March 21, 2022

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, March 21, 2022 in the high school cafeteria.

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 Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	Mrs. Amy Roberts Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
	Mrs. Kimberly Kelley Mrs. Marsha Pleta	Ms. Jenna Ward

Absent: Dr. Dana Shiller

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

Present: Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations Mr. Robert Mihelcic, Director of Curriculum and Instruction 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.

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, inschools 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 recognized the custodial and maintenance staff for their exceptional work in honor of "National Cleaning Week".

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Minutes:</u> Ms. Ward moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the minutes of the February 21, 2022 regular voting meeting and the March 14, 2022 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

<u>**Treasurer's Reports</u>**: Mrs. Pleta moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the February 28, 2022 Treasurer's Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:</u>

	February 28, 2022	
General Fund	\$	167,776.99
Payroll Account	\$	39,306.62
Cafeteria Account	\$	337,188.48
WHS Athletic Account	\$	24,658.58
WHS Activities Account	\$	78,847.01
WPS Activities Account	\$	21,559.95
WSD Capital Reserve Fund	\$	417,719.55
Expendable Benefit Trust		85,240.26

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-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 carried unanimously.

<u>Students:</u> Ms. Ward moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that the following item remain tabled until further discussion:

-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 carried unanimously.

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

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

Policy #569 – Threat Assessment

Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Contracts, Agreements and Grants:</u> Mrs. Roberts moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board approve the following:

-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.)*

-Extend the contract with CCL Technologies for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, as submitted. *Exhibit A*

-Agreement with IU1 to provide curriculum and instruction for the Washington School District's summer learning program.

Motion carried unanimously.

<u>May Worksession Board Meeting</u>: Mrs. Pleta moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board approve the following:

-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 carried unanimously.

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

-Board members to sit on the Education Committee:

-Dana Shiller, Chairperson

-Tara Sparks-Gatling

-John Campbell

-Amy Roberts

Mrs. Sparks-Gatling moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that Dr. Shiller be appointed Chairperson of this committee.

-Board members to sit on the Activities Committee:

-John Campbell, Chairperson

-Kimberly Kelley

-Marsha Pleta

-Rhonda Barnes

Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Pleta seconded that Dr. Shiller be appointed Chairperson of this committee.

-Board members to sit on the Policy Committee:

-Jenna Ward, Chairperson

-Tara Sparks-Gatling

-New Board Member

Mrs. Sparks-Gatling moved and Ms. Ward seconded that Dr. Shiller be appointed Chairperson of this committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Ratification and Payment of Bills:</u> Mrs. Pleta moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$436,233.12.

Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

-Clark School Sale Update – Mr. Mancini informed Board members that this property will be advertised in the newspaper for three weeks, they will conduct tours of the property on April 18th through May 1st. Final bid date is May 6, 2022 and the sale of the property should be ready for Board approval at the May 16th Board meeting.

-High School Stadium Scoreboard Update – Mr. Mancini stated that Mr. Bosnic has been working with 84 Lumber and Institutional Specialties for this scoreboard. The price originally started at \$80,000, but is now up to \$238,000. The new sound system would cost \$37,000. 84 Lumber is committed to pay \$250,000 for the project. There will be a place on the scoreboard for businesses to advertise. These advertisements are a way for the district to raise funds to help pay for the scoreboard. The old scoreboard is going to remain in its current location and the new scoreboard will go behind the track, over by the storage shed. The district will have to supply electrical power and fiber line from the press box to the scoreboard. They want to have the new scoreboard in place for the start of football season. Mr. Campbell said the Activities Committee will start helping with this project. Mr. Mancini stated that they are going to start working on the track right after graduation.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Heaton-Hall stated that she will meet with Ms. Ward to review the policies that will be coming up for renewal. Her office continues to provide day-to-day legal advice on daily issues.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mr. Campbell stated that the district has 32 students at the Center. Mr. Baer is interested in going to the Center to speak with the automotive students. Mr. Lammay stated that the district will provide busses to WACTC on days when the district doesn't have school. Their executive director is retiring and they are reviewing options on filling his position.

-PSBA – Mrs. Pleta stated that PSBA is calling on an investment from the general assembly that would adequate recognize the mental health need in the state, they are addressing the teacher shortage, Advocacy Day is in April and their annual conference is the last week of October and it is in the Poconos.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini stated that they had a very short meeting and everything is going well.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini stated that they do not meet until April.

Information

A. <u>April Board Meetings</u>

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

Adjournment: Moved by Mrs. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Campbell that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously. 7:27 pm.

/s/ Lisa Coffield Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary