

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Voting Meeting – Monday, October 16, 2023
High School Cafeteria

6:00 pm

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order by Board President**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance – Mission Statement – Audio/Video Recording Statement**
 - Mission Statement**

Washington School District is committed to educating ALL students under the guidance of our dedicated staff members. We provide our learners with lifelong tools to navigate a course toward growth and advancement while collectively supporting and celebrating student, staff and community achievement.
 - Audio/Video Recording Statement**

Portions of tonight’s public Board meeting will be audio and/or video recorded in accordance with Policy No. 006.
- IV. **Additions or Changes to the Agenda** (includes announcement of any executive sessions of the Board or of any Committee and the purpose(s) thereof held since the last public meeting)
- V. **Opportunity for Public Participation in Accordance with Policy No. 005**

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. The resident should state their name, address and topic. The policy and complete procedures for its implementation are posted and copies are also available to the public.
- VI. **Recognition – (none)**
- VII. **Special Presentation** – Architects from HHS DR will give a presentation on the window and brick restoration project at the junior/senior high school.
- VIII. **Board Member Questions on the Agenda**
- IX. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented, any additions or deletions to be made at this time.

Motion_____ Second_____
- X. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023 regular voting meeting and October 9, 2023 worksession meeting, as presented. *(All minutes are uploaded on OneDrive in the “Board Minutes” folder.)*

Motion_____ Second_____

XI. Treasurer’s Report

Motion to accept the September 30, 2023 Treasurer’s Report, as presented. *(Uploaded on OneDrive)*

Motion _____ Second _____

XII. Recommendations of the Administration

A. Personnel

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

- 1. Recommend **Jordan Harshman** as a Kindergarten teacher, Bachelor’s degree, Step 1, \$45,860, effective October 30, 2023. *(This hire is due to increased student enrollment.)*

Motion _____ Second _____

- 2. Terminate the employment of Employee #1838.

Motion _____ Second _____

- 3. Retirement of **James Garber**, full-time custodian, after 31 years of service in the district. Mr. Garber’s last day of work will be December, 29, 2023.

- 4. The Temporary Long-Term Assignment of **Mary Palmer** as an elementary special education teacher, Step 1 of the salary scale, pro-rated, effective October 30, 2023 through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. This long-term assignment is for 90 days or longer. Mrs. Palmer will receive fringe benefits, medical, dental and vision insurance and must attend Act 80 and/or Inservice Days. *(This vacancy is due to increased student enrollment.)*

- 5. Addition of **Susan Badders** to the list of substitute nurses, retroactive to October 13, 2023.

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

- a. **Damon Lewis** -IU1 Open SciEd Curriculum Launch for Teachers
October 30, 2023 -November 5, 2023 – IU1
Estimated cost – \$1,285

Motion _____ Second _____

B. Athletics

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

- 1. Assistant/Volunteer Coaches for Boys Basketball
Jordan Swart – Assistant Coach – Step 1-3 – Stipend \$5,004
Anthony Belcastro – Head Jr. High Coach – Step 13+ – Stipend \$6,600
Quamar Patterson – Volunteer Assistant

Motion _____ Second _____

- 2. Assistant/Volunteer Coaches for Girls Basketball
Noah Yartin – Varsity Assistant – Step 1-3 – Stipend \$5,004
Tim Witsenke – Volunteer Assistant

Motion _____ Second _____

- 3. Assistant/Volunteer Coaches for Rifle
 - Charles Eisiminger – Assistant Coach – Formula – Stipend Max \$2,750
 - Dan Little – Volunteer Assistant

Motion _____ Second _____

- 4. Assistant/Volunteer Coaches for Wrestling
 - Kyle Cline – Varsity Assistant Coach – Step 4-6 – Stipend \$5,405
 - Brandon Pape – Jr. High Head Coach – Formula – Stipend Max \$2,750
 - Wray Adams – Volunteer Assistant

Motion _____ Second _____

- 5. Assistant/Volunteer Coaches for MS Girls Volleyball
 - Brittany Ellis – Assistant Coach – Formula – Stipend Max \$2,750
 - Jessica Branagan – Assistant Coach – Formula – Stipend Max \$2,750

Motion _____ Second _____

- 6. Assistant/Volunteer Coaches for Cheerleading
 - Nicole Hale – Varsity Assistant - \$2,121 – paid half stipend in Winter \$1,061
 - Omyrah Davis – Jr. High Coach - \$1,350 – paid half stipend in Winter \$675
 - Kevin Krause – Volunteer
 - Latora Carter – Volunteer

Motion _____ Second _____

- 7. The Washington High School Weight Room program exists for the benefit of all students in grades 7-12. The weight room will be open three days a week for two hours a day after school from October 1 to July 31. Twelve hours of weight room supervision will be allocated weekly at the WEA contracted rate. Request for payment must be documented on a school district time sheet. Interested persons willing to supervise the weight room are to send an email to Mr. Bosnic, athletic director. Individuals interested in supervising the weight room must demonstrate knowledge of weight-lifting techniques or athletic training knowledge. Mr. Bosnic will develop a schedule for supervision.

Motion _____ Second _____

C. Board Policy

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

- 1. Second reading and adoption, pursuant to Washington School District Policy No. 001, of the following policies: *(Uploaded on OneDrive)*

- Policy #002 – Membership of the Board
- Policy #003 - Organization
- Policy #004 – Meetings
- Policy #018 – Name and Classification
- Policy #019 – Authority and Powers
- Policy #415 – Bullying (staff)
- Policy #561 – Bullying (students)

Motion _____ Second _____

C. Contracts, Agreements and Grants

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

1. Contract with SKYWARD for the district’s student information system, at a total cost of \$110,255 for the 2024-2025 school year. *This cost will be paid from the Capital Reserve Fund. (Uploaded on OneDrive)*
2. Contract with FINALSITE for website provider, at the following costs: *This cost will be paid from the General Fund. (Uploaded on OneDrive)*
 - 2024-2025 school year - \$10,668
 - 2025-2026 school year - \$11,085
 - 2026-2027 school year - \$11,511
 - 2027-2028 school year - \$11,946
 - 2028-2029 school year - \$12,389

Motion _____

Second _____

D. Business and Finance

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

1. Year-end budget transfers for the 2022-2023 school year. *(Uploaded on OneDrive)*
2. Agreement between Washington School District and the City of Washington for the City’s Treasurer’s Office to collect the 2024 school district Mercantile and Business Privilege taxes, at a cost of \$30,000, to be paid in quarterly installments of \$7,500, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. *(Uploaded on OneDrive)*
3. Approve an assessment appeal settlement of the parcels identified as 740-001-00-01-0021-00, 740-001-00-00-03-0001-01, and 740-001-00-03-0001-03. *(Uploaded on OneDrive)*

Motion _____

Second _____

XIII. Ratification and Payment of Bills – Treasurer

Motion to approve ratification and payment of bills as presented. *(Uploaded on OneDrive)*

Motion _____

Second _____

XIV. Unfinished Business

XV. New Business

XVI. Solicitor’s Report

XVII. Special Representative Reports

- A. Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
- B. PSBA Representative and Legislative Chairman – Mrs. Pleta
- C. Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini and Mrs. Pleta
- D. Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini
- E. Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives

XVIII. Information

A. November Board Meeting

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

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

B. High School Open House – Thursday, October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

XIX. Adjournment

XX. Executive Session - *Litigation – due process complaint*