

August 8, 2022

A worksession meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, August 8, 2022 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order by President Sparks-Gatling at 6:30 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance and the district's mission and audio/video recording statements.

**Roll Call:**

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

Absent: Mrs. Jennifer Ewing and Mrs. Amy Roberts

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

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

Administrators: Mr. Lou Magnotta, Mr. Robert Mihelcic, Ms. Jocelyn Sabruno  
and Mr. Darren Vaccaro

**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.

-Jordan Gorby, 451 Second Street, she is the softball coach, discussed concerns they had with the softball field, the number of players on the team, their record from last year, equipment issues, and the need for a home field.

-Kelsee Bainer, 209 North Avenue, discussed the girls on the softball team and reasons it would be beneficial for them to have their own home field for games.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel:** Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Hire **Leigh Dennick** as Interim Special Education Director on an as-needed basis, as per her contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ward moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Appointment of **Patricia Winter** as a secondary math teacher, Master’s degree, Step 9, \$51,460, effective August 18, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Appointment of **Tira McCall** as a junior high school science teacher, Master’s degree, Step 3, \$46,210, effective August 18, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Appointment of **Amy Strang** as a kindergarten teacher, Master’s degree, Step 2, \$46,010, effective August 18, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Appointment of **Jacqueline Dillon** as a secondary school counselor, Master’s degree, Step 1, \$45,810.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Retirement of **Lisa Antonelli**, Kindergarten teacher, after 32 years of service in the district, retroactive to June 4, 2022.
- Change in assignment for **Courtney Carroll** from a part-time paraprofessional to a full-time paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2022.
- Supplemental employment of the following teachers as “Cyber Teachers” for the 2022-2023 school year, at the stipend of \$28 per hour, not to exceed three (3) hours per week, unless approved by the Cyber Administrator, effective August 30, 2021:

<b>Michelle Wendell</b>	<b>Andrew Spargur</b>	<b>Corbi Spargur</b>
<b>Alexandra Cottom</b>	<b>Jessica Gardner</b>	<b>Patti Coleman</b>
<b>Barbie Jones</b>	<b>Dan Fauth</b>	<b>Sarah Sproul</b>
<b>Rob Strnisha</b>	<b>Julia Calder</b>	<b>Jessica Ott</b>
<b>Siobhan Visser</b>		

- The request of **Employee #924**, for a sabbatical leave effective August 22, 2022 through January 19, 2023, for restoration of health. *(Employee qualifies for a leave according to the legal requirement of the Public School Code, Sections 1166-1171, and the policy of the Washington School District.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Applications of the following students to attend Trinity Area School District to participate in their courses of study for the 2022-2023 school year, as follows: Washington School District will not provide transportation:

Abigail Campbell	Horticulture Program
Seamus Coyle	Accounting Program
Timothy Hodges	Accounting Program
Cameron O’Leary	Vet Tech Program
Keira Roddy	Accounting Program

Motion carried unanimously.

**Board Policy:** Mrs. Barnes moved and Mrs. Kelley seconded that the Board approve the following:

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

Policy 554 – Cell Phones & Other Mobile Devices

Motion carried unanimously.

**Contracts, Agreements and Grants:** Mr. Campbell moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the Board approve the following:

-The MOU between Washington County Children and Youth Services and Washington School District that provides for transportation requirements relating to the educational stability of children in foster care under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

-Agreement with Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. to provide Student Assistant (SAP) services free of charge for the 2022-2023 school year.

-Amendment to Athletic Training Service Agreement with NovaCare Rehabilitation for athletic training services, as needed, during the 2022-2023 school year, at a cost of \$45 per hour.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Year-end budget transfers for the 2021-2022 school year. *Exhibit A*

-Change Order GC-1 from Liokareas Construction for the removal of asbestos containing glazing from all exterior doors and windows throughout the elementary school’s original building structure, at a cost of \$44,509. *Exhibit B*

-Authorize Weiss Burkardt Kramer, LLC to file tax assessment appeals on behalf of the Washington School District under the general county assessment law and other applicable laws.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Submission of Washington School District's Emergency Instructional Time template for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

-Comprehensive Plan 2021-2024 – Board members were asked to review the Comprehensive Plan and be ready to vote on the Plan at the August 15, 2022 meeting.

-Activities Committee Update – Mr. Mancini discussed the facility use fees with City for use of the Washington Park baseball field, softball field, tennis courts and running trails. They are looking at converting the field in East Washington into the home softball field. Mrs. Sparks-Gatling suggested contacting W&J College to see if the district can work out some type of an agreement to use their fields.

### **Superintendent's Report**

-Mr. Lammay thanked Attorney Heaton-Hall for agreeing to participate in the district's Inservice trainings in August and everyone is excited for the start of the school year.

### **Solicitor's Report**

-Attorney Heaton-Hall had no report.

### **Information**

A. **Regular Voting Meeting** – Monday, August 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

B. **Start of School**

New Teacher Orientation on Thursday, August 18th and Friday, August 19th

District Inservice Days on Monday, August 22nd and Tuesday, August 23rd

Students return on Wednesday, August 24th

**Adjournment:** Moved by Mr. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Kelley that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously. 7:39 pm.

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/s/Lisa Coffield  
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary