

July 8, 2024

A special meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, July 8, 2024 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 7:52 pm by President Sparks-Gatling followed by the pledge of allegiance, mission statement and audio/vision statement.

Roll Call:

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| Members Present: | Mrs. Rhonda Barnes | Mr. Rodney Jones |
| | Mr. Eric Bird | Mrs. Pamela Kilgore |
| | Mr. John Campbell, Sr. | Mrs. Amy Roberts |
| | Mrs. Jennifer Ewing | Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling |

Absent: Mrs. Kimberly Kelley

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

Present: Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations
Mrs. Kelly Perkovich, Solicitor
Mr. Robert Mihelcic, Assistant to the Superintendent

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

Review of Agenda: Mrs. Sparks-Gatling stated that item #4 under Business and Finance, which dealt with possible action on the sale of the Crossroads Parking Garage, needed to be tabled. The following action was taken:

Crossroads Parking Garage: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the sale of the Crossroads Parking Garage be tabled.

Motion carried unanimously.

Also, item #2 under Contracts, Agreements and Grants, which was the contract for employment for Director of Custodial and Maintenance Services, needed to be removed from the agenda. The following action was taken:

Contract for employment for Director of Custodial and Maintenance Services: Mrs. Roberts moved and Mr. Jones seconded that Contract for employment for Director of Custodial and Maintenance Services be removed from the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

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.

-Brent Dubina, 375 Allison Avenue, Mr. Dubina has a child living with his family that was previously enrolled in the District. He asked the Board for guidance on how to get the child enrolled back in

school. The Board was in support of getting the child back in school. Mr. Lammay will work on the details of getting the child re-enrolled in school.

Executive Session: An executive session was held prior to the start of the meeting. No action was taken.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the minutes of the May 13, 2024 regular voting meeting and the June 10, 2024 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-The Superintendent's evaluation for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Recommend hiring **Roylin Petties** as the high school principal.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Recommend hiring **Nicole Bockstoce** as the K-2 elementary school principal.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Recommend **Katie Pickup** as an elementary special education teacher, Bachelor's degree, Step 3, \$46,260, effective August 15, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ewing moved and Mr. Jones seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Recommend **Brian Dankis** as a health and physical education teacher, Master's degree, Step 1, \$47,160, effective August 15, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Recommend **Ellen Sagona** as an elementary school teacher, Bachelor's degree, Step 19, \$78,360, effective August 15, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Recommend **Kristin Rhodes** as an elementary special education teacher, Bachelor's degree, Step 2, \$46,060, effective August 15, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Recommend **Erin Herrman** as an elementary special education teacher, Master's degree, Step 7, \$50,110, effective August 15, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kilgore moved and Mrs. Ewing seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Resignation of **Brittany Ellis**, elementary school teacher, after 8 years of service in the district, retroactive to June 27, 2024.
- Resignation of **Erin Nikolopoulos** as an elementary school guidance counselor, after 10 years of service in the district, retroactive to June 30, 2024.
- Recommend **Tyrone Wormsley** to work as a summer substitute custodian, at a rate of \$15 per hour, retroactive to June 19, 2024.
- Supplemental employment of **Tiffani Lusk** as a substitute teacher for the ESY Summer School program.
- Recommend **Cindy Interval** as a substitute administrative assistant in central office for the 2024-2025 school year, at her current hourly rate. (*Mrs. Interval retired in June 2024. She is working sporadically to train the new administrative assistant.*)

Motion carried, Mr. Jones "abstained" from the motion, all other members present voted "yes".

Board Policy: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mr. Bird seconded that the Board approve the following:

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

- Policy #110 – Comprehensive Planning
- Policy #525 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response
- Policy #580 – Academic Standards
- Policy #581 – Special Education

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Agreement with Wheeling Country Day School for their Edge Tutoring Program for students in grades 3 through 6, and special education students in grades 7 and 8, at a cost of \$455,140, for the 2024-2025 school year. (*Program funded by ESSER III funds.*)

Motion carried, Mr. Campbell voted "no", all other members present voted "yes".

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

-Contract for employment for Athletic Trainer Services.

-Letter of Agreement with Outside In School of Experiential Learning to provide substance abuse treatment services for students identified by the Student Assistance Program through Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. for the 2024-2025 school year. *(Each student referral for “in-school counseling services” must be initiated by the recommendation of the SAP Team and/or Liaison. The responsibility of payment for any services provided by Outside In rest with the participant’s (student’s) funding source, be it private insurance, health insurance, Health Choice or SAP funds.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Accept the quotation to purchase catastrophic Athletic/Student Accident Insurance through Campbell Insurance Co., underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, at a premium of 6,870. *(No increase from last year.)* Further, that student accident insurance be made available on a voluntary, self-pay basis, at no cost to the district. *(For the last twenty-six years, the district has offered student accident insurance on a voluntary, self-pay basis. In addition to this coverage, a board-sponsored program is also available to cover all interscholastic sports, band members, cheerleaders, majorettes, student coaches, student managers, student trainers and intramural sports. Money has been placed in the 2024-2025 budget to provide this coverage.)*

-Accept the quotation to purchase Volunteer Accident Insurance through Campbell Insurance Co., underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company at a premium of \$450.00. *(No increase from last year.)*

-Offer accident Coverage that parents can purchase for their child(ren) through United States Fire Insurance Company. Coverage is available either for school-time hours only or on a 24-hour basis. Coverage for extended dental is also available. Medical benefits coverage is provided up to a limit of \$250,000; Primary excess of \$100 and most benefits are payable on a usual and customary basis. The cost is as follows:

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| School Time Only Coverage | \$ 28.00 per year | <i>(last year’s cost was \$ 28.00)</i> |
| 24-Hour Coverage | \$124.00 per year | <i>(last year’s cost was \$124.00)</i> |

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$1,957,329.05.

Motion carried unanimously.

Activities Report – Mr. Campbell stated that there will be a presentation on the weight room at the August 12th meeting. The cheerleaders are asking for money to help with their program.

Information

A. August Board Meeting

Worksession Meeting – Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, August 19, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

Board Member Questions: Mr. Campbell asked about cleaning at the stadium concession stand, coolers at the concession stand, breakfast being served in the cafeterias when school starts in August, and giving stadium keys to either Washington Hospital or Ambulance and Chair so that they have access for Life Flight to land there in emergency situations.

Adjournment: Moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Ewing that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously. 8:39 pm

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary