

August 5, 2026

A special meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 in the high school media center.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Roberts.

Roll Call:

Members Present:	Mrs. Rhonda Barnes	Mrs. Jennifer Ewing
	Mr. Eric Bird	Mrs. Kelly Jones
	Mr. John Campbell, Jr.	Mrs. Amy Roberts
	Ms. Frances Clark	

Absent: Ms. Teresa Funk and Mrs. Pamela Kilgore

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

Present: Mr. Robert Mihelcic, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Emily DiNardo, Business Manager
Mrs. Rebecca Hall, Solicitor

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.

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

Questions on the Agenda: The Board reviewed the agenda.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Resignation of **Taylor Keene**, a secondary science teacher, after 2 years of service in the district, effective August 11, 2026.
- Appointment of **Jessica Jones** as a secondary science teacher, bachelor’s degree, step 2, \$50,735, effective August 18, 2026.
- Appointment of **Luke Dami** as head cook at the elementary school, 177 to 181 days a year, 6 hours a day, \$21.99 an hour, effective August 25, 2026. *(Pending receipt of required documents.)*
- Approve the retirement incentive for **Employee #30**.

Motion carried; Mrs. Barnes abstained from voting on the retirement incentive for Employee #30. All other items were approved unanimously.

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

- Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to apply for the DCED Public School Facility Improvement Grant for the purpose of improving the roof, boilers, controls and communication system at the Washington Jr./Sr. High School with an understanding that the Washington School District must commit a 25% match of funds. The required match of funds will be paid for using the district's Capital Reserve Funds, not to exceed 1.25 million dollars, based upon the scope of the project approval.
- Approve the Resolution of the Board of Education for the Washington School District and the request for a Public-School Facility Improvement Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for facility upgrades at the Washington Jr./Sr. High School, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried unanimously. 6:49 pm.

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary