

September 16, 2024

A voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, September 16, 2024 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(Via phone) Mrs. Kimberly Kelley
 Mr. Eric Bird Mrs. Amy Roberts
 Mrs. Jennifer Ewing Mrs. Tara Sparks-Gatling
 Mr. Rodney Jones

Absent: Mr. John Campbell, Sr. and Mrs. Pamela Kilgore

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

Present: Mr. Richard Mancini, Director of District Operations
 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: Mr. Jones moved and Mrs. Kelley seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Kelley seconded that the minutes of the August 19, 2024 regular voting meeting and the September 9, 2024 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the August 31, 2024 Treasurer’s Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>August 31, 2024</u>
General Fund	\$ 819,100.61
Payroll Account	\$ 39,984.92
Cafeteria Account	\$ 2,771.53
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 17,991.71
WHS Activities Account	\$ 83,484.18
WPS Activities Account	\$ 24,155.56

WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 242,522.01
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 86,572.52

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Appointment of the following 2024-2025 Extra-Curricular Club Sponsors/Advisors:

District Wide

Teresa Booker	District-Wide “Safe 2 Say” Sponsor	\$1,000
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Central Office

Lisa Coffield	Facebook Coordinator	\$1,000
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Senior High School

Joshua Barrette	Social Studies Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Julia Calder	French Club Sponsor	\$ 384
Julia Calder	Key Club Sponsor	\$ 384
Julia Calder	Junior Class Sponsor/Prom	\$1,057
Treg Campbell	Freshman Class Sponsor	\$1,057
Treg Campbell	English Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Stephen Cherry	Band Director	\$7,632
Jeff Devenney	Science Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Antoinette Dirda	History Club Sponsor	\$ 384
Diana Fronzaglio	Caring Team Sponsor	\$ 0
Jessica Gardner	Special Education Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Natalie Hess	Yearbook Sponsor	\$2,713
Natalie Hess	Yearbook End of Year Insert	\$ 688
Shawn Hughes-Ankrom	Math Competition Team Sponsor	\$ 384
Jay Huss	Robotics Club Sponsor	\$ 384
Brandy LaQuatra	Drama Sponsor	\$1,818
Jessica Ott	Spanish Club Sponsor	\$ 384
Jessica Ott	Student Council Sponsor/Homecoming	\$1,529
Kellie Ryburn	Senior Class Sponsor	\$1,057
Jeffrey Schmidt	Assistant Band Director	\$5,725
Siobhan Visser	National Honor Society Sponsor	\$ 650
Siobhan Visser	Future Teachers of America Sponsor	\$ 384
Siobhan Visser	Math Curriculum Leader	\$1,000

Junior High School

Lee Bigelow	Student Council Sponsor	\$ 384
Lee Bigelow	Math Curriculum Co-Leader	\$ 500
Jay Huss	Robotics Club Sponsor	\$ 384
Kim Pelkey	Reading Curriculum Leader	\$1,000
Andrew Spargur	Math Curriculum Co-Leader	\$ 500

Elementary School

Vincent Anderson	Girls Who Code (Grades 3 & 4)	\$ 384
Staci Connolly	Reading Curriculum Leader (K-2)	\$1,000
Heather Kennedy	Math Curriculum Leader (K-2)	\$1,000

Marsha Mosca	Math Curriculum Leader (3-6)	\$1,000
Michele Radachy	Ski Club Sponsor	\$ 384
Susan Robertson	Caring Team Sponsor	\$ 0
Tiffani Titler	Reading Curriculum Leader (3-6)	\$1,000

- Resignation of **Rebekah Keeney**, part-time cafeteria worker, after two weeks in the position, retroactive to September 5, 2024.
 - Resignation of **Stefanie Tuite** as a full-time paraprofessional, after one month in the position, effective September 23, 2024.
 - Recommend **Adrianna Williams** as a full-time paraprofessional, 186 days a year, 7 hours a day, contractual rate, effective September 17, 2024.
 - Supplemental employment of the following teachers for the Homework and More after-school program for students in Grades K through 6: **Tiffani Titler, Neil Freeze, Ashley Kern, Jordan Harshman** and **Kyleigh Felio**. **Jessica Ashmore** will be the substitute for the program.
 - Supplement employment of the following teacher for the W&J President's Prep after-school program for students in Grades 7 through 12: **Jeff Devenney**
 - Supplemental employment of **Teresa Booker** for the After-School Detention program for students in Grades 7 through 12. **Erin Moore** will be the substitute for the program.
 - Supplemental employment of **Teresa Booker** for the Saturday Detention program for students in Grades 7 through 12.
 - Intermittent Family Medical Leave for **Employee #1959**, effective September 16, 2024. *(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.)*
 - Family Medical Leave for **Employee #1205**, effective September 19, 2024 through November 8, 2024. *(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.)*
 - Addition of **Rebekah Keeney** to the list of substitute cafeteria workers.
 - Per the Act 93 Agreement, a salary adjustment to \$92,000 for **Jocelyn Sabruno**.
- Motion carried. All members present voting "yes". Mrs. Kelley "abstained" from voting on Adrianna Williams appointment as a full-time paraprofessional.

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

- Recommend **Morgan Winters** as a 7th & 8th Grade Volunteer Football Coach.

Motion failed, roll call vote:

Mrs. Barnes	-no	Mrs. Kelley	-no
Mr. Bird	-yes	Mrs. Roberts	-no

Mrs. Ewing -no
Mr. Jones -no

Mrs. Sparks-Gatling -no

Board Policy: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Robert seconded that the Board approve the following:
-Second reading and adoption, pursuant to Washington School District Policy No. 001, of the following policies:

- Policy #536 – Freedom of Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
- Policy #559.2 – Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
- Policy #582 – Student Complaint Process, including AR-1 and AR-2

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Intermediate Unit 1 Agreement to provide Title I services to students of Washington School District who are attending non-public schools during the 2024-2025 school year. Also, Title II and Title IV services for John F. Kennedy Elementary School.
- Agreements for the following contracted employees and consultant: Richard Barnes, Shelly Digon, Willis Love, Carmine Molinaro, Kim Smith and JRD Consulting, LLC.

Motion carried. All members present voting “yes”. Mrs. Barnes “abstained” from voting on the agreements for contracted employees.

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

- Purchase athletic supplies for the 2024-2025 Winter sports season, in the amount of \$14,578.41.
- Approval of bus/van drivers for the 2024-2025 school year.
- The Nutrition Group’s Ala Carte prices for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Change Order GC-5 for a deduction in price of \$18,000 due to the incorrect paint and finish on the window frames at the elementary school.

Motion carried unanimously.

Act 93 Agreement: Mrs. Roberts moved and Mrs. Ewing seconded that the Board approve the following:

- The Act 93 Agreement, effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$2,120,888.97.

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Perkovich had no report.

Special Representative Reports

- Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling stated that they meet next week.
- PSBA – Mrs. Kilgore was absent from the meeting.
- Parking Authority – Mr. Mancini shared the minutes from their meeting. They met with the Mayor and County representatives, but could not come to any agreement on the sale of the parking garage.
- Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – Mr. Mancini shared the minutes from the meeting. They discussed a couple of projects and funding for demolition of properties.
- Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives:

Activities Committee (Mr. Campbell) – Mr. Campbell was absent from the meeting.

Education Committee (Mrs. Roberts) – The committee will meet on Thursday at 4:00 pm for a review of items from last year. There will be grade-level representatives at the meeting.

Policy Committee (Mrs. Ewing) – The committee met last week and worked on revising policies; the three approved at tonight's meeting and several others that they are still working on.

Information

A. October Board Meetings

Worksession Meeting – Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

Regular Voting Meeting – Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the high school cafeteria

B. Open House Dates –

Junior High School – October 15th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

High School – October 15th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

C. Job Conference Reports for the High School Exterior Improvement Project

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

Motion carried unanimously. 6:57 pm

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

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary