

August 16, 2021

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, August 16, 2021 in the high school cafeteria and via Zoom video conferencing.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Sparks-Gatling, followed by the pledge of allegiance, mission statement and audio/vision statement.

**Roll Call:**

Members Present:	Mrs. Rhonda Barnes	Ms. Karen Ruby
	Mrs. Patricia Cherry	Dr. Dana Shiller
	Mrs. Marsha Pleta	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
	Mrs. Amy Roberts	Ms. Jenna Ward

Absent: Mr. John Campbell, Sr.

Non-Voting Member Present: Dr. James R. Konrad, Superintendent

Present: Mrs. Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary  
Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations  
Mr. Ira Weiss, 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.

**Special Presentation**

**High School Window Replacement Project**

David Parker, architect, gave an updated on the window project at the high school.

**Questions on the Agenda:** The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** Mrs. Cherry moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the minutes of the July 22, 2021 special meeting and the August 9, 2021 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mrs. Cherry moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that the July 31, 2021 Treasurer’s Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>July 31, 2021</u>
General Fund	\$ 546,537.54
Payroll Account	\$ 20,083.72
Cafeteria Account	\$ 69,643.16

WHS Athletic Account	\$ 26,384.46
WHS Activities Account	\$ 75,635.71
WPS Activities Account	\$ 21,595.43
WSD Capital Reserve Fund	\$10,911,697.81
Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 1,584,218.29

Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel:** Mrs. Barnes moved and Ms. Ruby seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Resignation of **Kate Davis**, elementary school teacher, after 12 years of service in the district, effective August 16, 2021.
- Resignation of **Timothy Joyce**, secondary social studies teacher, after five years of service in the district, effective at the end of 60 calendar days or when a replacement is hired to fill the position, whichever occurs first.
- Resignation of **Patricia Myers**, foodservice worker, after 10½ years of service in the district, effective August 16, 2021.
- Appointment of **Jocelyn Sabruno** as Director of Analytics and Cyber Administrator, at a salary of \$70,000, effective August 16, 2021.
- Appointment of **Timothy Witenske** as a secondary special education teacher, Master’s degree, Step 1, \$44,460, effective August 23, 2021.
- Appointment of **Megan Ross** as the Assistant Federal Funds and Grant Coordinator, at a stipend of \$2,500 per year, effective August 12, 2021.
- Supplemental employment of the following teachers as “Cyber Teachers” for the 2021-2022 school year, at the stipend of \$25 per hour, not to exceed three (3) hours per week, unless approved by the Cyber Administrator, effective August 30, 2021:
 

<b>Jessica Gardner</b>	<b>Taylor Morrison</b>	<b>Michelle Wendell</b>	<b>Ali Cottom</b>
<b>Debbie Griffin</b>	<b>Jessica Ott</b>	<b>Daniel Fauth</b>	<b>Sarah Sproul</b>
<b>Patti Coleman</b>	<b>Rob Strnisha</b>	<b>Michelle Anderson</b>	<b>Darlene Bleier</b>
<b>Brenda Himmel</b>	<b>Barbie Jones</b>	<b>Maria Montgomery</b>	<b>Katherine Hofrichter</b>
<b>Corbi Spargur</b> ( <i>first semester only – on Sabbatical leave the second semester</i> )			

-Approval of substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year. Exhibit A

Motion carried unanimously.

**Athletics:** Mrs. Roberts moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Assistant and volunteer coaches for the 2021 Fall sports season, as attached. (*Head coaches were approved at the February 8, 2021 Board meeting.*) Exhibit B

Motion carried, members present voting as follows:

Mrs. Rhonda Barnes	-abstain	Ms. Karen Ruby	-yes
Mrs. Patricia Cherry	-yes	Dr. Dana Shiller	-yes

Mrs. Marsha Pleta	-yes	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling	-yes
Mrs. Amy Roberts	-yes	Ms. Jenna Ward	-yes

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

-The application of Shayna Shaw, a Washington School District student, to attend Trinity Area School District to participate in their Sports Medicine Program of Study for the 2021-2022 school year, pursuant to 24 P.S. 18-1809. Washington School District will not provide transportation.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Memorandum of Understanding between Washington School District and Washington Police Department.

-Letter of Agreement with Centerville Clinics for the 2021-2022 school year to provide behavioral health services to the students and families of Washington School District, at no charge to the district.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Business and Finance:** Mrs. Pleta moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Grant conditional approval of bus/van drivers as per the attached list for the 2021-2022 school year based on satisfactory performance, as determined by the administration. All drivers are licensed and have met clearance requirements. *Exhibit C*

-Accept the quote from TRANE for an air quality assessment at the jr/sr high school, in the amount of \$28,050.00. *(To be paid with ESSER II grant funds.)*

-Resolution for the sale of the property located at 103 Lemoyne Avenue, as attached, pending final revisions by school solicitor. *Exhibit D*

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$610,229.71.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

-Policy 421 – Exit Interviews – Board members discussed revisions that were made to the policy and agreed on wording that should be changed in the policy. Changes will be made and the policy will be resubmitted to the Board for review.

**Solicitor’s Report:** Attorney Weiss had no report.

**Special Representative Reports**

- Western Area Career & Technology Center – Ms. Ruby stated that they are getting things in place to begin the new school year.
- PSBA – Mrs. Pleta informed Board members that their annual conference in September will be held “in-person”.
- Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini stated that they did not have any meetings over the summer.
- Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini stated that they did not have any meetings over the summer.

**Information****A. September Board Meetings**

Worksession Meeting – Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

**Adjournment:** Moved by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mrs. Barnes that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously. 7:26 pm.

/s/ Lisa Coffield  
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary