

March 18, 2024

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, March 18, 2024 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Sparks-Gatling followed by the pledge of allegiance, mission statement and audio/vision statement.

Roll Call:

Members Present:	Mrs. Rhonda Barnes ^(7:15pm)	Mr. Rodney Jones
	Mr. Eric Bird	Mrs. Kimberly Kelley
	Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	Mrs. Amy Roberts
	Mrs. Jennifer Ewing	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling

Absent: Mrs. Pamela Kilgore

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

Present: Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations
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. Mrs. Sparks-Gatling stated that there were be an executive session held after the HHS DR presentation to discuss a personnel matter.

Special Presentation: Representatives from HHS DR gave a presentation on the high school exterior renovation project.

Executive Session: Mrs. Kelley moved and Mrs. Ewing seconded that an executive session be held for a Personnel Issue.

Motion carried unanimously. 6:47 pm

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Kelley moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the minutes of the February 20, 2024 regular voting meeting and the March 11, 2024 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Kelley seconded that the February 29, 2024 Treasurer’s Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>February 29, 2024</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,034,024.47
Payroll Account	\$ 37,107.45
Cafeteria Account	\$ 136,564.65
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 21,046.22
WHS Activities Account	\$ 84,819.67
WPS Activities Account	\$ 22,719.75
WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 2,024,407.63
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 13,272.93

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Recommend **Greg Smith** as a full-time custodian, 260 days a year, 8 hours a day, contractual rate, effective March 18, 2024. *(This vacancy is due to a retirement.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Request from football boosters to continue operating the concession stand for all junior high and varsity football games for the 2024 football season.

-Recommend **Malik Mitchell** as Jr. High Track Assistant Coach, Step 1-3, Stipend \$4,475.

-Recommend **Rodney Jones** as a Volunteer Track Coach.

Motion carried, Mr. Jones abstained from voting on himself, all others members present voted “yes”.

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

-Recommend **Zach Barnes** as a Volunteer Track Coach.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy: Mr. Bird moved and Mr. Jones seconded that the Board approve the following:

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

Policy #005 – Public Participation in Board Meetings

Policy #579 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Policy #818 – Public Complaints

Motion carried unanimously.

Course Changes for the 2024-2025 School Year: Mrs. Roberts moved and Mrs. Kelley seconded that the Board approve the following:

- High school course changes/updates for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan 2024-2027: Mrs. Roberts moved and Mrs. Ewing seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Washington School District's 2024-2027 Comprehensive Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$771,082.59.

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Heaton-Hall had no report.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling stated that they are back to being fully staffed, they are still discussing adding some new programs and their next meeting is Wednesday.

-PSBA – Mrs. Kilgore was absent from the meeting.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini stated that they are working on getting an insurance carrier for their property and liability insurance.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – They haven't met yet this month.

-Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives:

Activities Committee (Mr. Campbell) – The committee discussed cheerleaders at away boys' basketball games and the creation of a girls' soccer team.

Education Committee (Mrs. Roberts) – The committee doesn't meet until Thursday.

Policy Committee (Mrs. Ewing) – The committee reviewed the three policies that were approved at tonight's meeting.

Information

A. April Board Meetings

Worksession Meeting – Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:30 in the high school cafeteria

B. Intermediate Unit 1's Convention and Student Showcase at the Hilton Garden Inn

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Student Showcase will begin at 1:00 pm

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

Dinner will be at 6:30 pm

Wash High's Steel Drum Band will be performing at 5:00 pm

- C. **Elementary Literacy & College Financial Aid Information Night** – March 19th at 6:30 pm at The Lemoyne Community Center
- D. **Spring Break** – Thursday, March 28th through Monday, April 1st
- E. **Awards Day** – Don't forget to turn in your \$11 for Awards Day.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:36 pm

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary