

February 21, 2023

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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.	Dr. Dana Shiller
	Mrs. Jennifer Ewing	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
	Mrs. Marsha Pleta	Ms. Jenna Ward

Absent: Mrs. Kimberly Kelley

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

Administrators: Mr. Lou Magnotta, Ms. Camilla Justice, Mrs. Courtney LeViere,  
Mrs. 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. No one having any desire to speak, the meeting continued.

**Recognitions**

Students of the Month  
Grade 2 – Simone Wynkoop  
Grade 6 – Quinn Pierce  
Grade 8 – Taaliyah Wright  
Grade 12 – Alyssa Strawn  
Grade 12 – Santana Byrd

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

**Agenda:** Mrs. Ewing moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** Ms. Ward moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the minutes of the January 17, 2022 regular voting meeting and the February 13, 2023 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. Pleta moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the January 31, 2023 Treasurer's Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>January 31, 2022</u>
General Fund	\$ 81,621.81
Payroll Account	\$ 16,065.97
Cafeteria Account	\$ 156,632.09
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 21,108.95
WHS Activities Account	\$ 85,668.99
WPS Activities Account	\$ 23,318.51
WSD-PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 1,862,331.27
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 115,746.56

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Retirement of **Jamie Frazier**, special education teacher at the high school, after 34 years of service in the district, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
- Recommend **Lois Gnagey** as a part-time paraprofessional at the elementary school, 186 days a year, 5 hours a day, contractual rate, retroactive to February 14, 2023.
- Recommend **Jesse Miller** as a full-time maintenance worker, 260 days a year, 8 hours a day, contractual rate, effective March 1, 2023. (*Pending receipt of required documents.*)
- Addition of **Jennifer Cottrill** to the list of substitute paraprofessionals.
- Addition of **Kimberly Nixon** and **Cedelia McGee** to the list of substitute cafeteria workers.
- Family Medical Leave for **Employee #748**, effective March 7, 2023 through March 28, 2023. Employee may use the remainder of their 30 FMLA days intermittently through March 7, 2024. (*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.

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

**WEIGHTROOM**

- Recommend **Mike Bosnic** as the Strength and Conditioning Director for the 2022-2023 school year, at a stipend of \$6,146.
- Recommend **Rich Barnes** as a Strength and Conditioning Supervisor for the 2022-2023 school year, at a stipend of \$3,678.
- Recommend **Lance Vallee** as a Strength and Conditioning Supervisor for the 2022-2023 school year, at a stipend of \$3,678.

Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Barnes abstained from voting on Rich Barnes' recommendation.

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

**TRACK**

-Recommend **Rich Barnes** as a Track Varsity Assistant Coach, Step 13+, Stipend \$5,921.

-Recommend **Dion Wiegand** as a Track Varsity Assistant Coach, Step 7-9, Stipend \$5,143.

-Recommend **Zach Barnes** as Jr. High Track Assistant Coach, Step 1-3, Stipend \$4,366.

-Recommend **Susie Kohler** as Jr. High Track Assistant Coach, Step 13+, Stipend \$5,921.

Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Barnes abstained from voting on Rich Barnes and Zach Barnes' recommendations.

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

**BASEBALL**

-Recommend **Michael Digon** as a Baseball Assistant Coach, Step 1-3, Stipend \$5004.

-Recommend **Ron Todd** as a Baseball Volunteer Coach.

-Recommend **George Walz** as a Baseball Volunteer Coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**SOFTBALL**

-Recommend **Tyrone Wormsley** as the Softball Head Coach, Step 1-3, Stipend \$5,206.

-Recommend **Taylen Gorby** as a Softball Assistant Coach, Step 1-3, Stipend \$4,366.

-Recommend **Kierston Wormsley** as a Softball Volunteer Coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

**GIRLS' MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

-Recommend **Josh Wise** as the Girls' Middle School Basketball Head Coach, Step 1-3, Stipend \$4,882.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Board Policy:** Mrs. Barnes moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Second reading and adoption, pursuant to Washington School District Policy No. 001, of the following policies:

Policy #516A – Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault

Policy #571 – Confidential Communications of Students

Policy #572 – Student Government

Policy #573 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students

Policy #574 – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Lease agreement with Range Resources with terms and conditions approved by the solicitor and authorize signature

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Washington County Tax Collection Committee Resolution for Authorization of a Proxy.

-Purchase two (2) Ford Transit 10-passenger school vans through the State Co-Star's Program, Contract #26-E22-158, at a cost of \$67,250 each. *To be paid with Capital Reserve funds.*

-Purchase windows for the District Administration Building from AB Specialties through the State Co-Star's Program, Contract #008-E22-951, at a cost of \$119,900. *To be paid with Capital Reserve funds.*

-Purchase the ActivePure air purification system equipment, a patented technology, manufactured by the Vollara Company, at an approximate cost of \$214,400 for the elementary school and \$170,000 for the high school, from A L Solutions LLC, the sole source provider of this equipment in our area. *To be paid with ESSER II funds.*

-The 2023-2024 Intermediate Unit 1 Budget as presented. *(The budget calls for total projected expenditures of \$2,553,939, which is an increase of \$316,965 from last year's budget. Contributions to the General Operational Budget are pro-rated to 25 participating school districts by a legislatively designed formula that takes into consideration the market value, aid ratio, and the enrollment of the district. Washington School District's share of the General Operational Budget is \$12,963.55 which is a decrease of \$286.10 from last year.)*

-Budget transfers to close out the 2021-2022 school year.

-Enter into a contract with CCL Technologies for a structured cabling and equipment project in the amount of \$183,955. The district E-Rate discount on this project is 85%. Work will not proceed on this project until an E-Rate funding commitment is received. The district will be responsible for \$27,593.02, while E-Rate will assume responsibility for \$156,361.95.

-Authorize HHSDR Architectural to proceed with planning of the exterior envelope improvements to Washington High School and to approve the amended AIA Document for Professional Services, per the attached.

-Accept the attached proposal from Tower Engineering, Inc. for plumbing consulting services for the replacement of the main water line and related valves and piping into the elementary school.

Motion carried unanimously.

**The 2023-2024 School Calendar:** Mrs. Barnes moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Washington School District's 2023-2024 School Calendar.

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 \$905,979.98.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

-Holding a voting meeting at WACTC – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling asked to have a roll-call vote on holding a meeting at the Center. The following action was taken:

-Hold the May 15, 2023 Regular Voting Board meeting at Western Area Career & Technical Center.

Motion carried, members voting as follows:

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

### **New Business**

-Student Honor Roll Assemblies – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling stated that she would like to see the Honor Roll Assemblies return. Mr. Lammay stated that he would like to meet with the administrators to find a different way to honor the students that would not cut into their instruction time during the day and also honor other students who have made other types of progress during the school year.

-Spring Board Workshop – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling would like to schedule a Board Workshop in the Spring. They had discussion on what day of the week to hold the Workshop and what items they may want to cover during the Workshop. Mrs. Sparks-Gatling suggested inviting WEA representatives to the Workshop. The majority of Board members favored meeting on a Monday evening.

-PowerSchool – Mr. Campbell asked if the district was going to keep using PowerSchool or go with a different system. Mr. Lammay stated that the PowerSchool contract goes through June 2024, so there is plenty of time to review options and make a decision.

-Policy #004 – Board Meetings – Mr. Campbell stated this policy came about when he came back onto the Board. He doesn't think that Board members should have to go through the superintendent or the Board President to ask a question. Mrs. Sparks-Gatling is going to send this policy to the Policy Committee to review.

-Student Attendance Report – Report was uploaded to OneDrive. There was no discussion on the report.

**Solicitor's Report:** Attorney Gannon stated that the Board met in executive session prior to the start of the meeting to discuss attorney-client issues and other confidentiality issues. No action was taken.

**Special Representative Reports**

- Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling discussed their weekly update reports, staffing updates and curriculum changes to their Safety Program/EMS Training. Their next meeting is tomorrow.
- PSBA – Mrs. Pleta stated the major problems are with attendance and mental health issues. There are openings on the PIAA boards if anyone is interested in running.
- Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini stated that they did not have a meeting in February.
- Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini stated that they meet tomorrow. Mrs. Zebrasky will be attending the meeting to ask for assistance with the playground she is planning for the elementary school.
- Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives –

Activities Committee (Mrs. Pleta) – There will be a presentation at the end of the meeting on the East Washington ballfield.

Education Committee (Dr. Shiller) – They discussed the K-2 reading program, a summer reading program, changing the start/end times at the jr/sr high school, minimizing cyber enrollment by requiring students to obtain at least six credits by attending school in-person, an 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grade hybrid program for students failing courses and paraprofessional vacancies.

Policy Committee (Ms. Ward) – They continue updating policies. If anyone has a policy they would like reviewed, please let her know and she will get it on the list.

**Information****A. March Board Meetings**

Worksession Meeting – Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

**B. Ethics Forms** – Please remember to turn in your Ethics forms as soon as possible**C. Intermediate Unit 1's Convention and Student Showcase**

–Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Hilton Garden Inn

In-Person Voting will take place from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm

Student Showcase will be held from 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm

Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm

**If you wish to attend, you must RSVP to Lisa no later than Friday, February 24th**

**Special Presentation**

-Mr. Dan Iasaac and Mr. Troy Wilson from AstroTurf gave a presentation on the proposed ballfield in East Washington.

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

-Co-Stars Contract #014-201 from Playing Surface Solutions, Inc. (AstroTurf) for the installation of a baseball/softball synthetic turf field at the existing East Washington field location.

Motion carried, members voting as follows:

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

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:50 pm

**Executive Session:** An executive session was held after the meeting to discuss personnel issues. No action was taken.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/ Lisa Coffield\_\_\_\_\_  
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary