

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

October 14, 2019

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on October 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School.

Dr. Bill Hallock, Mr. Josh Paris, , Mr. Marty Pushchak, Mrs. Brenda Sandberg, Mr. Aaron Snippert, Mrs. Amanda Thayer-Zacks, and Dr. Andy Pushchak attended. Also in attendance were Mr. Ken Berlin, Superintendent; Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, Assistant to the Superintendent; and Mrs. Vicki Bendig, Business Administrator. Mr. Eric Duda and Mrs. Julie Piekiewicz were absent.

Roll Call

Danny Carter addressed the Board regarding the athletic program and District. He stated that hazing, racism, bullying, and the storage of athletic equipment are all concerns he has.

Guest and
Citizen
Comments

David Trayer shared that he was Danny Carter's neighbor while growing up, a former member of the Marines, and a Veteran of the Vietnam War. Dr. Pushchak thanked him, Danny Carter, and all veterans for their service on behalf of the Board.

Helen Carter-Snell, aunt of Danny Carter and Seneca graduate stated that she shares some of the same concerns expressed by Danny Carter.

Seneca student, Josh Barry addressed the Board regarding concerns with coaches and the school. He started to speak about a student disciplinary matter, but Dr. Pushchak redirected him stating that specific details of student disciplinary actions cannot be discussed in a public forum.

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund: \$7,900,721.64 and Capital Projects: \$1,652.42 and a review the of Checks Already Written totaling \$42,026.56. A full report will be given at the October 21, 2019 meeting.

Treasurer's
Report

The Board discussed the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Erie County Land Bank and Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be removed from the agenda.

Land Bank
Agreement

The Board discussed the Standard Form of Agreement Between Wattsburg Area School District and HHSDR Inc. for the Wattsburg Elementary Center – Adult Toilet Room Improvements. This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

HHSDR
Agreement

The Board discussed the following use of facility requests:

- Elementary center gymnasium by the Seneca Soccer Club on Thursdays in October 2019 and November 7, 2019, 5:45 – 8:00 p.m. for 5th & 6th Grade Boys' Indoor Soccer practice at no cost to the requestor.
- Elementary center gymnasium by the Seneca Soccer Club on Saturdays February 29, 2020 through May 2, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. for Elementary Spring Soccer Club Sessions at no cost to the requestor.

Facility Use
Requests

- Seneca High School auditorium and cafeteria dining room by Shining Stars Special Needs on Saturday, April 25, 2020, 3:00 – 8:30 PM for the Shining Stars Special Needs Pageant at an estimated cost of \$537.49

This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

The Board discussed the additions to the Kelly Educational Staffing and the Service Substitute lists. This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

Substitute Lists

The Board discussed the resignation of Carolyn Greenawalt, custodian effective October 2, 2019. This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

Personnel
Resignation

The Board discussed the leave request for Karly Long utilizing sick/personal days and Family Medical Leave of Absence anticipated April 22, 2020 through June 5, 2020. This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

Leave Request

The Board discussed the following appointments:

Personnel
Appointments

- Robert Englert as Assistant Principal at Seneca High School effective October 30, 2019 and the agreement between Mr. Englert and Wattsburg Area School District effective October 30, 2019.
- Michael Rimdzius as LT Substitute – SHS anticipated September 30, 2019 through June 5, 2019 at master's Step 1.
- Meckenzie Jones as Custodian, Level II, Class B, 6.50 hours/day, 210 days/year effective October 22, 2019.
- Taylor Campbell as Special Education Aide, Class B, 7 hours/day 180 days/year effective TBD.
- Christine Fry as Custodian, Level II, Class B, 7 hours/day, 205 days/year effective October 22, 2019.

This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

Conference
Requests

- Mary Beth Hengelbrok to attend CS Academy Fall Workshop October 21 and November 4, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$338.20. Funds from Instructional Travel and Substitute accounts.
- Erica Young, Laura Vogel and Julie O'Donnell to attend CDT Updates on October 4, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$477.30. Funds from Professional Development.
- Michelle Pissano and Brittany Smiley to attending the Ins and Outs of Progress Monitoring on October 30, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$266. Funds from Special Education.
- Michelle Pissano and Brittany Smiley to attend Getting on Track to Read by Grade 2 on November 19, 2019 in Edinboro at an estimated cost of \$26.10. Funds from Special Education.
- Jennifer Malec to attend CS for All PA K-8 Integrated Model on October 10, 2019 and February 10-11 and May 12, 2020 in Pittsburgh, PA. Funds covered by Grant.
- Tim Schweitzer, Mike Grove, Paul Semrau, and MaryBeth Hengelbrok to attend Mid-Atlantic Science Olympiad Coaches Clinic on November 2, 2019 in State College, PA at an estimated cost of \$778.36. Funds from Professional Development.

- Paul Semrau to attend Intro to Arduino on November 20, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$159.10. Funds from Instructional Travel and substitute accounts.
- Vicki Bendig to attend PSABO Annual Conference March 17-20, 2019 in Pittsburgh, PA at an estimated cost of \$1,181.00. Funds from BA Conferences.
- Jeff Gifford to attend Turf and Ornamentals Conference of Northwest Pennsylvania on January 7, 2020 in Meadville, PA at an estimated cost of \$ 118.36. Funds from Maintenance.
- Vicki Bendig to attend Orientation to School Food Services Operations on October 23-24, 2019 in Harrisburg, PA at an estimated cost of \$628.44. Fund from BA Conferences

This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

The Board discussed the Act 93 Agreement with Jessica Mathis for 2019-2024.
This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

Act 93
Agreement

The Board discussed the School Physician as Saint Vincent Medical Group at the rate of \$15.00 per physical exam effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

School Physician

The Board discussed Dr. Richard Brozewicz, DDS, as the school Dentist for the 2019-2020 school year at the rate of \$5.00 per exam. This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

School Dentist

The Board discussed the homebound instruction for a 9th Grade student anticipated September 16, 2019 through December 16, 2019. This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

Homebound
Instruction

The Board discussed the implementation of the EL Education curriculum and associated supplemental materials for grades 4-6 and the selective implementation for grades 7-8. This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

EL Education
Curriculum

The Board discussed the transportation requests and ratification of field trips since the last meeting . This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

Field Trip
Requests

The Board discussed the additions to the WASD Volunteer List. This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

Volunteer List

The Board discussed the resignation of Tim Malinowski as weightlifting coach effective October 3, 2019. This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

Athletic
Resignation

The Board discussed the surplus items. This item to be placed on the October 21, 2019 agenda.

Surplus Items

Dr. Hallock shared that a Seneca student has an be awarded an Exemplary Student award from the Erie County Technical School. This award is for perfect

Erie County
Technical School

attendance AND honor roll. We hope to present the award at next week's meeting.

Dr. Pushchak shared that the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Executive and Assistant Director will attend our October 21, 2019 meeting. Also, the Tri-County Intermediate Board will meet next week. There being no further business, upon motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mr. Snippert, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate
Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary