

March 15, 2021

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, March 15, 2021 via Zoom video conferencing.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Vice President Roberts, followed by the pledge of allegiance, mission statement and audio/vision statement.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Ms. Karen Ruby and Mrs. Sparks-Gatling

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

President Welcomes Visitors: Mrs. Roberts 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

Congratulations to Cheryl Blosl on being selected to participate on the UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh School Nurse Advisory Group. This group is a partnership between UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania Pediatric Health Network, Children’s Hospital Division of Community Health and regional school nurses and nurse practitioners. The group will strive to improve care for children in Southwestern, PA with the goal of improving child population health.

Special Presentations

-Courtney LeViere gave a presentation on the elementary school’s cyber curriculum.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Ms. Ward moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the minutes of the February, 15 2021 regular voting meeting and the March 8, 2021 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Reports: Mrs. Cherry moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that the February 28, 2021 Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>February 28, 2021</u>
General Fund	\$ 62,320.13
Payroll Account	\$ 53,953.53
Cafeteria Account	\$ 96,872.57
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 22,778.63
WHS Activities Account	\$ 82,174.95
WPS Activities Account	\$ 24,637.05
WSD Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 906,667.77
Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 583,694.63

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Supplemental employment of the following staff members for Summer School programs: *(Teacher's stipend is \$28 per hour. Paraprofessionals will be paid their hourly rate.)*

Summer Learning Academy (Grades K-6)

Lisa Antonelli (on-site)
 Debbie Griffin (virtual)
 Toni Stewart (on-site)
 Joe Herda (on-site or virtual)
 Tracey Gilpin (on-site)
 Sarah Laslo (on-site – second session)
 Tiffani Titler (virtual or on-site)
 Courtney LeViere (virtual)
 Tiffani Lusk (on-site)
 Michele Anderson (on-site or virtual)
 Maria Hovanic (on-site or virtual)
 Substitute – Brittany Gilpin

Junior High Summer Learning Academy (Grades 7-8)

Erin Moore – Social Studies
 Rashaud Olson – English
 Darlene Bleier – Math or Science
 Substitute – Lynn Yusim

Virtual Credit Recovery (Grades 9-12)

Jessica Gardner – Special Education
 Sarah Sproul – English
 Timothy Joyce – Social Studies
 Shawn Hughes – Math
 Alexandra Cottom - Science
 Substitute – Lynn Yusim

Comp Ed and Extended School Year – Special Education (Grades K-12)

Denise Bird – Teacher
 Rebecca Myers-Matson – Teacher

Joy Daviduk – Teacher
Alison Stewart – Speech & Language Teacher
Kathy Ward – Paraprofessional for High School
Mary Transue – Paraprofessional for High School

Comp Ed and Extended School Year – Autistic Support (K-6)

Jordan Donahoo – Teacher
Tammi Dubina – Paraprofessional
Courtney Carroll – Paraprofessional
Morgan Bainer – Paraprofessional

Comp Ed and Extended School Year – Multi Disability Support (K-3)

Kelli Anderson – Teacher
Kelly Engel – Paraprofessional
Samantha Redlinger - Paraprofessional

-Resignation of **Crystal Notaro**, foodservice worker, after 3½ years of service in the district, retroactive to March 8, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy: Dr. Shiller moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

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

Staff

Policy No. 408 – Discrimination – Title IX Sexual Harassment – Staff

Students

Policy No. 550 – Discrimination – Title IX Sexual Harassment – Students

-Approve PSBA reviewing and updating all Board policies to comply with current state and federal regulations, at a cost of \$7,100.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Accept the attached COSTAR Co Op #014-201 proposal for resurfacing the stadium running track surface. Exhibit A

-Interim Agreement Regarding Contracted School Transportation with GG&C Bus Company, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year. Exhibit B

-Interim Agreement Regarding Contracted School Transportation with Jake Schneider Bus Contractor for the 2020-2021 school year. Exhibit E

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-MOU between Washington School District and Washington Education Association regarding independent professional development for teachers during the 2021-2022 school year. Exhibit C

-MOU between Washington School District and Washington Education Association regarding the continued safe opening and operation of school buildings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Exhibit D

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$418,149.70.

Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

-Happy Work – Dr. Konrad has set up a Zoom meeting for teachers to here a brief presentation on the Happy Work program this Friday afternoon. This program will focus on the mental health of the teachers. Data will be collected on teacher feedback and the district will focus on getting supports in targeted areas.

Superintendent's Weekly Update: Dr. Konrad asked Board members if they had any questions on his weekly report. No one had any questions.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Jewell stated that the hearing for the Retos and Clark properties will be on April 22nd at 9:00 am.

Special Representative Reports

-PSBA – Mrs. Pleta stated that their Advocacy Day will be held online on March 22nd and there is still time to register for the event.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini had no report.

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

Information

A. April Board Meetings

Worksession Meeting – Monday, April 12th at 6:30 pm

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, April 19th at 6:30 pm

B. Awards Day – Please turn in your \$11.00 for Awards Day

Adjournment: Moved by Ms. Ward and seconded by Mrs. Barnes that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. 7:04 pm.

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary