

October 10, 2022

A worksession meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, October 10, 2022 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order by President Sparks-Gatling at 6:30 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance and the district's mission and audio/video recording statements.

Roll Call:

Members Present:	Mrs. Rhonda Barnes (6:36pm)	Mrs. Amy Roberts
	Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	Dr. Dana Shiller
	Mrs. Jennifer Ewing	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
	Mrs. Kimberly Kelley	Ms. Jenna Ward
	Mrs. Marsha Pleta	

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

Present: Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations
Mrs. Rebecca Heaton-Hall, Solicitor

Administrators: Mr. Chet Henderson, Mrs. Camilla Justice, Mrs. Courtney LeViere, Mr. Lou Magnotta, Mr. Robert Mihelcic, Ms. Jocelyn Sabruno and Mr. Darren Vaccaro

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.

-Patricia Cherry, 50 Erie Street, thanked Mr. Bosnic for everything he has done to get the home football games televised. She also thanked Mr. Henderson for his service to the district and she is sorry to see him leave. Finally, she asked why the Homecoming King was allowed to be a female student. She was shocked and surprised to see that a girl was named Homecoming King.

-Susan Dugan, 358 Burton Avenue, currently has three grandchildren in the district. She participated in the Homecoming Parade and was heartbroken when the Homecoming King was announced. She felt sorry for all of the male students who missed out on the opportunity to be crowned King. She feels that the District owes those boys an apology.

-Brian Shallcross, 260 Shirls Avenue, his son is a Senior in high school. He asked if there was a written policy in the District that permits opposite sex students being named King and Queen. And, he wants to know if this will be the practice from this point forward or if the District will not permit this again next year.

Recognitions

Students of the Month

Grade 2 – Sotia Sam

Grade 6 – Isaac Mayen

Grade 8 – Raina Johnson
 Grade 12 – Adele Zimmerman
 Grade 12 – Zakery Burt

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

Agenda: Mrs. Roberts moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Retirement of **C. Shawn Arent**, elementary school teacher, after 30 years of service in the district, Mrs. Arent’s last day of work will be November 4, 2022.

Motion carried, members voting as follows:

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

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

-Resignation of **Chet Henderson**, high school principal, after 15 years of service in the district, effective upon release from his position.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Family Medical Leave for **Employee #1786**, retroactive to September 27, 2022 to November 27, 2022. *(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.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Conference request, in accordance with the policy of the District as follows:

- a. Kim Smith -2022 Facilities, Transportation & Safety Conference
 October 27-28, 2022 – Lancaster, PA
 Estimated cost – \$850.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Business and Finance: Mr. Campbell moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Act 57 of 2022 Resolution which grants waivers to taxpayers for penalties, interest, fees, and delinquent collection costs if the taxpayers did not receive their real estate tax bill within the first

twelve months of purchasing their property under certain conditions, effective as of the 2023 tax year

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Submission of the Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) Plans for the High School and Junior High School for the 2022-2023 school year

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole Discussion: Board members and administrators discussed the following items that will be voted on at the October 17, 2022 meeting:

Contracts, Agreements and Grants

1. Lease agreement with IU1

Business and Finance

1. Transportation rates for the 2022-2023 school year
2. Year-end budget transfers for the 2021-2022 school year

New Business

-Summer Projects Report – Mr. Mancini gave Board members the list of projects that were completed during the summer months.

Superintendent's Report

-Mr. Lammay stated that he appreciates the Observer-Reporter's willingness to run an employment ad all this week for our high school principal position at no charge to the District, due to an error on their part in which they ran the wrong ad last weekend.

Solicitor's Report

-Attorney Heaton-Hall had no report.

Information

- A. **Regular Voting Meeting** – Monday, October 17th at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:09 pm.

/s/Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary