

April 11, 2022

A worksession meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, April 11, 2022 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order by President Sparks-Gatling at 6:52 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance and the district's mission and audio/video recording statements.

**Roll Call:**

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

Absent: Mrs. Amy Roberts

Non-Voting Member Present: Mr. George Lammay, Superintendent

Present: Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations  
                 Mrs. Rebecca Heaton-Hall, Solicitor

Administrators: Mrs. Courtney LeViere, Mr. Lou Magnotta, Mr. Robert Mihelcic,  
Mrs. Stephenie Russell and Mr. Darren Vaccaro

**Executive Session:** An executive session was held prior to the start of the Board meeting to discuss a Personnel issue dealing with head coaches. No action was taken

**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 of the Month**

Grade 2 – Tanner Crawford

Grade 6 – Colie Few

Grade 8 – Simone Ivery

Grade 12 – Nashaia McElvy

Grade 12 – Brendan Little

**Special Presentation:** Board members met with Frances Clark and Jennifer Ewing regarding their interest in the open seat on the Board of Directors.

**Appointment of School Director:** Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded to fill the vacant seat on the Board of School Directors.

Members selected the following candidate to fill the vacant seat:

- Mrs. Barnes selected Mrs. Clark
- Mr. Campbell selected Mrs. Ewing
- Mrs. Kelley selected Mrs. Ewing
- Mrs. Pleta selected Mrs. Ewing
- Dr. Shiller selected Mrs. Ewing
- Mrs. Sparks-Gatling selected Mrs. Clark
- Ms. Ward selected Mrs. Clark

Mrs. Ewing received four (4) votes and Mrs. Clark received (3) votes. Mrs. Ewing was declared the newly appointed school board director. However, more discussion took place later in the meeting regarding this appointment. See Page 3 for further details.

**Questions on the Agenda:** The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Resignation of **Timothy Grebeck**, secondary special education teacher, after one year of service in the district. Mr. Grebeck's last day of work was April 8, 2022.
- Resignation of **Savannah Ammons** as a 12-month secretary, after 3 years of service in the district. Ms. Ammons last day of work was April 7, 2022.
- Resignation of **John Miller**, part-time custodian, after 6 months of service in the district. Mr. Miller's last day of work was April 8, 2022.
- Appoint **Mr. George Lammay** as the District's Title IX Coordinator. (*Policy #550 will be updated to reflect this appointment.*)
- Appointment of **Unique Levy** as a part-time paraprofessional at the elementary school, 186 days a year, 5 hours a day, contractual rate, effective April 11, 2022.
- Reclassification of **Kortnee Williams** from a part-time foodservice worker to a part-time paraprofessional at the elementary school, 186 days a year, 5 hours a day, contractual rate, retroactive to April 4, 2022.
- Intermittent Family Medical Leave for **Employee #1258** retroactive to April 4, 2022. (*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 **Marsha Mosca** to the list of teachers for the elementary school's after-school program.
- Approval of trip, in accordance with the policy of the District as follows:
  - a. **Stephen Cherry** -Band Trip to Orlando, FL

April 14-19, 2022  
 Estimated cost – \$1,500

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Resignation of **Ronald Faust** as the Head Boys Basketball Coach, after 36 years of service, retroactive to March 31, 2022.
- Accept the athletic director’s recommendation to appoint **Robert McCurdy** as the Boys Soccer Head Coach for the 2022-2023 season, Step 1, Stipend \$5,206.
- Accept the athletic director’s recommendation to appoint **Olyvia Adkins** as the Cheerleading Sponsor at Washington Jr./Sr. high school, contractual rate, effective April 11, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Award the construction bid for the exterior envelope improvements (windows) project at the elementary school to Liokareas Construction Company, Inc., at a cost of \$3,409,000. *Exhibit A*

Motion carried unanimously.

**Open Board Seat/Newly Appointed School Director**

Attorney Heaton-Hall stated that she contacted Attorney Weiss regarding the vote on the new school director and was informed that Mrs. Ewing cannot be appointed to the Board with only four (4) votes. In order for a candidate to be appointed as a school board director they must have at least five (5) votes. The Board had a further discussion and took the following action:

**Appointment of School Director:** Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Kelley seconded that the Board appoint Mrs. Jennifer Ewing as the new school board director, members voting as follows:

- Mrs. Barnes -yes
- Mr. Campbell -yes
- Mrs. Kelley -yes
- Mrs. Pleta -yes
- Dr. Shiller -yes
- Mrs. Sparks-Gatling -no
- Ms. Ward -yes

Mrs. Ewing was declared the newly appointed school board director.

**Committee of the Whole Discussion:** Board members and administrators discussed the following items that will be voted on at the April 19, 2022 meeting:

Athletics

1. Appointment of Winter Head Coaches

Contracts, Agreements and Grants

1. Possible agreement with VLN Partners for cyber services

Business and Finance

1. Award bids for Fall sports for the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Foodservice Management Proposals
3. Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium Membership

New Business

-Junior High School Reconfiguration – Mr. Lammay stated that he met with the Education Committee last Friday, and has been discussing this with administrators as well. Beginning with the start of school in August, the junior high school entrance will be moved back to the parking lot side of the building. Also, the junior high school office will move back to the ground floor. The principal, guidance counselor and secretary's office will be located right inside the entrance. When the junior high school students were first relocated to the high school building, they were to be separated as much as possible from the high school students. Moving the entrance and office back to their original locations will help keep the students separated.

Superintendent's Report

-Mr. Lammay stated that Mr. Henderson is requesting adjusting the start/end times for high school students next year. Mr. Henderson would like students to begin the day at 8:00am and end the day at 2:56pm. Mr. Lammay is looking into these times to make sure there are no transportation issues. Hopefully, Mr. Lammay hopes to have a secretarial candidate ready to bring before the Board on April 19<sup>th</sup> for approval. He thanked the Board again for hiring him as superintendent and stated that everyone is working hard to provide an excellent education for our students.

Solicitor's Report

-Attorney Heaton-Hall has been working on policies and daily issues.

Information

- A. Regular Voting Meeting – Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria
- B. Spring Break – Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> through Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>
- C. 2022 "State of the Intermediate Unit 1"/Student Showcase - This event will be held on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Southpointe.  
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm - Student Showcase  
6:00 pm - Dinner  
Please let Lisa Coffield know if you want to attend. RSVP deadline is April 20th

Adjournment: Moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Kelley that the meeting be adjourned.  
Motion carried unanimously. 8:00 pm.

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/s/Lisa Coffield  
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary