

December 2, 2024

A worksession meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, December 2, 2024 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order by President Sparks-Gatling at 6:46 pm, followed by the pledge of allegiance and the district's mission and audio/video recording statements.

Roll Call:

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: Mrs. Rebecca Heaton-Hall, Solicitor
Mrs. Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

President Welcomes Visitors: Mrs. Roberts 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. Ewing moved and Mrs. Roberts seconded that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Kilgore seconded that the minutes of the October 21, 2024 regular voting meeting and the November 11, 2024 worksession meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

	<u>October 31, 2024</u>
General Fund	\$ 867,082.01
Payroll Account	\$ 30,861.47
Cafeteria Account	\$ 10,338.11
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 20,972.19
WHS Activities Account	\$ 75,589.32
WPS Activities Account	\$ 24,514.80

WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund \$ 370,930.17
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust \$ 87,273.46

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Approval for **Pamela Kilgore** to attend the PSBA International Study Group's 2025 trip to Germany on March 9-15, 2025, at a cost of \$500.

Motion carried, Mrs. Kilgore "abstained"; all other members voted "yes".

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

-Resignation of **Tira Clark**, secondary science teacher, after 2½ years of service in the district. Mrs. Clark's last day of work will be December 20, 2024.

-Addition of **Morgan McMurdy** to the list of certified substitute teachers. (*Certification Area: Grades PK-4*)

-Family Medical Leave for **Employee #40**, effective December 12, 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.*)

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

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| a. Camilla Justice | -2025 PA Department of Ed Conference
February 5-7, 2025 – Hershey, PA
Estimated cost – \$1,662 |
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Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Resignation of **Shawn Hughes** as the Head Coach for Girls Tennis.

-Recommend **Shawn Hughes** as a Volunteer Coach for Unified Bocce.

-Recommend **Bill Simpson** as a Volunteer Coach for Wrestling.

-Recommend **Keri Griffith** as Girls Middle School Volleyball Coach, at a stipend of \$2,833.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

- Policy #559 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities
Policy #559.1 – Behavior Support for Students with Disabilities

Policy #569 – Threat Assessment

Policy #579 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Three-year contract with hudl to provide online video editing, exchange, storage and ability to create and share highlights for sporting events, at the following costs:

2024-2025 cost is \$13,700

2025-2026 cost is \$13,700

2026-2027 cost is \$13,700

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 \$874,421.80.

Motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

-Attorney Heaton-Hall had no report.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Sparks-Gatling reported that they have started their contract negotiations, they will be sending JOC members their grant money information, they are fully staffed and some classes are full, and they are receiving bids for their building expansion.

-PSBA – Mrs. Kilgore shared a PSBA document with other Board members and she talked about their Career Gateway website, training, offerings, and workshops.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Jones stated that they discussed raising the price for parking and paid bills.

-Citywide Development Corporation (CDC) – No report.

-Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives:

Activities Committee (Mr. Campbell) – The girls soccer team will run on the same schedule this year and they are up to 14 girls on the team. The softball coach position still hasn't been filled; there is a parking issue at the midget league games, and recognizing the 1984 basketball team.

Education Committee (Mrs. Roberts) – The committee met on November 21st and discussed teachers access to resources, improving student attendance, HALO detectors and dealing with paraphernalia.

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. They will not have a meeting in December.

Information

A. **Winter Break** – Monday, December 23rd through Friday, January 3rd

B. **Job Conference Reports for the High School Exterior Improvement Project**

Board Member Comments: No comments were made.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:23 pm.

/s/Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary