

May 11, 2026

A regular voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, May 11, 2026 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 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 (via Zoom)
Mrs. Emily DiNardo, Business Manager
Mrs. Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary
Mrs. Rebecca Heaton-Hall, Solicitor

Executive Session: The Board met in executive session on May 3, 2026 and 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.

-Stephen Rydzak, Ron Faust and Linnie Lynch, members of the Pony League World Series Organization, spoke to the Board about using the elementary school’s parking lot during their World Series event in August.

-Brittany and Elizabeth Inghram, 506 East Beau Street, spoke about the need for a majorette coach, the Spring chorus concerts, current chorus classes and staffing for next school year.

Special Presentation: Andreas from HHSDR reviewed the field house project.

Recognition: Mrs. King introduced Jason Sonson, the new Director of Facility Maintenance, to Board members.

Agenda: Mrs. Ewing moved and Ms. Clark seconded that the revised agenda be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Kilgore moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the minutes of the April 20, 2026 regular voting meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the April 30, 2026 Treasurer's Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>April 30, 2026</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,274,141.98
Payroll Account	\$ 40,528.25
Cafeteria Account	\$ 196,003.71
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 5,385.61
WHS Activities Account	\$ 79,580.47
WPS Activities Account	\$ 28,114.61
WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 1,535,674.66
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 22,012.97

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Settlement Agreement and Release for **Employee #1970**.

-Resignation, Settlement Agreement and Release for **Employee #1982**.

-Suspension of **Employee #614** for a period of three (3) workdays, due to failure to adhere to professional standards of conduct. This action reinforces the importance of maintaining the professional expectations of staff and ensuring a safe and respectful learning environment.

-Resignation of **Siobhan Visser**, high school math teacher, after 23 years of service in the district, effective June 30, 2026.

-Resignation of **Kyleigh Felio**, elementary school special education teacher, after 2 years of service in the district, effective June 30, 2026.

-Resignation of **Ashlea Presto**, full-time paraprofessional, after 8 months of service in the district, retroactive to May 4, 2026.

-Grant permanent contracts and tenure, in accordance with the School Laws of Pennsylvania, to the following teachers who have completed at least three years of satisfactory service in Washington School District and are properly certified:

Nicole Bioni	Patricia Cobaugh	Jordan Harshman
Mary Mueller	Laura Ricciuti	

-Approval of **Kelli Benner, Cayla Jones, Shirley Jones, Marie Mazza-Higgins, Michelle Pittas, Georgia Ullom, Morgan Winters and Shaina Rohr**, WSD paraprofessionals and foodservice workers, to work as needed as summer substitute custodians, at a rate of \$15 per hour.

-Approval of **Lucinda Sworcheck, Julia Winters** and **Jamie Wolfe** as substitute custodians to work as needed during the summer months, at a rate of \$14 per hour.

-Additions to the list of certified substitute teachers:

Hailey Lusk – *(Certification: Elementary & Secondary School Counselor PK-12)*

Evan Isenberg – *(Certification: Music PK-12)*

-Addition of **Makayla Yannerella** to the list substitute cafeteria workers.

-Supplemental employment of the following staff for summer school programs:

Summer Learning Academy – Grades K-6

Program Coordinator – **Tiffani Lusk**

Teachers – **Keri Griffith, Sarah Laslo, Tiffani Titler, Ashley Belcastro, Spenser Anderson, Amy Strang** and **Amie Camps**

Substitute – **Victoria Mockabee**

Junior High Summer Learning Academy – Grades 7-8

Teacher – **Erin Moore**

Special Ed Teacher – **Andrea Tannehill**

Substitute – **Lilian Cross**

Summer Learning Academy – Grades 9-12

Teacher – **Erica Ola**

Special Ed Teacher – **Jessica Gardner**

Extended School Year (ESY) Summer School – Grades K-12

Program Coordinator – **Keri Griffith**

Special Education Teachers – **Amie Camps, Amy Humbert, Andrea Tannehill,**
and **Lilian Cross**

Paraprofessionals – **Courtney Carroll, Megan Phillips, Georgia Ullom,** and
Arrianna McCracken

Personal Care Assistants – **Wendy Harris**

Motion carried unanimously.

Athletics: Mrs. Clark moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Recommend **Mike Bosnic** as the Athletic Director for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Policy #408 – Discrimination – Title IX - Staff

Policy #510 – Attendance

Policy #550 – Discrimination – Title IX Sexual Harassment

Policy #720 – District Audit

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

- Policy #506 – Dress Code
- Policy #569 – Threat Assessment
- Policy #801 – Transportation

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- The Student Assistance Program (SAP) Agreement with The Center for Community Resources to provide SAP services for the 2026-2027 school year, at no cost to the district.
- Agreement with Red Rover for their absence management, time tracking, and onboarding software for the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of \$39,900. *(This total cost includes \$10,600 in one-time setup fees.)*
- The following Intermediate Unit 1 Agreements for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - a. Educational Services Agreement
 - b. Access Services Agreement – IU1 – Based Staff
 - c. Access Reimbursement Service Agreement – Administrative Support Only
 - d. Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Educational Services Agreement
 - e. Curriculum Services Agreement
 - f. MOU for Outpatient Mental Health Provider
 - g. Partial Hospitalization Program Services Agreement

Motion carried unanimously.

Business and Finance: Mrs. Kilgore moved and Mrs. Clark seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Designation of Depositories for school funds.
- Resolution to permit the Superintendent and Business Manager to enter into an agreement with a vendor selected by the Intermediate Unit 1 Electric Consortium to provide electricity supply beginning December 2026 for a period of 24 to 36 months.
- Accept the withdrawal of Slagle Roofing & Construction, Inc.'s bid submitted May 5, 2026 for the Roof Replacement and Exterior Envelope Improvements to the District Administration Offices.
- Advertise and rebid the roofing portion of the Roof Replacement project at the District Administration Offices.

Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Board Treasurer: Mr. Bird moved and Mrs. Clark seconded that the Board approve the following:

-That the Board name **Mrs. Jennifer Ewing** to serve as district Treasurer from July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2027. *(The Board of School Directors shall annually, during the month of May, elect a treasurer to serve for one year beginning the first day of July following such election.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Tax Collectors: Mrs. Barnes moved and Mrs. Kilgore seconded that the Board approve the following:

RESOLVED, that **Anthony Nicolella**, the duly elected Treasurer of the City of Washington, is hereby appointed Tax Collector for the Business Privilege Tax and Mercantile Tax and the delinquent Business Privilege Tax and Mercantile Tax in the City of Washington for the year 2026 effective July 1, 2026, to collect taxes levied by the Washington School District under the provisions of the Local Tax Enabling Act approved December 31, 1965, Act No. 511, as amended, provided said Tax Collector has posted the surety bond or bonds as required by law, the compensation and cost of such collection for the City to be in accordance with the Joint Tax Agreement between the City of Washington and the Washington School District approved by the School District on May 21, 2007.

RESOLVED, that Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a **Keystone Collections Group** is hereby appointed Tax Collector for the collection of per capita tax and delinquent per capita tax for the City of Washington and the Borough of East Washington and collection of the current business privilege/mercantile tax and delinquent business privilege/mercantile tax in the Borough of East Washington.

RESOLVED, that Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a **Keystone Collections Group** is hereby appointed Tax Collector for occupational privilege tax now known as local services tax and delinquent local services tax in the City of Washington and the Borough of East Washington.

RESOLVED, that Kratzenberg & Associates, Inc. d/b/a **Keystone Collections Group** is hereby appointed Deputy Tax Collector for current real estate taxes in the City of Washington. *(Dawn Petrosky is the duly elected real estate tax collector for the Borough of East Washington through December 31, 2025.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Kilgore seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Adopt the Preliminary Budget for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$36,851,554 dollars and set the preliminary millage rate at 14.7195. This is a decrease from last year's millage rate of 15.0800. The Board directs and authorizes the Administration to timely submit the Preliminary Budget to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review in accordance with Act 1.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Washington Junior High School's ATSI Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$1,877,643.80.

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. King announced the following events:

May 14th – Girls Varsity Softball Playoff Game at 7pm at Trinity Middle School field

May 14th – WACTC's Completer's Ceremony at 6pm at Peters Twp. High School auditorium

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Heaton-Hall informed the Board that she will not be at the June 15th meeting and that Matt Hoffman will be her replacement for the meeting.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Kilgore reported that Community College of Beaver County has leased space at the Center to hold their LPN to ADR class.

-PSBA – Ms. Clark reported on the required School Director trainings and asked that everyone complete their training by June 30th. There is an upcoming training scheduled for May 16th if anyone is interested in registering for the course.

-Parking Authority – Mrs. DiNardo stated that they voted on Washington Financial to finance their loan for the new garage equipment.

-Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives:

Activities Committee (Mrs. Roberts) – The committee will meet on May 14th

Education Committee (Mrs. Kilgore) – The committee will meet on May 21st

Policy Committee (Mrs. Ewing) – The committee met on May 6th and discussed the policies that were approved earlier on the agenda.

Amend the Agenda: Mr. Bird moved and Mrs. Ewing seconded that the following item be added to the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bird moved and Ms. Clark seconded that Teresa Funk be appointed to sit on the Activities Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Information

A. June Board Meeting – Monday, June 15, 2026

B. June Committee Meetings

Policy Committee – Wednesday, June 3rd at 5:30 pm via Zoom

Activities Committee – Thursday, June 11th at 4:00 pm

Education Committee – Thursday, June 18th at 4:00 pm

C. 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.

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

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:54 pm

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary