

October 21, 2024

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, October 21, 2024 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Sparks-Gatling followed by the pledge of allegiance, mission statement and audio/vision statement.

Roll Call:

Members Present:	Mrs. Rhonda Barnes	Mrs. Kimberly Kelley
	Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	Mrs. Pamela Kilgore
	Mrs. Jennifer Ewing	Mrs. Amy Roberts
		Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling

Absent: Mr. Eric Bird and Mr. Rodney Jones

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

Present: Mrs. Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary
Mrs. Kelly Perkovich, 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: Mrs. Roberts moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Ewing seconded that the minutes of the September 16, 2024 regular voting meeting and the October 14, 2024 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the September 30, 2024 Treasurer’s Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>September 30, 2024</u>
General Fund	\$ 139,870.27
Payroll Account	\$ 15,095.75
Cafeteria Account	\$ 113,226.50
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 16,987.98
WHS Activities Account	\$ 75,209.12
WPS Activities Account	\$ 24,287.13
WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 285,706.48

WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust \$ 86,924.50

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Resignation of **Jocelyn Sabruno**, Academic Principal for Data Analysis and Instruction, after 9 years of service in the district, effective upon the release of the Superintendent.
- Recommend **Seth Vlosich** as a secondary special education teacher, Master’s degree, Step 3, \$49,060, effective upon release from current employer.
- Recommend **Linda Chandler** as a cafeteria worker, 177 to 181 days a year, 3 hours a day, contractual rate, effective October 22, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Approval of the following Assistant and Volunteer Coaches for Winter Sports 2024:

Boys Basketball

Jordan Swart – Assistant Coach	Step 1-3	Stipend \$5,104
Anthony Belcastro – Head Jr. High Coach	Step 13+	Stipend \$6,732
Osai Wright – Jr. High Assistant Coach	Step 1-3	Stipend \$4,564
Quamar Patterson – Volunteer Assistant		
Matt Popeck – Volunteer Assistant		
Jonathan Stout – Volunteer Assistant		
JJ Johnson – Volunteer		
Bobby Russell - Volunteer		

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Girls Basketball

Greg Papon – Varsity Assistant	Step 10-12	Stipend \$6,326
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Motion carried unanimously.

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

Rifle

Charles Eisiminger – Assistant Coach	Formula	Stipend \$2,805 Max
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Motion carried unanimously.

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

Wrestling

Kyle Cline – Varsity Assistant	Step 4-6	Stipend \$5,513
Brandon Pape – Jr. High Head Coach	Formula	Stipend \$2,805 Max
Wray Adams – Volunteer Assistant		

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Cheer – Winter

Omyrah Davis – Jr High Coach

3 years

½ Stipend in Winter = \$649

Latora Carter - Volunteer

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Policy #423 – Attendance and Tardiness

Policy #424 – Employment of Summer School Staff

Policy #426 – Physical Examination

Policy #427 – Telework

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Contract with River Therapies for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years to provide Speech Therapists services, at the cost of \$85 per hour.

-Washington School District's LSA Grant Application.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Transportation rates for the 2024-2025 school year.

-Agreement between Washington School District and the City of Washington for the City's Treasurer's Office to collect the 2025 school district Mercantile and Business Privilege taxes, at a cost of \$33,000, to be paid in quarterly installments of \$8,250, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Resolution authorizing the retention of counsel at no cost to the District to join the action pending at MDL 2:23-MD-3080 related to the overpricing of insulin.

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 \$1,965,799.10.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

-Act 39 – Water Testing for Lead in School Districts – Water samples were collected on Friday, October 11th from various locations in the high school, elementary school and central office. The results should be back in time to report at the November Worksession Board meeting.

Solicitor’s Report: Attorney Perkovich had no report.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling reported on soliciting bids for their new auto collision and repair building, staffing, grant opportunities, and an upcoming workshop for Board members on November 16th.

-PSBA – Mrs. Kilgore reported on training hours for Board members and an upcoming training on October 26th. Also, a Board Officer training workshop on January 11th.

-Parking Authority – No report

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – No Report

-Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives:

Activities Committee (Mr. Campbell) – No report.

Education Committee (Mrs. Roberts) – The committee met last week and discussed the guidance office, the Gifted program, the Credit Recovery program, the Power of Words course, the Honor Assemblies, Southwest Training programs, Point Park College initiative, Women in Leadership conference, Literacy program, no sponsor for Junior High National Honor Society, the Reading program, scholarship opportunities and breakfast for students.

Policy Committee (Mrs. Ewing) – The committee met earlier in the month and reviewed the policies that were approved at tonight’s meeting and are revising other policies for approval. Their next meeting is November 6th.

Information**A. November Board Meetings**

Worksession Meeting – Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, November 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

B. Parent/Teacher Conference Day – Thursday, November 7th**C. In-Service Day** – Friday, November 8th**D. Students of the Month Breakfast** – Tuesday, November 26th at 9am in the high school cafeteria**E. Fall Break** – Wednesday, November 27th to Friday, November 29th**F. Job Conference Report for the High School Exterior Improvement Project** - (*OneDrive*)

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

Motion carried unanimously. 6:57 pm

Executive Session: An executive session was held after the meeting to discuss a “Personnel” issue. No action was taken.

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary