as an elementary special education teacher, Bachelor's degree, Step 1, \$44,510, effective August 18, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ewing moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Appointment of **Jennifer Ireland** as a secondary special education teacher, Bachelor's degree, Step 1, \$44,510, effective August 18, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Resignation of **Alexa Dines** as a secondary guidance counselor, after 1 year of service in the district, effective at the end of 60 calendar days or when a replacement is hired to fill the position, whichever occurs first.

-Resignation of **Lena Taddeo** as a special education teacher, after 1 year of service in the district, retroactive to August 12, 2022.

-Resignation of **Morgan Fahey**, part-time paraprofessional, after 1 year of service in the district, retroactive to August 12, 2022.

-Retirement of **Annie McCartney** as a foodservice worker, after 5 years of service in the district, retroactive to August 8, 2022.

-The Temporary Long-Term Assignment of **Lynn Yusim** as a Business-Information Technology Teacher, Master's Degree, Step 2, pro-rated, effective August 22, 2022 through the end of the first semester. *(This long-term assignment is for 90 days or longer. Ms. Yusim will start on Step 2 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 Sabbatical Leave of Employee #924.)*

-Supplemental employment of **Jessica Gardner** as a substitute teacher for the Jr/Sr High School's Prexie Academy for the 2022-2023 school year, \$25 per hour.

-Addition of **Tyrone Wormsley** and **Esperanza Patterson** to the list of substitute cafeteria workers.

- Addition of **Tim Witenke** and **Jeff Devenney** to the list of Cyber Teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Addition of **Lisa Antonelli**, **Jan Britton** and **Rebecca Reilly** to the list of retired emergency substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Addition of **Zachary Barnes**, **Morgan Pattison**, **Margaret Warren**, **Payton Barr**, **Mary Gordon**, **Jennifer Cottrill** and **Mary Connell** to the list of emergency substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Addition of **Lance Vallee** and **Nina Startare** to the list of IU1 emergency substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Addition of the list of certified substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year:
Catherine Cox Elementary K-6
- Approve the advertisement for “Classroom Monitors”.
- Approve the Jones Resolution for the employment of Employee #1562.

Motion carried unanimously; Mrs. Barnes abstained from voting on the additions of the emergency substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year.

Board Policy: Mrs. Kelley moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Second reading and adoption, pursuant to Washington School District Policy No. 001, of the following policy:
Policy #554 – Cell Phones & Other Mobile Devices

Motion carried unanimously.

Contracts, Agreements and Grants: Mrs. Roberts moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Rescind the contract for athletic trainer services with NovaCare for two years, at a cost of \$42,000 for the 2022-2023 school year and \$44,000 for the 2023-2024 school year; and also rescind the amendment to Athletic Training Service Agreement with NovaCare Rehabilitation for athletic training services, as needed, during the 2022-2023 school year, at a cost of \$45 per hour. (*The Agreement was approved in June 2022 and the Amendment was approved in August 2022. NovaCare could not supply any athletic trainers for the district.*)
- Agreement with Washington Spine, Disc and Joint Center to provide athletic training services for the 2022-2023 school year, at a cost of \$45,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Grant conditional approval of bus/van drivers as per the attached list for the 2022-2023 school year

based on satisfactory performance, as determined by the administration. All drivers are licensed and have met clearance requirements. Exhibit A

Motion carried unanimously.

Washington School District's Comprehensive Plan: Dr. Shiller moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Washington School District's three (3) year Comprehensive Plan for 2021-2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Washington School District's Health & Safety Plan Revision: Mrs. Barnes moved and Mrs. Ewing seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Revision to the Washington School District's Health & Safety Plan, as submitted

Motion carried unanimously.

Ratification and Payment of Bills: Mrs. Pleta moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$1,226,044.66.

Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

-Update on Options for the Softball Field – Mr. Mancini stated that they have not heard back from the City on a new agreement. They are working with South Strabane on an option to play there this Fall and next Spring. An architect will be coming to look at the field on Thursday to give his recommendations on how to proceed; and they are still looking at parking options. Almost all of the other school districts in our area play their games on district-owned facilities.

-Mr. Campbell resigned from the Activities Committee and as the Western Area Career & Technology Center representative.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Heaton-Hall had no report.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mr. Campbell stated that they did not have a meeting in July. They were working on hiring a new director and principal and Parkway was looking to take over the entire Center, but he doesn't think it is going to happen. Their next meeting is August 17th. Ms. Ward agreed to attend that meeting.

-PSBA – Mrs. Pleta stated that they are holding very informative meetings on the third Tuesday of each month from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Also, they are revising a lot of their policies. Central Pennsylvania is having a very hard time finding enough teachers for their schools.

-Parking Authority – No meetings during the summer months.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – No meetings during the summer months.

Information**A. September Board Meetings**

Worksession Meeting – Monday, September 12th at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, September 19th at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

B. Start of School

New Teacher Orientation on Thursday, August 18th and Friday, August 19th

District Inservice Days on Monday, August 22nd and Tuesday, August 23rd

Students return on Wednesday, August 24th

Moment of Silence – The Board had a moment of silence for Mr. Matthew Boice. Mr. Boice was a long-time supporter of the District and volunteered his time with the Band. He was also a member of many community organizations.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:08 pm.

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary