

April 17, 2023

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, April 17, 2023 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice President Roberts, 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	Ms. Jenna Ward

Absent: Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling

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

Present: Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations
Mr. Robert Mihelcic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Michelle Gannon, Solicitor

President Welcomes Visitors: Mrs. Roberts 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.

-Susan Cottrill, 520 East Beau Street, had questions regarding the Summer School program at the elementary school.

Presentation

Ms. Sara Zrimsek, Regional Manager from The Nutrition Group, gave a brief overview of the services they provided to the District over the past year.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Dr. Shiller moved and Mrs. Ewing seconded that the minutes of the March 20, 2023 regular voting meeting and the April 11, 2023 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Pleta moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the March 31, 2023 Treasurer’s Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>March 31, 2023</u>
General Fund	\$ 181,215.39
Payroll Account	\$ -4,927.40
Cafeteria Account	\$ 185,467.28
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 26,804.99
WHS Activities Account	\$ 86,062.39
WPS Activities Account	\$ 23,593.95
WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 559,933.19
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 154,124.82

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Recommend **Cheryl Oliver** as a part-time paraprofessional at the elementary school, 186 days a year, 4 hours a day, contractual rate, effective April 18, 2023.

-Addition of **Frank Zebrasky** to the list of certified substitute teachers.
(*Mr. Zebrasky is certified in Special Education Pre-K to 8 and Mid-Level Math 6 to 9*)

-Addition of **Angelica Oravec** to the list of IU emergency substitute teachers.

-Summer Learning Academy for Grades 7 and 8
Program will begin June 5, 2023 through June 29, 2023
Monday through Thursday
8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Jr/Sr High School
\$28 per hour
Teachers Needed: 1
Special Education Teachers Needed: 1
Substitutes Needed: 1

-Summer School Course Credit Recovery / Credit Advancement / Cyber Summer School
Grades 9 through 12
Program will begin June 5, 2023 through June 29, 2023
Monday through Thursday
8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Jr/Sr High School
\$28 per hour
Teacher Needed: 1
Special Education Teachers Needed: 1
Substitute Needed: 1

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-The Agreement with Employee #1562.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy: Mrs. Barnes 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 policies:

- Policy #532 – Assessment System
- Policy #575 – Diabetes Management
- Policy #576 – Food Allergy Management
- Policy #816 – Electronic Data Storage

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Renewal of The Nutrition Group Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year. *(On April 19, 2022, the Board entered into a five-year option agreement with The Nutrition Group to manage the food service operations of Washington School District. The district and The Nutrition Group are now entering the second year of the five year option agreement.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

Business and Finance: Ms. Ward moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Award bids for Fall sports for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$19,015.98.

-Western Area Career & Technology Center's 2023-2024 proposed budget totaling \$5,906,473, which represents an increase over last year's budget in the amount of \$83,600. Washington School District's contribution will increase from \$243,906.09 to \$297,452.11, which represents an increase of \$53,546.02. This figure is based on an estimated Average Daily Membership of 42.06, an increase of 12 students from last year.

-Authorize the participation in and appointment of representatives to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program for school materials and supplies.

-Award the bid for replacement of playground equipment at the elementary school to PlayGO Co., at the cost of \$120,218.00. *(Paid with ESSER II grant money and donations.)*

-Award the bid for replacement flooring in five classrooms at the elementary school to Faris Carpet, Inc., at the cost of \$17,950.00 *(Partial payment from insurance for the water damage during Winter break.)*

-Award the bid for replacement flooring at the high school to Rhodes Carpet, at the cost of \$16,083.75.

Motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year: Mrs. Barnes moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Adopt the Preliminary Budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$30,836,632 dollars and set the millage rate at 15.1578. No tax increase from last year's budget. The Board directs and

authorizes the Administration to timely submit the Preliminary Budget to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review in accordance with Act 1. Exhibit A

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$621,824.51.

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Gannon had no report.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling was absent from the meeting.

-PSBA – Mrs. Pleta reported that they had a meeting today and 92% of all school districts in Pennsylvania have signed up to look at the costs of cyber schools. They also discussed Bill 663, which deals with children living with family members other than their parents who would become eligible for scholarship money.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini stated they have moved to quarterly meetings.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini stated they have also moved to quarterly meetings.

-Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives –

Activities Committee (Mrs. Pleta) – No report

Education Committee (Dr. Shiller) – They meet this Thursday.

Policy Committee (Ms. Ward) – Their next meeting is May 3rd via Zoom and they have not identified the policies they will be reviewing yet.

Information

A. May Board Meetings

Worksession Meeting – Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm at WACTC

Special Presentation: Dave Kristian and Brad Birchfield from Usource gave a presentation on solar energy for the elementary school.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:12 pm

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary