

October 17, 2022

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, October 17, 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:     Mr. John Campbell, Sr.             Mrs. Amy Roberts  
                              Mrs. Jennifer Ewing                 Dr. Dana Shiller  
                              Mrs. Kimberly Kelley             Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling  
                              Mrs. Marsha Pleta                 Ms. Jenna Ward

Absent: Mrs. Rhonda Barnes

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

Present: Mrs. Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary  
          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.

-David Gatling, 15 Linn Avenue, thanked the Board for all of the work they do for the District.

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

**Agenda:** Mr. Campbell moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes:** Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Ewing seconded that the minutes of the September 19, 2022 regular voting meeting, and the October 10, 2022 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Mrs. Pleta moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the September 30, 2022 Treasurer’s Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>September 30, 2022</u>
General Fund	\$ 555,751.85
Payroll Account	\$ 796.84
Cafeteria Account	\$ 91,828.56
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 20,662.02
WHS Activities Account	\$ 82,733.84
WPS Activities Account	\$ 22,077.17

WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund       \$ 1,836,917.07  
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust   \$ 114,375.14

Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel:** Mr. Campbell moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Appointment of **Mary Connell** as a special education teacher at the junior high school, Master's degree, Step 1, \$45,810, retroactive to October 11, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Addition of **C. Shawn Arent** to the list of retired emergency substitute teachers.

-Addition of **Nina Hargrove** to the list of substitute cafeteria workers.

-Conference request, in accordance with the policy of the District as follows:

- a. Courtney LeViere       -Title I Improving School Performance Conference  
  January 29 to February 1, 2023 – Sheraton Station Square  
  Estimated cost – \$742.50

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Lease agreement with IU1 for rental of classrooms 406 to 412 at Washington Park Elementary School for the IU's Early Childhood Development Program, for children between the ages of 3 to 5 with special disabilities or developmental delays, per the following payment schedule:

January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 - \$38,805  
July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 - \$39,969  
July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 - \$41,168

Motion carried unanimously

**Business and Finance:** Ms. Ward moved and Dr. Shiller seconded that the Board approve the following:

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

-Transportation rates for the 2022-2023 school year and supplemental agreements with Canon McMillan School District and Mlaker LLC for transportation to The Children's Institute and Bentworth School District. Exhibit B

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$1,273,099.63.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitor's Report:** Attorney Heaton-Hall stated that she has been working with Mr. Mancini on property appeals and continues to work with Mr. Lammy and administration on day-to-day legal matters.

**Special Representative Reports**

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling stated that they will be holding their open house this week and the director has invited school districts to hold one of their monthly Board meetings at their location.

-PSBA – Mrs. Pleta informed Board members that their annual conference is at the end of October. She has been hearing stories of students who identify as cats. She contacted someone at PSBA to see if they have heard anything. They stated that there has been no reports of this happening in Pennsylvania schools, but California schools have had some of these issues.

-Parking Authority – Mrs. Pleta stated that there was no meeting.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini was absent from the meeting.

**Information**

**A. November Board Meetings**

Worksession Meeting – Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

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

Motion carried unanimously. 6:42 pm.

/s/ Lisa Coffield  
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary