

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

February 13, 2017

The meeting of the Board Work Session was convened on February 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School.

The following members were in attendance: Dr. Bill Hallock, Mr. Josh Paris, Mr. Marty Pushchak, Mr. Aaron Snippet, 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: Mr. Eric Duda, Mrs. Nancy McNally and Mrs. Brenda Sandberg.

Roll Call

Dr. Pushchak announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to this evening's work session to discuss legal matters.

Dr. Pushchak addressed the public regarding the February 9<sup>th</sup> accident which claimed the life of Noah Wion, a fifth grader at the middle school. A moment of reflection was observed.

Mrs. Postlewaite addressed the Board regarding the budget and potential tax increase, also location for the Seneca Prom and facility use approval.

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$8,749,815.86 and a review the of Checks Already Written Exhibit A1 in the amount of \$94,136.39. A complete report will be given at the February 20, 2017 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's  
Report

The Board discussed the Local Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 20, 2016. This item to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

Local Audit  
Report

The Board discussed the transfer of \$500,000 from unassigned fund balance to the Capital Projects Fund. This item to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

Transfer of  
Funds

The Board discussed the Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract to replace the Seneca High School roof top chiller. This item to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

SHS Roof-Top  
Chiller

The Board discussed the following utilization of facilities requests:

- WAMS Kitchen & Cafeteria/Dining Room on Monday, March 6, 2017, 3:30 – 8:00 PM for the Quarterly meeting of School Nutrition Association of Pennsylvania (SNAPA) at no cost to the requestor.
- WAMS Gymnasium on Wednesdays, September 6, 2017 – May 23, 2018 from 7:20 – 9:45 PM for Adult Volleyball at no cost to the requestor.
- WAMS Hallways on Mondays and Thursdays, 5:00 – 7:00 PM when school is in session by the Running Club for running and conditioning.

Facility Use  
Requests

These items to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

The Board discussed the additions to the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute List. This item to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

Kelly  
Substitutes

- The Board discussed the following conference requests:
- Jeff Gifford to attend Penn State Turf Conference on March 21, 2017 in Meadville, PA at an estimated cost of \$109.22. Funds from plant operations.
- Sharon Gdaniec and Erica Young to attend Writing Best Practices in Grades 3-13 on March 28, 2017 in Edinboro, PA. Cost \$184.08. Funds from Professional Development.
- Custodial/Maintenance Staff to attend PASBO Custodial Training Day, on June 22, 2017 in Edinboro, PA. Cost: \$210. Funds from Plant Operations.
- Heather Hedderman to attend Pennsylvania State Library Association Conference on March 30 – April 1, 2017 in Hershey, PA. Cost \$889.81. Funds from Professional Development.

Conference  
Requests

These items to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

The Board discussed the following leave requests:

- Extended Disability Leave of Absence for Crystal Walberg, cafeteria aide effective March 14, 2017 according to the WASD/WESPA Local 2 Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.
- Family Medical Leave of Absence for Deborah McCandless effective February 1, 2017 according to the WASD/WESPA Local 2 Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.

Leave  
Requests

These items to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

The Board discussed the resolution that the Statement of Charges issued on January 16, 2017 and sent to Marcia Staudt, a temporary professional employee, on January 17, 2017 pursuant to Article XI of the Pennsylvania Public School Code, is hereby approved and, as recommended by the Superintendent, Marcia Staudt is hereby terminated, effective immediately. This item to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

Termination

The Board discussed the following appointments:

- Audrey Coletta as Attendance Officer for the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center effective January 17, 2017.
- Emily Trimble as a long-term substitute for WAEC at Bachelor's, Step 1, \$41,493\* effective February 6, 2017 anticipated through March 3, 2017.
- Robert Altadonna as a long-term substitute for WAMS at Bachelor's, Step 1, \$41,493\* anticipated effective April 3, 2017 through June 2, 2017.

Personnel  
Appointments

These items to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

The Board discussed the transportation requests. This item to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

Transportation  
Requests

The Board discussed the additions to the WASD Volunteer List. This item to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

WASD  
Volunteers

The Board discussed the resignations of Don Pearce as WAMS Boys' Soccer Coach (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) effective January 20, 2017 and Hudson Harrison as SHS Varsity Wrestling Coach effective January 16, 2017. This item to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

Athletic  
Resignations

The Board discussed the following athletic appointments:

- Ryan Murphy as Head Wrestling Coach, Step 1, \$4,556\* retro-active to January 17, 2017.
- James Koper as Head Baseball Coach, Step 1, \$3,321 (2016-2017).
- Gary Hanes as 1st Assistant Baseball Coach, Step 2, \$2,860 (2016-2017).
- Don Pearce as Head Boys' Soccer Coach, Step 6, \$4,321 (2017-2018).

Athletic  
Appointments

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The Board discussed the 2017 Seneca High School Prom to be held April 29, 2017 7:00 – 10:00 PM at the Masonic Temple & Conference Center, Erie, PA. This item to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

SHS Prom

The Board discussed the Senior Banquet to be held June 1, 2017, 6:00 – 8:00 PM aboard the Victorian Princess, Erie, PA. This item to be placed on the February 20, 2017 agenda.

SHS Senior  
Banquet

There being no further business, upon motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mr. Snippet, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File  
Vicki Bendig  
Board Secretary