

August 17, 2026

A regular voting meeting of the Washington School Board was held on Monday, August 17, 2026 in the high school cafeteria.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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 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.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Mrs. Ewing moved and Ms. Clark seconded that the minutes of the July 20, 2026 regular voting meeting and the August 5, 2026 special meeting be approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

	<u>July 31, 2026</u>
General Fund	\$ 814,156.51
Payroll Account	\$ 85,946.68
Cafeteria Account	\$ 89,269.66
WHS Athletic Account	\$ 12,047.05
WHS Activities Account	\$ 79,574.20

WPS Activities Account	\$ 23,347.85
WSD PSDLAF-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 2,343,434.79
WSD-PSDLAF-Expendable Benefit Trust	\$ 891,941.99

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Resignation of **Ami Behrens**, 12-month secretary at the high school, after 10 years of service in the district. Mrs. Behrens' last day of work will be August 18, 2026.
- Resignation of **Jessica McCort** as the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society sponsors, retroactive to August 6, 2026.
- Appointment of **Michael Markley** as a full-time paraprofessional, 186 days a year, 7.5 hours a day, \$16.50 per hour, effective August 24, 2026.
- Appointment of **Tarra Ratley** as a full-time paraprofessional, 186 days a year, 7.5 hours a day, \$16.50 per hour. Start date will depend on when all employment documents are received.
- Supplemental employment of **Julia Calder**, **Antoinette Dirda** and **Rob Strnisha** as Cyber Teachers for the 2026-2027 school year, at \$28 per hour, not to exceed three (3) hours per week, unless approved by the Cyber Administrator.
- Addition of **Victor Ardeno** to the list of substitute custodians. (*Pending receipt of required employment documents.*)
- List of substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Junior/Senior High After-School Tutoring Program:
 - Grades 7 to 12
 - September 21, 2026 through June 3, 2027
 - Monday through Thursday
 - 3:00 to 4:00 pm
 - \$28 per hour
 - 1 Teacher
 - 1 Substitute
- Junior/Senior High School After-School Detention and Saturday Detention:
 - Grades 7 to 12
 - September 14, 2026 through June 1, 2027
 - Monday through Thursday
 - 3:00 to 4:00 pm (Monday through Thursday)
 - \$28 per hour
 - 1 Teacher (Monday through Thursday)
 - 1 Teacher (Saturday)
 - 1 Substitute (Monday through Thursday)
 - 1 Substitute (Saturday)
 - Saturday
 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (Saturday)

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Appointment of **Jason Henry** and **Emma Blickenderfer** as volunteer soccer coaches for the 2026 season.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board Policy: No policies to approve this month.

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

- Agreement with Amergis Educational Staffing to provide personnel for any additional staffing needs the district need for the 2026-2027 school year

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- List of bus and van drivers for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Ratification and payment of bills in the amount of \$3,228,830.96.

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. King reported on new teacher orientation, grant for the high school building repairs, meeting with Senator Bartolotta and Representative Tim O'Neal, annual picnic for support staff, Lemoyne Center's after-school program, and the appraisal of the administrative office building.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the appraisal of the administrative office building, the following item was put back on the table.

ITEM BROUGHT BACK TO THE TABLE: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Barnes seconded that the following item be brought back on the table and voted on:

- Base bid to replace the District Administration Office roof from Ramp Construction Company, Inc., at the bid price of \$196,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Administration Office Roof Replacement: Mrs. Ewing moved and Mrs. Jones seconded that the following item be approved:

- Base bid to replace the District Administration Office roof from Ramp Construction Company, Inc., at the bid price of \$196,000.

Motion carried, roll-call vote as follows:

Mrs. Rhonda Barnes	-yes	Ms. Teresa Funk	-no
Mr. Eric Bird	-yes	Mrs. Kelly Jones	-yes
Mr. John Campbell, Sr.	-no	Mrs. Pamela Kilgore	-yes
Ms. Frances Clark	-no	Mrs. Amy Roberts	-yes
Mrs. Jennifer Ewing	-yes		

Solicitor's Report: Attorney Hall had no report.

Special Representative Reports

-Western Area Career & Technology Center – Mrs. Kilgore reported on a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new nursing program that is being offered by the Community College of Beaver County. Their next meeting is Wednesday.

-PSBA – Ms. Clark reminded Board members to complete their mandatory training, and their annual conference is in October in the Poconos.

-IU1 – Mrs. Jones stated that they finalized the bargaining agreement, and they had a week of Inservice trainings, which included speakers. They discussed AI policies, a supervisor leadership and superintendent retreats and boot camps for administrative assistants and paraprofessionals.

-Parking Authority – Mr. Bird stated that they paid bills, dealt with a door malfunction, had their annual audit report from Cypher & Cypher, DQE replaced fiber lines, and their new equipment should arrive in September or October.

-Updates from Activities, Education and Policy Committee Representatives:

Activities Committee (Mrs. Roberts) – They did not meet in July.

Education Committee (Mrs. Kilgore) – They did not meet in July.

Policy Committee (Mrs. Ewing) – They did not meet in July.

Information

A. September Board Meeting – Monday, September 21, 2026

B. September Committee Meetings

Policy Committee – Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:30 pm via Zoom

Activities Committee – Thursday, September 10th at 4:00 pm

Education Committee – Thursday, September 17th at 4:00 pm

C. PSBA School Director Trainings – Has everyone completed their required trainings?

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

Motion carried unanimously. 7:08 pm

/s/ Lisa Coffield
Lisa Coffield, Board Secretary