City Board of Education
Washington Court House City Schools
Board Meeting
Monday, September 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM

The Board of Education of the City School District of Washington Court House, Fayette County, Ohio met in regular session pursuant to the rules of section 3313.15 of the Ohio Revised Code, at 306 Highland Avenue, on Monday, September 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM and proceeded to consider business under section 3313.15 of the Ohio Revised Code.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Agenda Item 1)
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Camp. Dr. Camp asked Kylin Tennison to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL (Agenda Item 2)

Board Members Present:

Mr. Bunch
Dr. Camp
Mrs. Downing
Mr. Upthegrove

Others Present:

Chris Briggs
Becky Mullins
Lisa Robinson
Sandra Verano
Raul Ryiz Verano
Meadow Martinez Verano
Amanda Conley
Chris Conley
Noah Conley
Megan Camp
Liam Camp
Owen Camp
Jennifer Huseby
Gideon Huseby
Jay Huseby
Jessica Tennison
Kylin Tennsion
Carleigh Newcomer
Eric Newcomer
Sarah Clay
Anita Norris
James Reese
Mercedes Reese
Jennifer Lynch
Ellie Lynch
Mollie Lynch

Tesla Mastin
Damien Hagler
Justin Hagler
Mariah Miller
Maycie Miller
David Miller
Randy Turner
Andrew Turner
Alicia Turner
Jensyn Turner
Henslee Turner
Brian Cartwright
Danielle Camp
Denise Shadburn
Ina Fischer
Helga Malone
Kyle Cline
Ryker Alderman
Amy Brown
Amy Frederick
Jennifer Updike

RESIGNATION OF JENNIFER LYNCH (Agenda Item 3)
Jennifer Lynch has submitted her resignation as a Board Member of the Washington CH City Schools, effective September 10, 2026. Her elected four year term runs January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA (Agenda Item 4)
Added Addendum
Item #8 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Briggs

B. Resignations:
2. Katherine Manns – Art teacher at Washington High School, effective November 6, 2026

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Agenda Item 5)
The minutes of the August 24, 2026 meeting were included with the agenda. President Camp asked if there were any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes.

Motion 2026-73
Mr. Upthegrove moved to accept the approval of the minutes.
Mrs. Downing seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:
Mr. Bunch, yea; Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, yea; Mr. Upthegrove, yea
(4 yeas)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING AN AGENDA ITEM (Agenda Item 6)
None

PRESENTATIONS (Agenda Item 7)

- **Recognition of Students Achieving Perfect Scores on 2026 State Tests**
- **Recognition of Students Achieving Academic Success on 2026 Advanced Placement Exams**
- **Dr. Briggs and the Board thanked Mrs. Lynch for her 15 years of service as a board member of the Washington Court House City Schools**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT- Dr. Briggs (Agenda Item 8)

The Superintendent recommended the approval of the following personnel items:

A. Non-Acceptance of Contract:
1. Josie Runk – Substitute teacher

B. Resignation:
1. Jill Sestina – Cook, effective September 19, 2026
2. Katherine Manns – Art teacher at Washington High School, effective November 6, 2026

C. Change of Status:
1. Debbie Gragg – From substitute cook to cook, effective September 28, 2026

D. Employment:
1. Alysa Carroll – Educational aide, effective September 28, 2026
2. Layla George – Educational aide, effective September 28, 2026
3. Alana Griffith – Educational aide, effective September 28, 2026
4. Shannon Williams – Substitute educational aide, effective September 28, 2026
5. Vivian Thomas – Substitute cook, effective September 28, 2026
6. Shonna Geddes – Substitute cook
7. Breanna Simonson – Educational aide
8. Larry Votaw – Bus driver
9. Anthony Amore – Stipend of $3,000.00 for robotics paid from Title funds

Substitute Teachers

10. Chrissy Charters
11. Kevin Evans
12. Alexandria Pontius
13. Taylor Reed
14. Molly Townsend
15. Megan Zurface

The Superintendent recommended the approval of the following service items:

E. Service Agreement with Fayette County Board of Health: Adding the Blue Lion Early Learning Center for nursing services for 2026-2027 school year. See attachment.

F. Dental Insurance Rates: Single= $38.54 and Family = $115.50, effective October 1, 2026

The Superintendent recommended the approval of the following operational items:

G. Request for Overnight Stay: Aaron Miller, Washington Great Oaks FFA Advisor requested for his students to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN from October 20-23, 2026. There are 9 students and 2 additional female chaperones planning to attend.

H. Rental and Facility Use Requests:

1. Louis Reid, representing the Cobras Wrestling Club requested use of the wrestling room at Washington High School complex as practice facilities from November 2026 through March 2027 and the Washington HS gymnasium for a tournament on Saturday, January 2, 2027. A current liability policy has been requested.
2. Chad Blakeley, representing Fayette County Special Olympics requested use of the gym at Cherry Hill Primary for their basketball and cheer practices and games on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM beginning October 13, 2026 through March 25, 2027. He understands that school events take precedence. A current liability policy that expires 12/31/2026 is on file.

The Superintendent recommended the approval of the following athletic items:

I. Athletic Supplemental Contract Resignations:

1. Levi Clay – E-sports coach, effective September 1, 2026
2. (Jeremy) Chase Sluder – Middle school boys wrestling coach, effective September 2, 2026

J. Athletic Supplemental Contract Employment:

The following personnel are recommended for employment on the Supplemental Salary Schedule for Fiscal Years 2024-2026. Pursuant to ORC 3313.53, vacant positions were posted for certificated employees and certificated non-employees and no persons may have applied for or accepted the positions. For the positions for which there were no qualified certificated individuals, qualified non-certificated individuals may be recommended. All coaching recommendations are subject to valid pupil activity permits.

1. Ronnie Grim – Volunteer football coach, effective September 15, 2026 (non-certificated)
2. Louis Reid – Head varsity boys wrestling (certificated)
3. Kyle Tennison- Reserve boys wrestling coach (non-certificated)
4. Chris Reese – Reserve boys basketball coach (non-certificated)
5. John Denen – Head varsity girls basketball coach (certificated)
6. Travis O'Connor – Reserve girls basketball coach (non-certificated)
7. Caitlin Chrisman – 7th grade girls basketball coach (certificated)
8. Anthony Amore – Head boys bowling coach (certificated)
9. Hannah Gotschall – Head girls bowling coach (non-certificated)

Motion 2026-74

Mr. Upthegrove moved to accept the Superintendent's report A-J.
Mr. Bunch seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:
Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, yea; Mr. Upthegrove, yea; Mr. Bunch, yea
(4 yeas)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mrs. Mullins (Agenda Item 9)

A. The Treasurer recommended approval of the financial reports for August 2026.

B. The Treasurer recommended acceptance of the following donations:

1. $5.00 - Board Member Support/Donation
2. $56.75 – Palaskas Scholarship
3. $200.00 –Greg Wall – Boys Basketball
4. $600.00 – Robin Beekman – FFA for jackets
5. $1,139.47 – American Legion Post 25 - Volleyball
6. $1,250.00 – OHSAA – Athletics
7. $1,250.00 – United Way of Fayette County – High School Principal Support Fund
8. $1,500.00- Eagles- Golf
9. $4,000.00 – Blue Lion Youth Basketball – Cherry Hill Principal Support Fund

C. The Treasurer recommended approval of the district's donation of the old band uniforms to the Washington Band Boosters.

D. The Treasurer recommended approval of permanent appropriations for FY27.

E. At the request of the State Auditor any invoice of $3,000 or more without prior approval will need to be board approved. Therefore, the Treasurer recommended the approval of:

1. $4,117.00 to Power School Group for Naviance College and Career Readiness Platform at Washington High School from the 2024-2025 school year
2. $6,600.00 to Remington Electric for electric and fiber services for the scoreboard at Gardner Park

Motion 2026-75
Mr. Bunch moved to accept the Treasurer's report A-E.
Mrs. Downing seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:
Mrs. Downing, yea; Mr. Upthegrove, yea; Mr. Bunch, yea; Dr. Camp, yea
(4 yeas)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda Item 10)
(No more than 3 minutes per individual).

Washington Court House City Schools welcome discussion, comments and ideas to grow the District. However, complaints about public school employees should be made through the procedure outlined in Board Policy and not in open session.
None

OLD BUSINESS (Agenda Item 11)
Dr. Briggs expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Mullins and her staff for their work on the district's in-depth capital plan

NEW BUSINESS (Agenda Item 12)

A. Policies for Review: The following policies are for review with a recommendation for approval at the next scheduled meeting:

- Bylaw 0145 – Filling a Board Vacancy (revised)
- Bylaw 0146 – Resignation or Removal (revised)
- Policy 1231/3231/4231 – Outside Activities of Staff (revised/replacement)
- Policy 2265 – Protections of Individual Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals, or Principles of Political Movements and Ideology (revised)
- Policy 2431 – Interscholastic Athletics (revised)
- Policy 2431.07 – Extracurricular Participation of Non-Enrolled Public High School Students (Student Athlete Mobility "SAM Act") (new)
- Policy 2461 – Recording of District Meetings Involving Students and/or Parents (rescind)
- Policy 5111.01 – Homeless Students (revised)
- Policy 5224 – Youth Membership Organization (new)
- Policy 5330 – Use of Medications (revised)
- Policy 5463 – Credits from State-Chartered, Special, and Nonchartered Schools (revised)
- Policy 6100 – Proper Use of Public Funds
- Policy 6423 – Use of Credit Cards (revised)
- Policy 7450.10 – Recording and AI Processing of Communications on School Property and at School Events (new)
- Policy 8120 – Volunteers (revised)
- Policy 8310 – Public Records (revised)
- Policy 8330 – Student Records (revised)
- Policy 8470 – Sex Offender Notification (new)
- Policy 9700 – Relations with Special Interest Groups (revised)

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Agenda Item 13)

Motion 2026-76
Mrs. Downing moved to enter into executive session solely to discuss one or more of the following issues exempted from public sessions:

> "Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, I hereby move that the Board adjourn to executive session for consideration of the appointment, employment,

dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing."

Mr. Upthegrove seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:
Mr. Upthegrove, yea; Mr. Bunch, yea; Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, yea
(4 yeas)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:42 PM.

The Board reentered Regular Session at 8:33 PM.

Motion 2026-77
Mr. Upthegrove made a motion to appoint Mark Chrisman to fill the vacancy on the Board for the remainder of Mrs. Lynch's term.
Mr. Bunch seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:
Mr. Bunch, yea; Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, abstain; Mr. Upthegrove, yea
(3 yeas)
(1 abstention)

President Camp declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT (Agenda Item 14)

Motion 2026-78
Mr. Upthegrove moved to adjourn the meeting.
Mrs. Downing seconded the motion.

On roll call the members voted as follows:
Dr. Camp, yea; Mrs. Downing, yea; Mr. Upthegrove, yea; Mr. Bunch, yea
(4 yeas)

President Camp declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

ATTEST
President _____ Treasurer Becky Mullins