

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session**

January 9, 2017

The meeting of the Board Work Session was convened on January 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School.

The following members were in attendance: Mr. Eric Duda, Dr. Bill Hallock, Mrs. Nancy McNally, Mr. Josh Paris, Mr. Marty Pushchak, Mr. Aaron Snippert, Mrs. Amanda Thayer-Zacks, and Dr. Andy Pushchak. Also in attendance were Mr. Ken Berlin, Superintendent; Mrs. Leslee Hutchinson, Assistant to the Superintendent; and Mrs. Vicki Bendig, Business Administrator. The following members were absent: Mrs. Brenda Sandberg.

Roll Call

Dr. Pushchak announced that prior to this evening's meeting, the Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel.

No visitors wished to address the Board.

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report of \$9,616,717.28 and a review the of Checks Already Written in the amount \$49,837.25. A full report will be given at the January 16, 2017 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's
Report

The Board discussed Engagement Agreement Special Counsel between Andrews & Price LLC and the Erie County Partner Districts. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

Engagement
Agreement
Special Counsel

The Board discussed the compensation rate for the collection of real estate taxes levied by the District as per Section 36.1 of the Local Tax Collection Law to be effective during the term of the office for the elected Tax Collectors commencing January 1, 2018. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

Compensation
for Tax
Collectors

The Board discussed the WASD General Fund Operating Budget for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$24,417,818.00 Also to direct the Business Administrator to submit the preliminary budget to PDE and provide notice that the district intends to seek approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for referendum exceptions allowed under the Act 1. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

Preliminary
General Fund
Budget 2017 -
2018 School
Year

The Board discussed the IRS Mileage Rate of 53.5 cents effective January 1, 2017. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

IRS Mileage

The Board discussed the Proposal to Study the Impact of Potential Elimination of High School Education in the Erie City School District. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

Study of Impact

The Board addressed the additions to the Kelly Educational Staffing List. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

Kelly Educational
Staffing

The Board discussed the following appointments:

- Haley Ottaway and Lauren Geniesse long-term substitute WAEC Teachers January 20, 2017 anticipated through June 9, 2017 at the compensation rate according to the WASD/WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.
- Melissa Novatnack as long-term substitute WAEC Special Education Teacher January 3, 2017 anticipated through February 6, 2017 at Masters, Step 1, \$42,593 according to the WASD/WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.
- Denise Rutkowski as Temporary Special Education Aide, Class B, 6 hours/day, retro-active January 4, 2017 for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year at the rate of \$13.32/hour

These items to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

Personnel
Appointments

The Board discussed the following Leave Requests:

- An identical to Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Crystal Walberg effective January 5, 2017.
- A Family Medical Leave of Absence for Pamela Burdick effective April 3, 2016.
- A Family Medical Leave of Absence for Shelley Thomspen-Ochterski effective January 9, 2017.

These items to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

Leave Requests

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

- Heather Hedderman to attend Simple STEM for Elementary on January 20, 2017 in Edinboro, PA. No Cost.
- Vicki Bendig to attend the PASBO Annual Conference on March 21-24, 2017 in Pittsburgh, PA. Cost \$822.38 Funds from Business Administrator Conferences.
- Serena Anderson and Jennifer Turner to attend Simple STEM Elementary K-6 Standards, January 20, 2017 in Edinboro, PA. Cost \$48.60. Funds from Professional Development.
- Lauren Cassano to attend PA Core for 7-12 Social Studies Educators on February 21, 2017 in Edinboro, PA. Cost \$104.30. Funds from Professional Development.
- Eric Schultz to attend PASBO Annual Conference on March 22-23, 2017 in Pittsburgh, PA. Cost \$620. Funds from Plant Operations Supervisor Conference

These items to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

Conference
Requests

The Board discussed tuition reimbursements. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

Tuition
Reimbursement

The Board discussed transportation requests. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

Transportation
Requests

The Board discussed additions to the WASD Volunteer List. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

WASD
Volunteers

The Board discussed the appointment of Patrick Rose as Pit Orchestra Director for the 2016-2017 school year at the salary of \$535. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

Extra-Curricular
Appointment

The Board discussed the addition of Ken Watkins to the 2016-2017 Game Help List. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2017 agenda.

Game Help

Mr. Duda updated the Board on the Erie County Technical School teacher's agreement. The ECTS Board have given the teacher their best and final offer and are waiting for the teachers' decision.

ECTS Update

There being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Snippert. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary