

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**Voting Meeting – Monday, March 21, 2022
High School Cafeteria**

6:30 pm

AGENDA

I. Call to Order by Board President

II. Roll Call

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Mission Statement – Audio/Video Recording Statement

Mission Statement

Washington School District is committed to educating ALL students under the guidance of our dedicated staff members. We provide our learners with lifelong tools to navigate a course toward growth and advancement while collectively supporting and celebrating student, staff and community achievement.

Audio/Video Recording Statement

Portions of tonight's public Board meeting will be audio and video recorded in accordance with Policy No. 006.

IV. Additions or Changes to the Agenda (includes announcement of any executive sessions of the Board or of any Committee and the purpose(s) thereof held since the last public meeting)

V. Opportunity for Public Participation in Accordance with Policy No. 005

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. The resident should state their name, address and topic. The policy and complete procedures for its implementation are posted and copies are also available to the public.

VI. Recognitions

Teen Outreach Annual Black History Month Essay Contest Winners

During the month of February, Dr. Mary Jo Podgurski and the Washington Health System Teen Outreach sponsor their annual Black History Month Essay Contest, for Grade 7-12 students, in schools throughout Washington County. Congratulations is extended to the following seniors: **J'Juan (JJ) Shabazz, Kyle Slesh, Riley Tylus, and Kiera Woods** for their submissions. **J'Juan (JJ) Shabazz** and **Kyle Slesh** garnered second and third place honors. They will receive \$75 and \$50 respectively. **Riley Tylus** and **Kiera Woods** will both receive \$25.

4th Annual High School Student Black History Summit Winners

Established as a strategic effort to enrich the lives of African-Americans, in Western Pennsylvania, Stop the Violence! Pittsburgh presented a riveting Black History Month program on Wednesday, March 9th at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall that shined a spotlight on topics as vast as the Charles "Teenie" Harris Archive (a Pittsburgh native) and the Tulsa Race Massacre.

Sponsored by the Elsie Hilliard Hillman Foundation, **Tyra Sparks-Gatling** (12th Grade) placed first receiving a \$300 cash prize.

Sponsored by the American Eagle Outfitters Foundation, **Sydney Kobuchi** (11th Grade) placed second receiving a \$200 cash prize.

Sponsored by Carnegie Mellon University, **Sophia Volper** (11th Grade) placed third receiving a \$100 cash prize.

Sponsored by the Heinz Endowments, the following pupils - **Anthony Adkins, Lillian Boardley, Eden Day, Magdaline McCort, Savanna Mellish, Courtney Price, Julia Sandoval, Lucy Slesh, and Adele Zimmerman** - received \$25 in cash.

2022 New York Times Vocabulary Video Challenge Winner

The New York Times invited schools to participate in their 9th Annual Vocabulary Video Challenge this past December. Open to ages 11 to 19, students were asked to produce a video that was fifteen seconds or shorter where a selected term was defined along with its part of speech. From nearly 1,500 submissions worldwide, the *New York Times* selected 13 winners as well as 17 runners-up and 26 honorable mentions. **J'Juan (J.J.) Shabazz**, an Advanced English 12 student, was recognized as one of the thirteen winners! His innovative short explaining what "simile" means is featured on The *New York Times'* website. J.J. was chosen as one of the winners based on originality and how well his video showed an understanding of the word and its use in a specific context.

Math Competition Winner

Congratulations to **Mark Johnson**, 4th Grader, for winning a Math competition at the Lemoyne Center

Custodial Recognitions

-Mr. Brad Langerman will recognize custodial staff

VII. Special Presentations – (none)

VIII. Board Member Questions on the Agenda

IX. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented, any additions or deletions to be made at this time.

Motion_____ Second_____

X. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2022 regular voting meeting and the March 14, 2022 worksession meeting, as presented. *(All minutes are uploaded on OneDrive in the "Board Minutes" folder.)*

Motion_____ Second_____

XI. Treasurer’s Report

Motion to accept the February 28, 2022 Treasurer’s Report, as presented.

Motion_____ Second_____

XII. Recommendations of the Administration

A. Personal

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

- 1. Family Medical Leave for **Employee #1543** retroactive to March 9, 2022 through April 29, 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.)*

Motion _____ Second _____

B. Students

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

- 1. The application of **Emma Hardy**, a Washington School District student, to attend Trinity Area School District to participate in their Accounting Program of Study, retroactive to March 4, 2022, pursuant to 24 P.S. 18-1809. Washington School District will not provide transportation.

Motion _____ Second _____

C. Board Policy

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

- 1. Second reading and adoption, pursuant to Washington School District Policy No. 001, of the following policy: *(Uploaded on OneDrive)*

Policy #569 – Threat Assessment

Motion _____ Second _____

D. Contracts, Agreements and Grants

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

- 1. The Memorandum of Understanding between Washington School District and Blueprints’ Early Learning Program: Head Start and PA Pre-K Counts for the purpose of coordinating mutually beneficial activities of the parties involved to provide better services for children and families served. *(This MOU is a federally required document.) –Uploaded on OneDrive*
- 2. Extend the contract with CCL Technologies for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, as submitted. – *Uploaded on OneDrive*
- 3. Agreement with IU1 to provide curriculum and instruction for the Washington School District’s summer learning program. – *Uploaded on OneDrive*

Motion _____ Second _____

E. May Worksession Board Meeting

The superintendent recommends approval of the following:

- 1. Change the May 9, 2022 Worksession Board meeting to May 2, 2022 and start the meeting at 6:00 pm. *(This change is needed for budget purposes and the annual audit report.)*

Motion _____ Second _____

F. Board Committees

The Board recommends approval of the following:

- 1. Select Board members to form an Education Committee (*No more than four (4) members*)
- 2. Select Board members to form an Athletic Committee (*No more than four (4) members*)
- 3. Select Board members to form a Policy Committee (*No more than four (4) members*)

Motion _____ Second _____

XIII. Ratification and Payment of Bills – Treasurer

Motion to approve ratification and payment of bills as presented.

Motion _____ Second _____

XIV. Unfinished Business

- Clark School Sale Update – Mr. Mancini (*Uploaded on OneDrive*)
- High School Stadium Scoreboard Update – Mr. Mancini

XV. New Business

XVI. Solicitor’s Report

XVII. Special Representative Reports

- A. Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mr. Campbell
- B. PSBA Representative and Legislative Chairman – Mrs. Pleta
- C. Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini and Mrs. Pleta
- D. Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini

XVIII. Information

A. April Board Meetings

- Worksession Meeting – Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm
- Regular Voting Meeting – TUESDAY, April 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm

XIX. Adjournment

XX. Executive Session