

August 23, 2021

A special meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, August 23, 2021 via zoom video conference.

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm by President Sparks-Gatling.

**Roll Call:**

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

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

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Resignation of **Leigh Williams**, elementary school teacher, after 12 years of service in the district, retroactive to August 19, 2021.
- Appointment of **Emily Walsh** as an elementary special education teacher, Bachelor’s degree, Step 1, \$43,160, effective August 23, 2021. *(Pending receipt of all required documents.)*
- Appointment of **Kelly Hrabovsky** as an elementary teacher, Bachelor’s degree, Step 5, \$44,260, effective August 23, 2021. *(Pending receipt of all required documents.)*
- Appointment of **Spenser Anderson** as an elementary teacher, Bachelor’s degree, Step 1, \$43,160, effective August 23, 2021. *(Pending receipt of all required documents.)*
- Appointment of **Alexa Dines** a secondary guidance counselor, Master’s degree, Step 2, \$44,660, effective August 23, 2021. *(Pending receipt of all required documents.)*

-Appointment of **Neil Freeze** as an elementary teacher, Master’s degree, Step 1, \$44,460, effective August 23, 2021. *(Pending receipt of all required documents.)*

-Appointment of **Briana Elias** as a part-time personal care assistant at the elementary school, 186 days a year, 5 hours a day, contractual rate, effective August 23, 2021. *(Pending receipt of all required documents.)*

-Appointment of **Sandy Crumrine** as a part-time paraprofessional at the elementary school, 186 days a year, 5 hours a day, contractual rate, effective August 23, 2021. *(Pending receipt of all required documents.)*

-Additon of **Kent Mosca** to the list of WSD Emergency Substitute Teachers for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Unfinished Business**

-Mandatory Masking – President Sparks-Gatling asked that mandatory masking be added to this agenda for discussion. Solicitor Rebecca Heaton-Hall gave an update on COVID-19 guidelines from the department of health and the department of education. Board members and teachers gave their opinions on whether staff and students should be required to wear masks during the school day.

**Additional Opportunity for Public Participation:** Mrs. Sparks-Gatling inquired if anyone from the public desired to state their opinions on the issue.

Mark and Stacy Kobuchi, 820 East Wheeling Street, stated their issues with the school district mandating face masking. They stated that children were together all summer without being masked. The parents should have the option on whether they want their child(ren) to wear masks at school.

**Mandatory Face Masks** - Mr. Campbell moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the following action be taken:

-All staff and students in grades K-12 will wear face masks for the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. The Board of Directors will revisit the face mask mandate at their September 20, 2021 voting meeting.

Motion carried, members voting as follows:

Ms. Barnes	-yes	Ms. Ruby	-yes
Mr. Campbell	-yes	Dr. Shiller	-yes
Mrs. Cherry	-no	Mrs. Sparks-Gatling	-yes
Mrs. Pleta	-yes	Ms. Ward	-no
Mrs. Roberts	-yes		

**Adjournment:** Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously. 12:50 pm.

/s/Lisa Coffield  
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary