

January 16, 2024

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 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 (6:35pm) Mrs. Pamela Kilgore
 Mr. Eric Bird Mrs. Amy Roberts
 Mrs. Jennifer Ewing Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
 Mr. Rodney Jones

Absent: Mr. John Campbell, Sr. and Mrs. Kimberly Kelley

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

Present: Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations
 Mrs. Kelly Perkovich, 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.

Recognitions

Retirement Recognition

Peri Kubas 21 Years of Service (December 2002 to January 2024)

School Director Recognition Month

January is “School Director” recognition month. School Directors will be presented with a token of appreciation for volunteering their time and efforts focusing on making sure the students in Washington School District are receiving an outstanding education.

Presentation

-Mr. Charles Rupert, Cypher & Cypher Certified Public Accountant, presented information on the statement of revenues, expenditures and fund balances for the year ending June 30, 2023.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

Agenda: Mr. Jones moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Barnes moved and Mr. Bird seconded that the minutes of the November 20, 2023 regular voting meeting, the December 4, 2023 Reorganization and Worksession meetings and the January 8, 2024 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Reports: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the November 30, 2023 and December 31, 2023 Treasurer's Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>November 30, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2023</u>
General Fund	\$ 458,992.26	\$ 1,118,319.72
Payroll Account	\$ 35,859.22	\$ 8,269.67
Cafeteria Account	\$ 185,826.65	\$ 204,558.13
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 19,135.55	\$ 27,577.32
WHS Activities Account	\$ 85,499.61	\$ 85,936.91
WPS Activities Account	\$ 23,549.49	\$ 22,456.65
WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 23,813.22	\$ 23,918.96
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 13,102.03	\$ 13,160.25

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Resolution to appoint **Tara Sparks-Gatling** to fill a vacant seat on the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors.

Motion carried, Mrs. Sparks-Gatling abstained, all other members present voting "yes".

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

-Appointment of **Mike Bosnic** as the Fall 2024-2025 Football Head Coach (Step 13+, \$11,899). The head coach for football may appoint 4 paid varsity assistant coaches, 1 paid junior high head coach, 3 paid junior high assistant coaches, 1 paid equipment manager and unlimited volunteer coaches, If student participation increases, the district will add additional coaches and/or event workers.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Appoint **Robert McCurdy** as the Fall 2024-2025 Soccer Head Coach (Step 1-3, \$5,336). The head coach for soccer may appoint 1 paid varsity assistant coach and unlimited volunteer coaches. If student participation increases, the district will add additional coaches and/or event workers.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Appointment of **Jessica Ott** as the Fall 2024-2025 Cross Country Head Coach (Step 13+, \$5,258). The head coach for cross country may appoint 1 paid junior high head coach (payment formula per Rick Mancini) and unlimited volunteer coaches, If student participation increases, the district will add additional coaches and/or event workers.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Appointment of **Teresa Booker** as the Fall 2024-2025 Girls Volleyball Head Coach (Step 13+, \$5,258). The head coach for volleyball may appoint 1 paid varsity assistant coach and unlimited volunteer coaches, If student participation increases, the district will add additional coaches and/or event workers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bird moved and Mrs. Kilgore seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Appointment of **Jordan Gorby** as the Fall 2024-2025 Girls Middle School Softball Coach (Step 4-6, \$4,008).

Motion carried unanimously.

Contracts, Agreements and Grants: Mrs. Roberts moved and Mrs. Ewing seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Lease agreement between Washington School District and Intermediate Unit 1 for the rental of two (2) classrooms during the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost of \$3,000, payable in two (2) semi-annual installments of \$1,500.

Motion carried unanimously.

Business and Finance: Mr. Bird moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Impact Aid Resolution: The Board of School Directors of the Washington School District authorizes and directs the filing of an application for school assistance in federally-affected areas. Further, the directors name Mr. George Lammay, Superintendent, as their representative to file said application and to make the representations and commitments for, and on behalf of the Washington School District, and otherwise act as their authorized representative in connection with said application. *(Public Law provides financial assistance to public schools where there is a high concentration of parents employed by the federal government or live on federal property or where parents are on active duty in the uniformed services. The Washington School District is qualified to receive federal funds under the provisions of this act.)*

-Purchase of athletic supplies for Spring sports for the 2023-2024 school year in the total amount of \$13,002.83.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ratification and Payment of Bills: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mr. Jones seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$1,152,404.64.

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Perkovich had no report.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling stated that they are looking to replace fire hydrants and the boiler this year. They continue inviting 9th grade students from participating districts to tour the facility and survey them on what types of programs they would like WACTC offer in the future.

-PSBA – Mrs. Kilgore had no report.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini stated that they welcomed new members, approved the 2024 budget and elected officers. He was once again elected as Chairman.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini had no report.

-Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives:

Activities Committee (Mr. Campbell) – Their meetings will still be held on the second Thursday of each month. They are changing the time of the meetings to 5:00 pm.

Education Committee (Mrs. Roberts) – Their next meeting is scheduled for this Thursday at 10:00 am. However, she is not sure there is a need for a meeting.

Policy Committee (Mrs. Ewing) – They did not meet in January.

Information

A. February Board Meetings

Worksession Meeting – Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

Regular Voting Meeting – Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:30 in the high school cafeteria

B. Presidents' Day – Monday, February 19th – NO SCHOOL

C. High School Play – “Steel Magnolias” – February 8th and 9th at 7:00 pm

February 10th at 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm

LGI Room at Washington High School – Student tickets are \$5.00, Adult tickets are \$7.00

D. Student of the Month Breakfast - Wednesday, January 31st at 9:00 am in the high school cafeteria

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:02 pm

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary