

September 20, 2021

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, September 20, 2021 in the high school cafeteria and via Zoom video conferencing.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 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
	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
Mrs. 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.

Moment of Silence: A moment of silence was held for former School Board Director, Mr. Thomas Scholato, who passed away on Friday, September 17, 2021. Mr. Scholato was a dedicate School Director from 2007 through 2017.

Special Presentation: Presentation from Matt Franz and Chal Mahoney from HHSDR Architects on the window replacement project at the elementary school.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

Agenda: Mr. Campbell moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Barnes moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the minutes of the August 23, 2021 special meeting and the September 13, 2021 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

	<u>August 31, 2021</u>
General Fund	\$ 281,829.81

Payroll Account	\$ 46,944.49
Cafeteria Account	\$ 270,452.47
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 20,258.31
WHS Activities Account	\$ 75,608.95
WPS Activities Account	\$ 21,515.79
WSD Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 2,413,700.21
Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 584,224.94

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Appointment of the following 2021-2022 Extra-Curricular Club Sponsors/Advisors: (*Approval of Activities Sponsors is with the clear understanding that in the event there is a resurgence of COVID-19 or some other similarly situated contagious disease outbreak that would otherwise prevent the opening of school, or impact sports/activities to the point that they could no longer continue, all employees who occupy coaching and sponsor positions would be paid a pro-rata portion of their salary for any and all work completed up to the time of the actual or contemplated closure of school.*)

District Wide

Treg Campbell	District-Wide Asst. Director: Musical Production	\$2,000
Rashaud Olson	District-Wide Director: Musical Production	\$2,500
Teresa Booker	District-Wide "Safe 2 Say" Sponsor	\$1,000

Central Office

Lisa Coffield	Facebook Coordinator	\$1,000
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Senior High School

Joshua Barrette	Social Studies Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Anthony Belcastro	Future Teachers of America Sponsor	\$ 359
Julia Calder	French Club Sponsor	\$ 359
Julia Calder	Key Club Sponsor	\$ 359
Julia Calder	Yearbook Sponsor	\$2,532
Julia Calder	Yearbook Insert (end of year)	\$ 642
Julia Calder	Junior Class Sponsor/Prom	\$ 986
Treg Campbell	Freshman Class Sponsor	\$ 986
Stephen Cherry	Band Director	\$7,121
Jeff Devenney	Science Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Antoinette Dirda	History Club Sponsor	\$ 359
Jamie Frazier	Special Education Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Diana Fronzaglio	Caring Team Sponsor	\$ 0
Katy Hofrichter	Assistant Drama Sponsor	\$ 849
Katy Hofrichter	Girls Who Code	\$ 359
Jay Huss	Robotics Club Sponsor	\$ 359
Barbie Jones	English Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Barbie Jones	National Honor Society Sponsor	\$ 359
Brandy LaQuatra	Drama Sponsor	\$1,696
Jessica Ott	Spanish Club Sponsor	\$ 359
Jessica Ott	Student Council Sponsor/Homecoming	\$1,427
Kellie Ryburn	Senior Class Sponsor	\$ 986
Kellie Ryburn	SADD/Just Say No Sponsor	\$ 359
Jeffrey Schmidt	Assistant Band Director	\$5,342

Robert Strnisha	Math Competition Team Sponsor	\$ 359
Jessica Zoldos	Math Curriculum Leader	\$1,000

Junior High School

Lee Bigelow	Student Council Sponsor	\$ 359
Lee Bigelow	Math Curriculum Co-Leader	\$ 500
Katy Hofrichter	Girls Who Code	\$ 359
Jay Huss	Robotics Club Sponsor	\$ 359
Kim Pelkey	Reading Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
	Junior National Honor Society Sponsor	\$ 359
Andrew Spargur	Math Curriculum Co-Leader	\$ 500
Devon Strimel	Bible Club	\$ 359

Elementary School

Vincent Anderson	Girls Who Code (Grades 3 & 4)	\$ 359
Staci Connolly	Reading Curriculum Leader (K-2)	\$1,000
Heather Kennedy	Math Curriculum Leader (K-2)	\$1,000
Marsha Mosca	Math Curriculum Leader (3-6)	\$1,000
Michele Radachy	Ski Club Sponsor	\$ 359
Susan Robertson	Caring Team Sponsor	\$ 0
Tiffani Titler	Reading Curriculum Leader (3-6)	\$1,000

-Resignation of **Darlene Bleier**, secondary special education teacher, after seven 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.

-Supplemental employment of **Megan Ross** as the Liaison for the elementary school's After-School Learning Academy for the 2021-2022 school year.

-Addition of **Moriah Fitzgerald** as a substitute teacher for the elementary school's After School Learning Academy, effect September 21, 2021.

-Reclassification of **Briana Elias** from a part-time personal care assistant to a part-time paraprofessional, retroactive to August 25, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Adoption of Policy 421 – Exit Interview Policy and Survey

Motion carried, members voting as follows:

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

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

- Purchase athletic supplies for the 2021-2022 Winter sports season, in the amount of \$12,604.86.
Exhibit A
- Extension of the Direct Energy Consortium Agreement for the purchase of natural gas through AIU.
- The Resolution to extend the consortium contract for the purchase of electricity through IU1.
- The proposal and contract to perform architectural services from HHSDR Architects/Engineers, subject to review by the Solicitor.
- Dispose of the District's L59/140 Farmall tractor, under Section 708 of the School Code.
- Accept the bid from Nancy Virginia Livingston for the purchase of the property located at 103 Lemoyne Avenue, Washington, PA 15301 in the amount of \$302,212. (*Closing is to occur no later than November 8, 2021.*)

Motion carried unanimously.

PSBA- Election of Officers:

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

PRESIDENT-ELECT: (*one-year term*)

- The Washington School District Board of Directors selects **David Schaap** as their candidate for PSBA President-Elect.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

VICE PRESIDENT: (*one-year term*)

- The Washington School District Board of Directors selects **Allison Mathis** as their candidate for PSBA Vice President.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

PSBA INSURANCE TRUST TRUSTEES: (*three candidates for three-year term*)

- The Washington School District Board of Directors selects:

Nathan Mains, PSBA CEO

William LaCoff, PSBA Past President

Richard Frerichs, PSBA Past President

as their three candidates for PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$1,256,300.77.

Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

-Update on the Prexie Center – Mrs. Pleta and Mrs. Cherry gave an update on how well the Prexie Center did on its first week of operation. Approximately 90 students visited the Center. The students play video games, ping pong, chess and other games. There is food and drinks available to the students and gift cards were raffled off.

New Business

-Therapy Dog – Ashley Brand, the junior-senior high school nurse, found a grant, “Charlotte’s Litter”, to fund therapy dogs for school nurses. Mrs. Brand would be in charge of training and keeping the dog in her office to use as a therapy tool for students.

Solicitor’s Report: Attorney Heaton-Hall reviewed the COVID procedures the district will follow to determine when school buildings will have to close due to the number of positive COVID cases. As it stands right now, there has to be a 5% positive COVID rate in the building for it to close down for 14 days.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Ms. Ruby stated that they are looking for new instructors, adding a cosmetology class and starting a sports medicine program in the future.

-PSBA – Mrs. Pleta informed Board members that 80% of public schools in Pennsylvania have submitted Resolutions to the State asking for Charter School Reform and still nothing has been done.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini stated that they had a basic meeting, nothing to report.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini stated that they had a basic meeting.

Information

A. October Board Meetings

Worksession Meeting – Monday, October 11th at 6:30 pm

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, October 18th at 6:30 pm

Adjournment: Moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Ms. Ward that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously. 8:26 pm.

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary