

July 22, 2021

A special meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Thursday, July 22, 2021 via Zoom video conferencing.

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by President Sparks-Gatling, followed by the pledge of allegiance, mission statement and audio/vision statement.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Ms. Karen Ruby

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

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

Administrators: Mr. Chet Henderson, Mrs. Courtney LeViere, Mr. Lou Magnotta,
Mrs. Mindy Stewart and Mr. Darren Vaccaro

Presentation – Mrs. Barbie Jones, high school teacher, gave a presentation on the district’s Prexie Academy. She thanked Mr. Henderson and Mrs. Booker for all of their assistance with the program.

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 Mrs. Roberts seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Cherry moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the minutes of the June 14, 2021 special meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Cherry moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that the June 30, 2021 Treasurer’s Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>June 30, 2021</u>
General Fund	\$ 207,192.00
Payroll Account	\$ 25,816.86
Cafeteria Account	\$ 20,359.46
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 25,332.00
WHS Activities Account	\$ 75,752.44
WPS Activities Account	\$ 21,593.40
WSD Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 906,698.28
Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 583,714.16

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Resignation of **Nicole Hale**, part-time paraprofessional at the high school, after 4 years of service in the district, retroactive to June 21, 2021.
- Resignation of **Kellie Geiges**, first grade teacher, after seven years of service in the district, retroactive to July 20, 2021.
- Resignation of **Jessica Branagan** as National Honor Society sponsor at the high school, effective July 22, 2021.
- Change in assignment for **Amanda Cheney** from a part-time paraprofessional to a full-time paraprofessional at the elementary school, effective at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Change in assignment for **Melissa Smith** from a part-time paraprofessional at the elementary school to a full-time paraprofessional at the jr/sr high school, effective at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Appointment of **Heather Kennedy** as K-2 Math Curriculum Leader, \$1,000 stipend per year, effective July 22, 2021.
- Appointment of **Kelsey Young** as an elementary school teacher, Bachelor's +15 degree, Step 4, \$44,410, effective August 23, 2021.
- Supplemental employment of the following employees as Career Pathways Advisors, contractual rate, effective July 22, 2021:

Jessica Gardner	Timothy Joyce	Siobhan Visser
Breanna Baker	Michael Plassio	Damon Lewis
- Sabbatical leave for professional development for **Corbi Spargur**, family consumer science teacher at the jr/sr high school, effective the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Unpaid leave of absence for **Mary Transue**, full-time paraprofessional at the elementary school, for professional development, effective August 19, 2021 through December 24, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Students: Mrs. Cherry moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the Board approve the following:

-The applications of Janel Gilmer, Landen Hendrix, Alexis Leppert-Bell, Cael Nicolella, Rhianna Shrum and Holly Tran, Washington School District students, to attend Trinity Area School District to participate in their Horticulture, Agriculture General and Sports Medicine Programs 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.

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

-Approval of **John Digon** as the Spring 2022 Varsity Baseball Head Coach (Step 4, Stipend \$5,459). The head coach for baseball 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.

-Appointment of **Omyrah Davis** as Junior High Cheerleading Sponsor, contractual rate, effective July 22, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Business and Finance: Mrs. Cherry moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Meal price increases for Adult breakfasts and lunches for the 2021-2022 school year, as follows:

Adult Lunch - \$3.90 (old price was \$3.75)

Adult Breakfast - \$2.00 (old price was \$2.00)

All students receive FREE breakfast, lunch and dinner.

-Year-end budget transfers for the 2020-2021 school year. Exhibit A

-Resolution to apply for admission into the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium as of July 1, 2022, or earlier should the trustees permit an earlier admittance date. Exhibit B

-Amend and extend the Residential Local Tax Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance "LERTA" Act, retroactive to August 8, 2020 through August 8, 2025. *(The City approved the extension of the Residential LERTA at their meeting on July 1, 2021. This is the same LERTA that has been in effect since August 2010.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

Submission of Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) Plans: Mrs. Pleta moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Submission of the Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) Plan for Washington High School for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Submission of the Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) Plan for Washington Junior High School for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Washington School District's Health & Safety Plan: Ms. Ward moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Submission of Washington School District's Health & Safety Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

Washington School District's Emergency Instructional Time Template: Mrs. Roberts moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Submission of Washington School District's Emergency Instructional Time template for the 2021-2022 school year

Motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding: Mrs. Cherry moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that the Board approve the following:

-The memorandum of understanding between Washington School District and the Washington Education Support Professionals (WESP) in which the district will provide annually to each custodian and maintenance employee a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300) for uniforms and shoes.
Exhibit C

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$2,321,421.30.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

-Bigs in Blue Program – Mr. Vaccaro stated that this program is similar to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program. However, it is sponsored by local police officers. The program will have four male and four female police officers that will visit the elementary school (4th grade students) every other week from October 2021 through May 2022. They will visit between 11am to 12pm to eat lunch and have discussions with students. Goal is to bring community and police force together.

-School Safety and Security Coordinator Report for the 2020-2021 school year – This report was emailed to Board members on June 24, 2021 to review.

-Schedule for the Comprehensive Plan 2021-2024 – Dr. Konrad reviewed the following schedule:

1st meeting – July 13th - 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the high school media center

2nd meeting – July 27th – 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the high school media center

3rd meeting – August 10th – 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the high school media center

Administration will meet between meetings for planning and preparation. The Plan is due to the State by November 30, 2021 and the Board will have 30 days to review the Plan prior to submission.

-Flexible Instruction Day (FIDS) – Dr. Konrad informed the Board that the district’s FIDS application for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 school years was approved by the Department of Education.

-Creation of retention and promotion policy and procedures – Dr. Konrad stated that the district will be working on creating this policy.

-Summer Communication – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling stated that she has had some calls from parents stating that they cannot reach anyone in the schools during the summer. Mrs. Sparks-Gatling asked that staff please put messages on their voicemails stating what days/hours they will be in the office.

-Update on PA System at the Stadium – Mr. Mancini stated that there will be a gentleman coming next week to look at the system.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 1:14 pm.

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary