

May 8, 2023

A worksession meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, May 8, 2023 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Roberts 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(6:41pm)	Mrs. Amy Roberts
	Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	Dr. Dana Shiller
	Mrs. Jennifer Ewing	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling(6:45pm)
	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: Ms. Camilla Justice, Mrs. Courtney LeViere, Mr. Lou Magnotta,
Mr. Matthew Mols, Mr. Robert Mihelcic, Ms. Jocelyn Sabruno and Mr. Darren Vaccaro

Moment of Silence: The Board, Administrators and community members held a moment of silence in recognition of Alexandra Wilson, high school senior, who passed away last week.

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

Recognitions

Students of the Month

Grade 2 – McKenna Patton
Grade 6 – Layton Herron
Grade 8 – Mateopareze McCoy
Grade 12 – Ryanna Goulbourne
Grade 12 – Jayson Grinage

Special Presentation - Ms. Elizabeth Hofreuter from the Wheeling Country Day School gave a presentation on their Edge Literacy Tutoring Program.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Promote **Mrs. Courtney LeViere** to Elementary Principal at a salary of \$82,000, effective July 1, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Resignation of **Unique Levy**, part-time paraprofessional, after 1 year of service in the district. Ms. Levy's last day of work was April 25, 2023.

Motion carried, members voting as follows:

-Mrs. Barnes	-yes	Mrs. Roberts	-yes
-Mr. Campbell	-yes	Dr. Shiller	-yes
-Mrs. Ewing	-yes	Mrs. Sparks-Gatling	-yes
-Mrs. Kelley	-abstain	Ms. Ward	-yes
-Mrs. Pleta	-yes		

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

-Add a \$1,000 stipend to **Ms. Jocelyn Sabruno** for support of Spanish-speaking children and families, retroactive to August 24, 2022. *(All administrators provide an additional service and receive a \$1,000 stipend.)*

-Recommend **Angel Mayer** as a 10-month secretary in the high school office, 192 days a year, 7½ hours a day, contractual rate, effective May 9, 2023.

-Discharge **Kimberly Nixon**, foodservice worker. Ms. Nixon's last day of work was April 19, 2023. *(Ms. Nixon was in her 45-day probationary period.)*

-Resignation of **Esperanza Patterson**, foodservice worker, after 7 months of service in the district. Ms. Patterson's last day of work was April 26, 2023.

-Family Medical Leave for **Employee #1874** effective May 4, 2023 through the end of the school year. Employee may elect to use the remainder of their FMLA days intermittently through May 4, 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.)*

-Supplemental employment of the following staff for the Summer Learning Academy for Grades K through 6:

Teachers: Tracey Gilpin, Sarah Laslo, Tiffani Titler, Ashley Belcastro, Amy Strang, Anthony Belcastro, and Brittany Ellis
Special Education Teacher: Taylor Morrison
Substitute: Tiffani Lusk

-Supplemental employment of the following staff for the Summer Learning Academy for Grades 7 & 8:

Teacher: Rashaud Olson
Special Education Teacher: Erin Moore

-Supplemental employment of the following staff for the Summer School Course Credit Recovery/Credit Advancement/Cyber Summer School for Grades 9 through 12:

Teacher: Siobhan Visser

Special Education Teacher: Jessica Gardner

Substitute Teacher: Tricia Winter

-Supplemental employment of the following staff for the Extended School Year Program for Grades K through 12:

Special Education Teachers: Jessica Gardner, Alison Stewart, Ron Todd, Amie Camps and Mason Anderson

Paraprofessionals: Kelly Engel, Mary Transue, Courtney Carroll, Kortnee Williams, Briana Elias, Robin Meller, and Nicole Doss

-Summer employment of the following part-time custodians as replacements for vacationing full-time custodians: **Amanda Durila, Tina Nixon, Ray Wallace and James Baughman**

-Approval of **Sandy Thomas, Kelli Benner, Michelle Pittas, Mary McGinnis and Teresa Perri**, foodservice workers, to work as a summer substitute custodians, at a rate of \$15 per hour.

-Approval of **Geraldine Coffield, Lucinda Sworcheck, Jamie Wolfe, Diana Jandres and Julia Winters** as substitute custodians for the summer months, at the rate of \$14 per hour.

-Approval of the following high school students to work as substitute custodians for the summer months, at the rate of \$14 per hour: **Jean Yandel, Angie Bails, Eric Everett, Dustin Sondheimer and Trenton Cox.**

-Contract with **Oper King** as a part-time mental health consultant at the junior/senior high school at a stipend of \$30.00 per hour for up to 20 hours per week.

-Addition of **Samantha Casile** to the list of certified substitute teachers. (*Ms. Casile is certified in Social Studies 7-12*)

-Addition of **Isabella Rocca** to the list of certified substitute teachers. (*Ms. Rocca is certified in PreK-4 and Special Ed PreK-12*)

-Addition of **Mackenzie Lucas** to the list of certified substitute teachers. (*Ms. Lucas is certified in PreK-4*)

-Addition of **Mason Anderson** to the list of certified substitute teachers. (*Ms. Anderson is certified in PreK-4 and Special Ed PreK-8*)

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Agreement with Wheeling Country Day School for their Edge Tutoring Program for students in grades 3-6, at a cost of \$340,236, effective May 2023 through August 31, 2024. (*Paid with ESSER III funds.*)

-Addition of **Tracy Haggerty** to the list of GG&C Bus Company drivers.

Motion carried unanimously.

PSBA Voting Delegate Assembly: Mrs. Roberts moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Appointment of **Mrs. Marsha Pleta** as a voting delegate to participate in the PSBA Delegate Assembly to be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 9:00 am at PSBA Headquarters in Mechanicsburg, PA or via Zoom video conference.

Motion carried unanimously.

Health and Safety Plan: Ms. Ward moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Revision to the Health and Safety Plan, as required by ESSER.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole Discussion: Board members and administrators discussed the following items that will be voted on at the May 15, 2023 meeting:

Personnel

1. Grant permanent contracts to the following teachers: **Breanna Baker, Jessica Branagan, Carley Hoover, Shawn Hughes-Ankrom, Jordan Kuntz, Maggie Manning, Rebecca Myers-Matson, William Todd, and Dana VanTine**

Contracts, Agreements and Grants

1. Intermediate Unit 1 Educational Services Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Agreement Amendment with Maxim Healthcare Staffing Service, Inc. to provide LPNs, RNs, SLPs, school psychologists, BCBAs and other various health and related services for supplemental staffing for the 2023-2024 school year.
3. The Student Assistance Program (SAP) Agreement with The Center for Community Resources to provide SAP services for the 2023-2024 school year, at no cost to the district.
4. 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 the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$49,500.

Business and Finance

1. Designation of Depositories for school funds.

Appointment of Tax Collectors for the 2023-2024 School Year

1. RESOLVED, that **Anthony Nicolella**, the duly elected Treasurer of the City of Washington, is hereby appointed Tax Collector for the Business Privilege Tax and Mercantile Tax and the delinquent Business Privilege Tax and Mercantile Tax in the City of Washington for the year 2022 effective July 1, 2023, to collect taxes levied by the Washington School District under the provisions of the Local Tax Enabling Act approved December 31, 1965, Act No. 511, as amended, provided said Tax Collector has posted the surety bond or bonds as required by law, the compensation and cost of such collection for the City to be in accordance with the Joint Tax Agreement between the City of

Washington and the Washington School District approved by the School District on May 21, 2007.

RESOLVED, that Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a **Keystone Collections Group** is hereby appointed Tax Collector for the collection of per capita tax and delinquent per capita tax for the City of Washington and the Borough of East Washington and collection of the current business privilege/mercantile tax and delinquent business privilege/mercantile tax in the Borough of East Washington.

RESOLVED, that Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a **Keystone Collections Group** is hereby appointed Tax Collector for occupational privilege tax now known as local services tax and delinquent local services tax in the City of Washington and the Borough of East Washington.

RESOLVED, that Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a **Keystone Collections Group** is hereby appointed Deputy Tax Collector for current real estate taxes in the City of Washington. (*Dawn Petrosky is the duly elected real estate tax collector for the Borough of East Washington through December 31, 2025.*)

Election of Board Treasurer

1. Board will elect a Treasurer for a one-year term. (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)

Appointment of School Physician and School Dentist for the 2023-2024 School Year

1. Appointment of Cornerstone Care, Inc. to provide School Physician and School Dentist services for Washington School District for the 2023-2024 school year.

Superintendent's Report

-Mr. Lammay thanked the Board for approving the Edge Tutoring Program for students in grades 3 through 6. This program will assist our students moving forward with their Reading skills and support our teachers in their science of Reading.

Solicitor's Report

-Attorney Heaton-Hall had no report.

Information

- A. **Regular Voting Meeting** – Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:30 pm at WACTC

Recognition of Teachers: Mrs. Sparks-Gatling recognized Mrs. Cottom, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Branagan and Mrs. Gardner for all of their support during the viewing of Alex Wilson last week. Mr. Lammay also recognized Mr. Campbell for his reading at Alex's service and stated that all of the teaching staff were very supportive of the student body.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:29 pm.

/s/Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary