

March 16, 2026

A regular voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, March 16, 2026 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 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
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.

-Fern Sibert, 486 Addison Street, distributed a letter from Clean and Tidy Our County, Inc. encouraging the community to come together to clean up litter to help showcase the City of Washington during the upcoming NFL Draft, which is being held in Pittsburgh, PA this year. There is a Wash High graduate in this year’s draft.

Special Presentation

Andreas from HHSDR gave a presentation on the administrative building project and discussed the field house project.

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda. Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Jones seconded that the following item be added to the Contracts, Agreements and Grants section of the agenda: Retain Rebecca Heaton-Hall as general solicitor for the District, at the current rate. Weiss, Burkhardt and Kramer, LLC will remain council for tax assessment concerns in the District.

Agenda: Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the revised agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Kilgore moved and Mrs. Ewing seconded that the minutes of the February 17, 2026 special meeting and the February 23, 2026 regular voting meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the February 28, 2026 Treasurer's Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>February 28, 2026</u>
General Fund	\$ 454,912.00
Payroll Account	\$ 51,713.87
Cafeteria Account	\$ 229,264.60
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 10,652.09
WHS Activities Account	\$ 85,242.29
WPS Activities Account	\$ 21,147.80
WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 2,209,279.36
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 49,863.96

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Retirement of **Michael Costantino**, high school teacher, after 32 years of service in the district, effective June 6, 2026.
- Retirement of **Richard Barnes**, high school attendance officer, after 24 years of service in the district, effective June 6, 2026.
- Resignation of **Adrianna Williams**, full-time paraprofessional, after 4 months of service in the district, retroactive to March 12, 2026.
- Furlough **Employee #2137**, due to the decline in kindergarten enrollment, effective June 30, 2026 and authorize administration and solicitor to prepare all necessary notices.
- Appointment of **Jesse McConnell** as a full-time maintenance worker, 260 days a year, 8 hours a day, \$18.39 per hour, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement. Start date is contingent upon receipt of required employment documents.
- Appointment of **Eden Gordon** as a full-time personal care assistant, 186 days a year, 7½ hours a day, \$15.35 per hour, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement. Start date is contingent upon receipt of required employment documents.
- Appointment of **John Zaremba** as a bus monitor, at the stipend of \$100 a day, effective March 16, 2026. *(Bus monitors get paid \$50 for the morning runs and \$50 for the afternoon runs, for a total stipend of \$100 a day.)*

Motion carried, members voted "yes" on all items, with Mrs. Barnes abstaining from voting on the retirement of Richard Barnes.

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

-Wash High Girls' Softball Boosters By-Laws.

-Appointment of **Amber Harris** as a volunteer middle school girls' basketball coach for the 2025-2026 season.

-Appointment of **Matt Connolly** as a volunteer middle school baseball coach for the 2025-2026 season. *(Pending receipt of required documents.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-First reading, pursuant to Washington School District Policy No. 001, of the following policy:

Policy #601 – Use of Facilities

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

Policy #551 - Weapons

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Memorandum of Understanding between Washington School District and Vernon C. Neal Sportsplex for use of the Sportsplex facility in the event of an emergency evacuation of Washington Park Elementary School.

-Retain Rebecca Heaton-Hall as general solicitor for the District, at the current rate. Weiss, Burkhardt and Kramer, LLC will remain council for tax assessment concerns in the District.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-The 2026-2027 Intermediate Unit 1 Budget as presented. Their budget will remain constant for the 28th year at \$549,552. Washington School District's estimated contribution is \$12,324.56.

-Addition of Matthew Chambers, Kenneth Collins, Joshua Holstein, Kristy Jocuns, Kelly Miles and Sharon Rice to the list of GG&C drivers for the 2025-2026 school year.

-Authorize HHSDR to proceed with advertising and bidding for the roof replacement project for the Central Office, as well as for three (3) additional, alternate bids: masonry restoration at Central Office, roof replacement for the Carriage House, and masonry restoration at the Carriage House.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$2,592,377.49.

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. King reported on the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium (ACSHIC) received one eligible School Board Trustee nomination for the Western region by the close of the nomination period. Consequently, ACSHIC will not conduct an election during the month of March and instead a unanimous ballot was cast for the nominee for the Western Region. The School Board Trustee for the Western Region effective April 1, 2026 is Esther Cardillo from South Fayette School District. Her term will expire April 1, 2028. ACSHIC thanks you for your participation in the nomination process. Mrs. King also reported on the Reality of Human Trafficking presentation at W&J College on March 31st, kindergarten registration and the IU1 candidates for election.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Heaton-Hall thanked the Board for their support and confidence in keeping her as the District's solicitor.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Kilgore reported that at the meeting last month, Wash High Sophomore, Lamear Thompson, an electrical occupations students, was named their February Student of the Month.

-PSBA – Ms. Clark reported on required board member trainings and offered to help members if they needed any guidance. PSBA will not be able to give any presentations to the Board until all members have completed their trainings.

-Parking Authority – Mrs. DiNardo stated that they are deciding how to pay for the new parking garage equipment now that their grant was not accepted.

-Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives:

Activities Committee (Mrs. Roberts) – The committee met on March 12th and discussed winter coach recommendations, athletic accounts, field trip requests, fall sports schedules, thank you letter to Dan Mozes, wall art protectors and the field house project.

Education Committee (Mrs. Kilgore) – The committee will meet on March 19th.

Policy Committee (Mrs. Ewing) – The committee met on March 4th and worked on revisions to the Use of Facilities policy and increased the meal allowance on the field trip policy.

Information

A. April Board Meeting – Monday, April 20, 2026

B. April Committee Meetings

Policy Committee – Wednesday, April 1st at 5:30 pm via Zoom

Activities Committee – Thursday, April 9th at 4:00 pm

Education Committee – Thursday, April 16th at 4:00 pm

C. Intermediate Unit 1's Convention and Student Showcase – at Penn West California Convocation Center located at 250 University Avenue, California, PA 15419
Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Student Showcase and voting will take place from 1:00 to 6:00 pm
Dinner is at 6:30 pm
(Mrs. King, Mrs. DiNardo, Mr. Mihelcic and Mrs. Jones are attending)

D. REMINDER – Please remember to turn in your \$11.00 for Awards Day.

E. Snow Make-Up Day – School will be session on Wednesday, April 1st

F. Spring Break – Thursday, April 2nd through Monday, April 6th

G. PSBA School Director Trainings – Please make sure to complete your required School Director Training by June 30, 2026. Sign up for your training at psba.org.

H. Kennywood Picnic Day – Washington School District's 2026 Kennywood Picnic Day is Saturday, June 13, 2026

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:38 pm

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

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary