

May 3, 2021

A worksession meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, May 3, 2021 in the high school media center and via Zoom video conference.

The meeting was called to order by President Sparks-Gatling at 6:40 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance and the district’s mission and audio/video recording statements.

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

Administrators: Mr. Chet Henderson, Mr. Lou Magnotta, Mr. Robert Mihelcic,
 Mr. Darren Vaccaro and Mrs. Kelley Zebrasky

Executive Session: Mrs. Sparks-Gatling announced that an executive session was held prior to the start of the meeting to discuss “Personnel”. No action was taken.

Tabled Item on Agenda: Mr. Campbell moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the following item be tabled from the agenda:

-Appointment of **Courtney LeViere** as a 12-month Assistant Principal at the elementary school, at a salary of \$70,000, effective July 1, 2021.

Motion to table the item carried, members voting as follows:

Mrs. Rhonda Barnes	-yes	Ms. Karen Ruby	-yes
Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	-yes	Dr. Dana Shiller	-yes
Mrs. Patricia Cherry	-no	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling	-yes
Mrs. Marsha Pleta	-no	Ms. Jenna Ward	-no
Mrs. Amy Roberts	-yes		

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.

Recognitions**Students from Mrs. Titler's Fifth Grade Class**

A special congratulations to the following students in Mrs. Titler's fifth grade class on the book they wrote and illustrated titled "American Trailblazers":

Noah Patton	Jakirah Howell	Madison Campbell
Angelo Niccols	Kaden Reed	Damien Rush
Beckett Barlow	Sophia McCort	Presley Olson
Joey Yater	Sofia Connolly	Jamir Johnson
Colie Few	Erin Zenner	Brookelynn Thomas
Carter Roilton	Lamear Thompson	Landon Marshman

Congratulations Mr. Cherry and the Marching Band...

Congressman Guy Reschenthaler nominated the Washington High School Marching Band to be a representative of Pennsylvania in the 2022 National Memorial Day Parade! The National Memorial Day Parade is the Official Memorial Day Parade of the United States and takes place on Constitution Avenue. Starting at the National Archives Building, and passing by the White House and the Washington Monument the band will perform for hundreds of thousands of attendees in this Nationally Televised Parade! Congratulation on this recognition, and for everything you've persevered through this past year. This opportunity certainly comes well deserved, and will put a spotlight on all the accomplishments of your exceptional musicians!

2019-2020 Title I Monitor Report

The district received its Title I monitoring report on Thursday, April 29, 2021. The monitor gave the district glowing remarks and was very impressed with the way the district is providing high-quality programs to support our students and staff. Dr. Konrad extends a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to the elementary school teachers and the following staff members on a job well done:

Rick Mancini	Kelley Zebrasky
Megan Ross	Suzanne Price

Students of the Month

Grade 2 – Jay Rush

Grade 6 – Bailey Santmyer

Grade 8 – Alexander Green

Grade 12 – Elizabeth Raimondi

Grade 12 – Michael Mundia

Special Presentation: Esther Cardillo and Jessica Branagan, junior/senior high school guidance counselors, gave a presentation on the Career Pathways Program, which helps students create college and career pathways for the future.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Resignation of **Carla Herrnberger**, Special Education Supervisor, after 24 years of service in the district, effective at the end of the workday on June 3, 2021.

-Intermittent Family Medical Leave for **Employee #656**, full-time custodian at the jr/sr high school, retroactive to April 20, 2020. *(Per the Family and Medical Leave Act and District Policy No. 410, eligible employees are entitled to take up to 60 unpaid days during a 12-month period for the specific type of FMLA leave requested by this employee.)*

-Addition of to the list of substitute teachers:

Certified

Emily Moyers - Early Childhood PK-4 and Special Education PK-8

-Addition of **Judith Mullins** to the list of substitute foodservice workers.

-Any current paraprofessional or foodservice employees will be paid \$15 per hour for performing custodial work for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year and the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried, members voting as follows:

Mrs. Rhonda Barnes	-yes	Ms. Karen Ruby	-yes
Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	-no	Dr. Dana Shiller	-yes
Mrs. Patricia Cherry	-yes	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling	-yes
Mrs. Marsha Pleta	-yes	Ms. Jenna Ward	-yes
Mrs. Amy Roberts	-yes		

Contracts, Agreements and Grants: Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Contract with IU1 for assistance with comprehensive planning, at a cost of \$5,000. *(Washington School District’s comprehensive plan must be submitted to the state by November 30, 2021.)*
Exhibit A

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Award the bid for painting light poles at the stadium to D&M Painting, at a cost of \$86,420. *(Paid with money from the Capital Reserve Fund.)* Exhibit B

-The purchase of two 2021 Ford Transit Wheelchair Vans from Woltz & Wind Ford, through the PA Co-Stars Program, Contract #025-032, at a cost of \$54,050 each. *(Paid with ESSR funds.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Pleta moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board table the following item:

-Awarding the bid for the replacement and field lighting upgrade at the stadium.

Motion to table the item carried unanimously.

Preliminary Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year: Mrs. Roberts moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Adopt the Preliminary Budget for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$29,126,045 and set the millage rate at 15.1578. No tax increase from last year's budget. The Board directs and authorizes the Administration to timely submit the Preliminary Budget to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review in accordance with Act 1. Exhibit C

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole Discussion: The Board discussed the following item that will be voted on at the May 17, 2021 Regular Voting meeting:

Personnel

1. Grant permanent contracts to the following teachers: Devon Strimel, Alexandra Cottom, Moriah Fitzgerald, Maria Hovanic, Kelli Anderson, Joy Daviduk, Taylor Morrison and Alison Stewart

Contracts, Agreements and Grants

1. Educational Services Agreement with IU1 for the 2021-2022 school year
2. The Student Assistance Program (SAP) Agreement with The Center for Community Resources to provide SAP services for the 2021-2022 school year, at no cost to the district

Business and Finance

1. Designation of depositories for school funds

Appointment of Tax Collectors

1. Appoint tax collectors for the 2021-2022 school year

Election of Board Treasurer

1. Board will elect a Treasurer for a one-year term (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

Election of Board Secretary

1. Board will elect a Secretary for a four-year term (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2025)

New Business

-Cyber Enrollment Data – Dr. Konrad reviewed the cyber enrollment trend data for the 2020-2021 school year. The over enrollment has decreased by 8.5 percent.

-K-12 Summer School Programs - Collaborating with LeMoyne Center – Mrs. Zebrasky and other administrators met with Linda Harris from the Lemoyne Center to discuss their summer school programs. They will continue the summer feeding program and the district will provide transportation from the elementary school program in the morning to the Lemoyne Center program in the afternoon.

-Curriculum Updates – Mr. Mihelcic reviewed the English, Math, Science and Social Studies curriculum that will be updated in the next several years.

-Driver's Ed Course – Mr. Maltony stated that there are only two students currently enrolled in the course. He asked Board members and administration if they wanted to continue offering the program with such low enrollment. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that the district would continue offering the course through the summer months.

Superintendent's Weekly Update

-Dr. Konrad emailed his weekly update to Board members last Friday.

Solicitor's Report

-Attorney Jewell stated that on April 22nd the court granted the district permission to sell the Clark and Retos' properties.

Information

A. **Regular Voting Meeting** – Monday, May 17th at 6:30 pm in the high school media center and via Zoom Video Conferencing

B. **PSSA and Keystone Exam Dates** – Letters were mailed home to parents

-PSSA (Grades 3-6) – May 3-13, 2021

-PSSA (Grades 7-8) – May 3-20, 2021

-Keystone Exams (High School) – May 17-28, 2021

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

Motion carried unanimously. 8:42 pm.

/s/Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary