

February 23, 2026

A regular voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, February 23, 2026 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Roberts followed, by the pledge of allegiance, mission statement and audio/vision statement.

Roll Call:

Members Present:	Mrs. Rhonda Barnes	Ms. Teresa Funk
	Mr. Eric Bird	Mrs. Kelly Jones
	Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	Mrs. Pamela Kilgore
	Ms. Frances Clark	Mrs. Amy Roberts
	Mrs. Jennifer Ewing	

Non-Voting Member Present: Mrs. Alisa King, Superintendent

Present: Mr. Robert Mihelcic, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mrs. Emily DiNardo, Business Manager
Mrs. Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary *(via Zoom)*
Mrs. Rebecca Heaton-Hall, Solicitor

Executive Session: The Board met in executive session prior to the start of the meeting to discuss personnel items. No action was taken.

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.

Special Presentation

Mr. Charlie Rupert from Cypher & Cypher gave the June 30, 2025 audit report.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the minutes of the January 20, 2026 regular voting meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the January 31, 2026 Treasurer’s Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>January 31, 2026</u>
General Fund	\$ 310,832.29
Payroll Account	\$ 38,139.68
Cafeteria Account	\$ 132,701.18
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 14,301.31
WHS Activities Account	\$ 91,094.86
WPS Activities Account	\$ 21,089.90
WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 4,914,890.01
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 43,788.02

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Retirement of **Tina Martin**, foodservice employee, after 26 years of service in the district, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Intermittent Family Medical Leave for **Employee #1829**, retroactive to January 21, 2026. *(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.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Correct the stipend for **Anthony Belcastro** as the Junior High Boys' Basketball Head Coach from \$5,623 to \$6,867 for the 2025-2026 season. *(The incorrect stipend was approved at the October 20, 2025 Board meeting.)*
- Appointment of **Taylen Gorby** as the middle school assistant baseball coach, at a stipend of \$4,085.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Review of Policy #544 – Parent and Family Engagement. *(In accordance with State regulations, this policy is to be reviewed annually.)*
- First reading, pursuant to Washington School District Policy No. 001, of the following policy:

Policy #551 - Weapons

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

Policy #004 – Meetings

Policy #707 – Purchases Subject to Bid

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Award the bid for E-Rate contracts to CCL Technologies for the high school network structured cabling and category 2 equipment project at a total cost of \$355,817, broken down as follows:
 - a. Total Project: \$355,817.00
 - b. E-Rate Portion: \$246,721.68 (85%)
 - c. District Share: \$ 43,539.12 (15%) plus the excess cost of \$65,556.20 = \$109,095.32

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- The settlement of the Department of Education's Claim #BBFM -00-2017-565 with PA Leadership Charter School in the amount of \$7,500, upon recommendation of the Solicitor.
- Addition of Kevin Massimino and Zachariah Mey to the list of GG&C drivers for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$4,088,878.27.

Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Board members discussed the summer feeding program for children in the community.

New Business

Board members discussed sponsoring awards again this year for Awards Day? A \$25 award would be given to one student in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade: for a total amount of \$100. Each Board member would contribute \$11 towards the awards.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. King reported on the "State of the Intermediate Unit 1 Dinner", gave a special "Thank You" to the custodial and maintenance crew for all of their hard work getting the school buildings back in service after the January 25th snowstorm, congratulated the boys' basketball team on making it to the first round playoff game against Southmoreland School District, wished the Bocce team "Good Luck" on their upcoming playoff game at Ringgold, and informed the Board that Andreas from HHSDR would be at the March meeting to present renderings of the new field house.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Heaton-Hall had no report.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Kilgore shared their January 28th board meeting agenda with board members. They approved a new articulation agreement with the University of Northwestern Ohio for their HVAC, robotics and automotive programs and their culinary program is offering a Fish Fry menu. The menu was emailed to all board members and the superintendent.

-PSBA – Ms. Clark reported on their annual Advocacy Day, which will be held on May 4th, board member monthly meetings, policy updates, school law, finances and the State budget.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Bird stated that they paid bills, granted a “right-of-way” to the Redevelopment Authority to go under the garage for construction on their new building, an upcoming car show, and they were informed that they will not be getting any LSA Grant funds, which is the money they were going to use to pay for the \$193,000 new garage equipment. So, if they decide to purchase the new equipment, they will have to pay the entire cost.

-Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives:

Activities Committee (Mrs. Roberts) – The committee met on February 12th and discussed reviews for the end-of-season winter sports, per diem costs for overnight sports related trips, boys’ basketball and bocce playoff games, interest in girls’ flag football, plexiglass protectors for wall art at the high school and a donation from Dan Moses for the weight room.

Education Committee (Mrs. Kilgore) – The committee met on February 19th and discussed policy integrity, grant opportunities, PSBA scholarship, the age for enrollment into Kindergarten, early education opportunities for children who are too young to enroll in Kindergarten, teacher survey results, and the junior high school partnering with the Salvation Army and W&J College to host a human trafficking awareness and prevention program on March 31st.

Policy Committee (Mrs. Ewing) – The committee met on February 4th and updated the Weapons policy. They also worked on revisions to the Use of Facilities policy

Information

A. March Board Meeting – Monday, March 16, 2026

B. March Committee Meetings

Policy Committee – Wednesday, March 4th at 5:30 pm via Zoom

Activities Committee – Thursday, March 12th at 4:00 pm

Education Committee – Thursday, March 19th at 4:00 pm

C. Ethics “Statement of Financial Interests” Forms – Please complete and return to Lisa Coffield before the end of February.

D. Kennywood Picnic Day – Washington School District’s 2026 Kennywood Picnic Day is Saturday, June 13, 2026

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:15 pm

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary