

June 29, 2023

A special meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Thursday, June 29, 2023 via Zoom video conference.

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by President Sparks-Gatling, followed by the pledge of allegiance, mission statement and audio/vision statement.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mr. John Campbell, Sr. Mrs. Amy Roberts
 Mrs. Kimberly Kelley Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
 Mrs. Marsha Pleta Ms. Jenna Ward
 Dr. Dana Shiller

Absent: Mrs. Rhonda Barnes and Mrs. Jennifer Ewing

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. No one having any desire to speak, the meeting continued.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Ms. Ward moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the minutes of the May 15, 2023 regular voting meeting and the June 5, 2023 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

	<u>May 31, 2023</u>
General Fund	\$ 176,470.09
Payroll Account	\$ 23,760.27
Cafeteria Account	\$ 136,593.00
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 24,063.65
WHS Activities Account	\$ 84,074.67
WPS Activities Account	\$ 25,466.31

WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$	564,439.96
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$	155,365.34

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Resignation of **Jennifer DiNardo**, speech and language pathologist, after 10 years of service in the district, retroactive to June 12, 2023.
- Resignation of **Michael Plassio**, secondary business and career teacher, after 18 years of service in the district, effective August 15, 2023.
- Resignation of **Lois Gnagey**, part-time paraprofessional, after 4 months in the district, retroactive to June 2, 2023.
- Resignation of **Jackie DeCosta**, 12-month secretary at the high school, after 7 years of service in the district. Ms. DeCosta's last day of work was June 27, 2023.
- Reclassification of **Sandy Crumrine** from a part-time paraprofessional to a full-time paraprofessional, 186 days a year, 7 hours a day, effective August 21, 2023.
- Reclassification of **Nicole Doss** from a part-time paraprofessional to a full-time paraprofessional, 186 days a year, 7 hours a day, effective August 21, 2023.
- Reclassification of **Megan Phillips** from a part-time foodservice worker to a full-time paraprofessional, 186 days a year, 7 hours a day, effective August 21, 2023.
- Recommend **Tracia Mathis** as a full-time paraprofessional, 186 days a year, 7 hours a day, effective August 21, 2023. (*Pending receipt of required employment documents.*)

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Review of Policy 415 – Bullying, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education on a yearly basis.
- Addition of an attendance initiative and procedures for students in grades 7 to 12 to the current attendance policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Rescind the two-year Agreement with Washington Spine, Disc and Joint Center to provide athletic training services for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$48,000; and for the 2024-2025 at a cost of \$49,500.

-Letter of Commitment to authorize East Washington Borough to enter the property behind Faith Christian School for the purpose of improving water quality on unnamed tributary of Catfish Creek.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Accept the COSTARS proposal for the design and building of a baseball/softball field (including the base bid, alternative bid 1 and alternative bid 2) from Field Turf/Tarkett Sports, subject to an approved lease agreement between the City of Washington and The Washington School District.

Motion carried, members present voting as follows:

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

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

-Adopt PSBA’s Principles for Governance and Leadership.

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 \$1,454,889.85.

Motion carried unanimously.

Information

A. August Board Meeting

Worksession Meeting – Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, August 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

-Mrs. Pleta gave an update from the Activities Committee.

-Mrs. Mosca informed the Board about a conference she attended this week.

Adjournment: Moved by Mrs. Roberts and seconded by Dr. Shiller that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously. 1:21 pm

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary