

June 15, 2026

A regular voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, June 15, 2026 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm by President Roberts followed, by the pledge of allegiance, mission statement and audio/vision statement.

Roll Call:

Members Present:	Mrs. Rhonda Barnes(via phone)	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: Mrs. Emily DiNardo, Business Manager
Mrs. Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary
Mr. Matthew Hoffman, Solicitor

Executive Session: The Board met in executive session on June 10, 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.

-Joe Fulton, 28 Thayer Street, and BJ Rush, 330 Allison Avenue, stated their concerns with the costs of the proposed field house project. They asked the district to review all options and choose the plan with the minimal costs that fit the needs of the students. The district needs to focus on the educational needs of all students in the district and not just student athletes.

-Brittany Inghram, 506 East Beau Street, stated concerns about classes being cut, teachers leaving the district, performing arts classes and dual enrollment classes.

-Mrs. King and Mrs. Roberts responded to the above concerns.

Recognition:

Athletic Recognitions

Olivia Woods – Girls Basketball

Olive scored 1,374 career points, reaching 1,000 points during her Junior season.

Caleb Patton – Wrestling

Caleb posted 112 career wins, with his 100th win coming on January 17, 2026.

Special Presentation:

-Andreas from HHSDR reviewed options for the field house project.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Kilgore moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the minutes of the May 11, 2026 regular voting meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Ewing moved and Ms. Funk seconded that the May 31, 2026 Treasurer's Report be accepted as information, said report showing the following book balances:

	<u>May 31, 2026</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,312,435.52
Payroll Account	\$ 54,977.30
Cafeteria Account	\$ 409,949.42
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 13,198.97
WHS Activities Account	\$ 81,855.75
WPS Activities Account	\$ 28,510.49
WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 1,814,767.22
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 1,235,510.11

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel: Ms. Clark moved and Mrs. Kilgore seconded that the Board approve the following:

-Resignation of **Kurt Mahan**, elementary school principal, after 2 years of service in the district, effective June 30, 2026.

-Resignation of **Ruthe Gagean**, full-time paraprofessional, after 1 year of service in the district, retroactive to June 4, 2026.

-Resignation of **George Kostelnik**, Custodial and Maintenance Supervisor, effective June 30, 2026.

-Resignation of **Hailey Lusk**, 12-month secretary, after 2 years of service in the district, effective July 30, 2026.

-Revise **Kyleigh Felio's** resignation date from June 30, 2026 to May 31, 2026.

-Appointment of **Melissa Haney** as Washington Park Elementary School's Intermediate School Principal, at a salary of \$99,000, effective July 1, 2026.

-Appointment of **Evan Isenberg** as a music teacher, bachelor's degree, step 1, \$50,435, effective August 18, 2026.

-Appointment of **Lacy Montelione** as a secondary math teacher, master's degree, step 12, \$58,185, effective August 18, 2026.

-Appointment of **Jay Miller** as a health/physical education teacher, master's degree, step 10, \$55,485, effective August 18, 2026.

-Appointment of **Tiffany Morris** as the high school Math Curriculum Leader/Department Head, at a stipend of \$1,000 per year.

-Supplemental employment of **Nicole Naumoff** and **Myresa Sobocinski** as teachers and **Joy Cumer** and **Jocelyn Floyd** as paraprofessionals for the ESY Summer School program.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-The following Assistant and Volunteer Coaches for the 2026-2027 Fall Sports Season:

Football

Rich Barnes	Varsity Assistant	\$6,792
John Digon	Varsity Assistant	\$6,792
Zyan Wallace	7 th & 8 th Grade Head Coach	\$5,736
Marvin Mills	7 th & 8 th Grade Assistant	\$5,594
Isaiah Robinson	7 th & 8 th Grade Assistant	\$5,168
Malik Mitchell	7 th & 8 th Grade Assistant	\$4,749
Wray Adams	Equipment Manager	\$6,440
John Bennett	Volunteer	
Marcus Dulik	Volunteer	
Randy Walters	Volunteer	
George Walz	Volunteer	
Phil Amaismeier	Volunteer	
Jon Weber	Volunteer	
Bobby Russell	Volunteer	
Andy Mayer	Volunteer	

Tennis

Katherine Correa	Volunteer	
Troy Schneider	Volunteer	

Volleyball

Gretchen Battafarano	Varsity Assistant	\$3,582
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Cross Country

Josh Barrette	7 th & 8 th Grade Coach	\$3,582
Lee Behrens	Volunteer	
Elijah Frazier	Volunteer	

Softball

Mike McCort	Jr. High Head Coach	\$4,054
Brandon Pape	Assistant Jr High	\$3,652
Kayla Kraeer	Volunteer	
Brian Harewicz	Volunteer	

Soccer

Thomas Marshall	Volunteer	
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Cheer

Katarina Shultz	Cheer Sponsor	\$3,371 (paid ½ in Fall)
Kayla Fischer	Cheer Asst Sponsor(varsity)	\$2,251 (paid ½ in Fall)

Mrs. Barnes abstained from voting on Mr. Barnes' appointment as a varsity assistant football coach; all other items were approved unanimously.

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

-The following policies will be retired after the second reading and adoption of the First Read policies listed below:

Policy #101 – Creating a Position (being replaced with Policy #301)

Policy #105 – Conferences, Meetings, Workshops-Administrative Employees (being replaced with Policy #333)

Policy #109 – Use of School Property for Personal Gain (Policy #601 addresses staff use of school property)

Policy #602 – Use of Equipment and/or Facilities by Staff (Policy #601 addresses staff use of school property)

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

Policy #102 – Employment of Administrative Employees

Policy #301 – Creating a Position

Policy #333 – Professional Development

-Second reading and adoption, 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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Contractual employment of Jay Huss to provide sound system reinforcements for the graduation ceremony in June, at a cost of \$1,575.

-Agreement with The Bradley Center to provide school-based services to Washington School District students for the 2026-2027 school year, per the terms, conditions and fees outlined on uploaded agreement.

-Independent Contractor Agreement with Programs of Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, effective July 1, 2026. *(Either party may cancel this Agreement by providing thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.)*

-Lease Agreement with Blueprints/Head Start to occupy one (1) classroom at Washington Park

Elementary School at a cost of \$300 per month, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

-Lease Agreement with Blueprints/PreK to occupy one (1) classroom at Washington Park Elementary School at a cost of \$9,000, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Blueprints will also pay the District \$4,800 for janitorial services for the cleaning of the classroom during the term of the lease.

-Meal Service Agreement with Blueprints to provide a free breakfast and lunch for each child enrolled in Head Start during the 2026-2027 school year, at no extra cost to Blueprints and/or the parent/guardian. The district will claim reimbursement for the enrolled Head Start children through the National School Lunch Program. Adult meals will be billed to Blueprints on a monthly basis by the 5th of each month.

-Meal Service Agreement with Blueprints to provide a free breakfast and lunch for each of their Pre-K Children for the 2026-2027 school year, at no extra cost to Blueprints and/or the parent/guardian. The district will claim reimbursement for the enrolled Pre-K children through the National School Lunch Program. Adult meals will be billed to Blueprints on a monthly basis by the 5th of each month.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

-Be it Resolved, the Washington School District Board of School Directors, hereby authorizes HHSDR Architects and Engineers to proceed with design and bid documents for the Track and Field Upgrades and New Field House at Washington School District Stadium Complex. Option #3B, including alternate bids for New District Administration Offices and a Weight Room. Further, the Board President and Secretary are authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Motion carried with Mr. Campbell voting “no”, all other members voting “yes”.

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

-Meal prices for Adult breakfast and lunch for the 2026-2027 school year:

Adult Breakfast - \$3.05 (last year's price was \$2.95)

Adult Lunch - \$5.05 (last year's price was \$4.85)

All students receive FREE breakfast and lunch. Free dinner is served to students who stay for the Prexie Center after-school program.

-The following van transportation rates for Jake Schneider Bus Contractor, LLC for the 2025-2026 school year and 2026-2027 school years:

2025-2026 School Year

50 miles or less

\$162.00 daily rate

Multi-run trips between elementary school and high school

\$172.00 daily rate

2026-2027 School Year

50 miles or less

\$172.50 daily rate

51 miles or more

\$ 1.30 per mile

over charge

Multi-run trips between elementary school and high school

\$190.00 daily rate

- Accept the quotation to purchase catastrophic Athletic/Student Accident Insurance through Campbell Insurance Co., underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, at a premium of \$6,870. *(No increase from last year.)* Further, that student accident insurance be made available on a voluntary, self-pay basis, at no cost to the district. *(For the last twenty-seven years, the district has offered student accident insurance on a voluntary, self-pay basis. In addition to this coverage, a board-sponsored program is also available to cover all interscholastic sports, band members, cheerleaders, majorettes, student coaches, student managers, student trainers and intramural sports. Money has been placed in the 2026-2027 budget to provide this coverage.)*
- Accept the quotation to purchase Volunteer Accident Insurance through Campbell Insurance Co., underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company at a premium of \$450.00. *(No increase from last year.)*
- Offer accident Coverage that parents can purchase for their child(ren) through United States Fire Insurance Company. Coverage is available either for school-time hours only or on a 24-hour basis. Coverage for extended dental is also available. Medical benefits coverage is provided up to a limit of \$250,000; Primary excess of \$100 and most benefits are payable on a usual and customary basis. The cost is as follows:

School Time Only Coverage	\$ 28.00 per year	<i>(last year's cost was \$ 28.00)</i>
24-Hour Coverage	\$124.00 per year	<i>(last year's cost was \$124.00)</i>
- Authorize Weiss Burkardt and Kramer, LLC to proceed with the recommended list of property assessment appeals for the 2027 tax year.
- Accept the quotation for the Worker's Compensation Policy with Eastern Alliance Insurance Group, from Proudfit & Risk Management, at an annual premium of \$61,669 for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. *(The cost for 2025-2026 was \$62,589.)*
- Accept the quotation for the Commercial Package Policy, which includes property, general liability, inland marine, crime, auto, and umbrella with Utica National Insurance from Proudfit & Risk Management, at a cost of \$172,063, with a two year guarantee on the property rate, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. *(The cost for 2025-2026 was \$160,130.)*
- Authorize the Business Manager to make all necessary year-end budget transfers in order to close out the 2025-2026 fiscal year. *(Once such transfers are made, appropriate details will be provided to the Board for final ratification. This request is made to avoid budgetary line items and categorical over expenditure as a result of year-end adjustments and final audit. School districts have been advised to request such blanket authorization for budgetary transfers by the director of school audits.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

Final Budget: Mr. Campbell moved and Mrs. Jones seconded that the Board approve the following:

- Adoption of the following resolution, which sets forth the general fund operating budget for the school year 2026-2027 consisting of total revenues of \$35,935,137 and expenditures of \$36,096,150. This budget includes a transfer from the Risk Management Fund of \$250,000 to supplement lost real estate tax revenue from the allocation of state gaming funds through the Taxpayer Relief Act. The budget is balanced through the use of \$161,013 of unassigned fund balance.

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the Washington School District, Washington County, Washington, Pennsylvania, hereby authorizes the expenditures of \$36,096,150 for the school year 2026-2027 and levies a tax of 14.7195 mills per assessed value dollar, (\$14.7195 per thousand dollars), which is a decrease of 0.3605 mills from the prior year; the Earned Income Tax Resolution as adopted on June 25, 1990 and amended June 26, 1995 and April 28, 2003; the Per Capita Tax Resolution adopted June 25, 1990 and amended April 28, 2003; an Emergency and Municipal Services Tax (Formerly Occupational Privilege Tax) adopted July 24, 1972 and amended December 18, 1972 and December 16, 1974, June 30, 2003 and June 6, 2005; the Realty Transfer Tax adopted July 24, 1972; the Mercantile License Tax adopted July 24, 1972; the Business Privilege Tax adopted June 21, 1976; and further, that the penalty for late payment of any taxes after November 1, 2026 be set at 10 percent.

Motion carried unanimously.

Homestead and Farmstead Resolution: Mrs. Jones moved and Mrs. Kilgore seconded that the Board approve the following:

-The Resolution concerning the Homestead and Farmstead exclusion for the school year 2026-2027, as presented, and to authorize the President of the Board of School Directors and Secretary to execute the same.

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 \$6,223,893.96.

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. King has been sending Board members weekly updates. There is currently a 12-month secretarial position opening at the elementary school and she will be advertising for two attendance/truancy positions.

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Hoffman distributed quarterly reports from the Tucker Law Firm.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Kilgore did not attend the last meeting. Mrs. King attended the meeting and stated that they approved their 2026-2027 meeting dates, hired a school police officer, granted tenure to teachers, approved retirements, had their Health and Safety Plan report, and approved non-professional salaries.

-PSBA – Ms. Clark reminded Board members to complete their mandatory trainings by June 30th. She also reminded them about the PSBA monthly online lunch meetings and their leadership conference in October.

-Parking Authority – No meeting.

IU1 – Mrs. Jones is the newly appointed representative. She shared information on support services they offer to schools in Pennsylvania.

-Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives:

Activities Committee (Mrs. Roberts) – Their meeting was canceled.

Education Committee (Mrs. Kilgore) – The committee met on May 21st and discussed AI policy making, Skyward issues, student interns for Washington Penn Plastics and how great the student attendance was for the Keystone Exams. They will not have a meeting in June.

Policy Committee (Mrs. Ewing) – The committee met on June 3rd and discussed the policies that were approved earlier on the agenda. The committee will not meet in July.

Information

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

B. 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.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 8:08 pm

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary