

January 17, 2022

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, January 17, 2022 in the high school cafeteria and via Zoom video conferencing.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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
	Mrs. Kimberly Kelley	Dr. Dana Shiller
	Mrs. Marsha Pleta	Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
	Mrs. Amy Roberts	Ms. Jenna Ward

Absent: Mr. John Campbell, Sr.

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

Present: Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations
Mrs. Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary
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.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Barnes moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the minutes of the December 6, 2021 reorganization meeting, the December 6, 2021 worksession meeting and the January 10, 2022 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

	<u>December 31, 2021</u>
General Fund	\$ 121,663.41
Payroll Account	\$ 175,143.86
Cafeteria Account	\$ 324,352.48
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 23,990.90
WHS Activities Account	\$ 78,947.30

WPS Activities Account	\$ 21,780.74
WSD Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 417,715.46
Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 584,234.57

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Appointment of **Mike Bosnic** as the Fall 2022-2023 Football Head Coach (Step 13+, \$11,608). The head coach for football may appoint 4 paid varsity assistant coaches, 1 paid junior high head coach, 3 paid junior high assistant coaches, 1 paid equipment manager and unlimited volunteer coaches, If student participation increases, the district will add additional coaches and/or event workers.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Appointment of **Jessica Ott** as the Fall 2022-2023 Cross Country Head Coach (Step 10-12, \$4,870). The head coach for cross country may appoint 1 paid junior high head coach (payment formula per Rick Mancini) and unlimited volunteer coaches, If student participation increases, the district will add additional coaches and/or event workers.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Appointment of **Teresa Booker** as the Fall 2022-2023 Girls Volleyball Head Coach (Step 13+, \$5,129). The head coach for volleyball may appoint 1 paid varsity assistant coach and unlimited volunteer coaches, If student participation increases, the district will add additional coaches and/or event workers.

Motion carried, members present voting as follows:

-Mrs. Barnes	-yes	Ms. Ruby	-yes
-Mrs. Kelley	-yes	Dr. Shiller	-yes
-Mrs. Pleta	-yes	Mrs. Sparks-Gatling	-no
-Mrs. Roberts	-yes	Ms. Ward	-yes

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

-Appointment of **Anthony Belcastro** as the Fall 2022-2023 Girls Tennis Head Coach (Step 1-3, \$4,090). The head coach for girls tennis may appoint unlimited volunteer coaches, If student participation increases, the district will add additional coaches and/or event workers.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Policy #005 – Public Participation in Meetings of the Board
 Policy #137 – Home Education Programs

Policy #137.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
 Policy #150 – Title I-Comparability of Services

Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Agreement with Washington Hospital for the “Teen Outreach Program” for the 2021-2022 school year, inclusive of both junior and senior high school programs, at a projected cost not to exceed \$6,000.
2. Cooperative Agreement between Washington School District, Burgettstown School District and Fort Cherry School District for the Varsity Co-Ed Soccer Program.
3. Lease agreement between Washington School District and Intermediate Unit 1 for the rental of two (2) classrooms during the 2021-2022 school year, at a cost of \$3,000, payable in two (2) semi-annual installments of \$1,500.

Motion carried, members present voting as follows:

-Mrs. Barnes	-yes	Ms. Ruby	-yes
-Mrs. Kelley	-yes	Dr. Shiller	-yes
-Mrs. Pleta	-yes	Mrs. Sparks-Gatling	-(abstain from Item #1) (yes to Item #2 & #3)
-Mrs. Roberts	-yes	Ms. Ward	-yes

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

-Cypher & Cypher audit proposal of the Washington School District for the years ending June 30, 2021, 2022, and 2023, at the following rates:

Type of Audit	2021	2022	2023
General Purpose Audit	\$9,900	\$10,100	\$10,300
Federally Mandated Single Audit	\$3,775	\$ 3,775	\$ 3,775
SGAS #34, #68 and #75	\$5,600	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600

-Impact Aid Resolution: The Board of School Directors of the Washington School District authorizes and directs the filing of an application for school assistance in federally-affected areas. Further, the directors name Mr. George Lammay, Interim Superintendent, as their representative to file said application and to make the representations and commitments for, and on behalf of the Washington School District, and otherwise act as their authorized representative in connection with said application. *(Public Law provides financial assistance to public schools where there is a high concentration of parents employed by the federal government or live on federal property or where parents are on active duty in the uniformed services. The Washington School District is qualified to receive federal funds under the provisions of this act.)*

-Purchase of athletic supplies for Spring sports for the 2021-2022 school year in the total amount of \$11,901.59. Exhibit A

Motion carried unanimously.

2022-2023 School Calendar: Ms. Ward moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Approval of Washington School District's 2022-2023 School Calendar. *Exhibit B*

Motion carried unanimously.

Act 1 Resolution: Dr. Shiller moved and Ms. Ward seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Adopt the attached Resolution indicating that Washington School District will not raise its tax rate for the 2022-2023 school year by more than the allowable index. *Exhibit C*

Motion carried unanimously.

Bond for East Washington Borough Tax Collector: Mrs. Barnes moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the Board approve the following:

-That the bond for Dawn Petrosky as Real Estate Tax Collector be set based upon Section 5511.4 of the Local Tax Collection Law, 72 P.S. Section 5511.4, 30% of the amount of taxes to be charged and the duplicates to be delivered to him in one year with the premium for the entire bond posted by Dawn Petrosky to be paid pro rata by the School District and the Borough of East Washington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of East Washington Borough Deputy Tax Collector: Ms. Ward moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Approve the appointment of Carol Schilinski as Deputy Tax Collector by Dawn Petrosky, Real Estate Tax Collector for the Borough of East Washington. The Deputy Tax Collector's compensation to be part of the compensation to be paid Dawn Petrosky, as Dawn Petrosky and Carol Schilinski shall agree, subject to the posting of bond in accordance with Section 5511.22 of the Local Tax Collection Law, 72 P.S. Section 5511.22.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ratification and Payment of Bills: Mrs. Pleta moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$1,267,641.57.

Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

-February 2022 Board Workshop – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling stated that most of the Board members responded back with the dates of February 19th or 26th. She will finalize the details and contact everyone with the final, time and location.

-Appoint an Alternate for the Western Area Career & Technology Center Board – Ms. Ward agreed to be the alternate for the WACTC Board.

-No Board members were interested in running for election for the Intermediate Unit 1 Board.

-Update on the band trip to Washington, DC on Memorial Day – Mr. Lammay stated that he had been

in contact with Congressman Reschenthaler's office to discuss this event. He should have an update at the February Board meeting.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Heaton-Hall stated that they are still working on updating policies and giving legal advice on issues.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Ms. Ruby stated that their carpenter instructor resigned and they are searching for a new instructor. They are experiencing staffing absences due to COVID and they are still requiring masks be worn during the day.

-PSBA – Mrs. Pleta stated that Senator Bartolotta had a good article in the monthly bulletin and there was also an excellent story on a school director that has been on a school board for 60 years.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini stated that he was elected chairman for another year and they passed their yearly budget.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini stated that their last meeting was before Christmas, it was a dinner event, and he did not attend.

Information

A. February Board Meetings

Worksession Meeting – Monday, February 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:30 pm

B. Ethics "Statement of Financial Interests" Forms – Please complete your forms and return them to Mr. Mancini by the end of January. The forms were mailed to your home address.

Adjournment: Moved by Mrs. Kelley and seconded by Ms. Ward that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously. 7:05 pm.

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary