

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 19, 2018

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Regular Board meeting at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on February 19, 2018. President Andy Pushchak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The WEAC Principals' Award students led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Pushchak and Mr. Berlin presented the students with a certificate, stickers and a flag.

Mr. Eric Duda, Dr. Bill Hallock, Mrs. Julie Pikiwicz, Mr. Marty Pushchak, Mrs. Brenda Sandberg, and Dr. Andy Pushchak attended. Also in attendance were Mr. Kenneth Berlin, Superintendent; Dr. Leslee Hutchinson, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mrs. Vicki Bendig Business Administrator and Attorney Christine McClure, Solicitor. Mr. Josh Paris, Mr. Aaron Snippert, and Mrs. Amanda Thayer-Zacks were absent.

Roll Call

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Dr. Hallock to approve the agenda and addendum as presented. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Agenda

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Dr. Hallock to approve the meeting minutes of the January 15, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and Finance Committee meeting and the February 12, 2018 Work Session and Policy Committee Meeting. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

Makenzie Hopson, Secretary of the SHS Student Council, updated the Board on the events the Council have held, the upcoming events they are planning and also that they are recruiting the Eighth Grade students who are interested in serving on Student Council to include them in some of the upcoming events.

School Reports

Mr. Hudnall shared that the WAMS Fifth & Sixth Grades have been working with Kathy Umlauf of the Erie Art Museum to design and curate exhibits of Native Americans and construct enormous animal columns using found objects. These are on display in the middle school.

No guest or citizen requested addressing the Board this evening.

Guest & Citizen Comments

Mr. Berlin introduced Lesa Scalise of the Erie County Technical School Teachers' Association who addressed the board regarding the teachers of ECTS Contract negotiations.

Superintendent's Report

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Dr. Hallock to approve the following reports, payments and invoices as presented:

- Revenue & Expenditure Reports for January
 - [General Fund](#): \$9,922,233.13
 - [Cafeteria Report](#): \$16,606.45
- Checks and Invoices
 - [Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$64,392.11
 - [Exhibit A2](#) General Fund Bills: \$349,541.79
 - [Exhibit A3](#) Checks Already Written: \$12,210.43
 - [Exhibit B](#) Cafeteria Bills: \$24,325.16
 - [Exhibit D](#) SHS Activity Fund Report: \$61,745.09

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Business
Administrator's
Report**

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Dr. Hallock to authorize the Business Administrator to transfer \$1,450,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the Committed Fund Balance and to commit the total Committed Fund Balance of \$2,728,588 to future construction projects. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition.

**Fund Balance
Transfer**

Motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to approve the following facility use requests:

- The elementary center gymnasium by Seneca Soccer Club every Saturday, March 3 through May 12, 2018, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM for Spring soccer games at no cost to the requestor.
- The middle and elementary gymnasiums by Bobcat Basketball every Friday, February 23 through April 27, 2018, 4:00 – 6:00 PM for basketball practice. (the team is composed of Seneca students as well as students from other schools).
- The high school Media Center by PASBO Northwest Facility Managers on March 15, 2018, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM for a meeting and a tour of Seneca at no cost to the requestor.

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Facility Use
Requests**

Motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to authorize the district to utilize state purchasing programs and suppliers for various products and supplies for the 2017-2018 and the 2018-2019 school years. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**State Purchasing
Programs**

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mr. Pushchak to approve the following additions to the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute List.

Isabella Aleksandrowicz	Justin Fallon	Michael Long
Jafa Armagost	Maxwell Knight	Spencer Myers
Leah Birosack	Jennifer Lockett	Jordan Wood

Motion approved by a voice vote with one abstention (Mr. Duda). Motion carried.

**Kelly Educational
Staffing Substitutes**

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve the addition of Charles Woodard to the WASD Service Personnel Substitute List retro to

Service Substitutes

February 8, 2018 for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve the following Conference Requests:

Conference Requests

- Leslee Hutchinson to attend PAFPC Annual Conference, April 29th – May 2, 2018 in Hershey, PA. Estimated cost \$1,297.81. Funds from Title I Staff Development Professional Education and Title I Staff Development Travel.
- Vince DiMichele, Serena Anderson, Traci Brunner and Chris Paris to attend School Climate Pilot, Feb 1, March 6, and April 26, 2018 in Edinboro, PA. Estimated cost: \$553.58. Funds from Professional Development and Substitutes.
- Madelyn Simmons, Victoria Pawlak, Emily Manino and MerriBeth Knappenberger to attend Mental Health Issues in the Classroom on March 7, 2018 in Erie, PA. Estimated cost: \$705.36. Funds from Special Education and Substitutes.
- Ken Berlin to attend PSBA Spring Legal Roundup on February 28, 2018 in Meadville, PA. Estimated cost \$300. Funds from Superintendent travel/conferences.
- Hillary Barboni, Keith Miller, and Chris Paris to attend PDE Data Summit on March 25-28, 2018 in Hershey, PA. Estimated cost \$3,374.07. Funds from Professional Development.
- Lauren Fye to attend Project Based Learning to Enrich the Gifted Mind March 9, 2018 in Edinboro, PA. Estimated cost: \$104.53. Funds from Professional Development and Substitutes.
- Jeff Gifford to attend Northwest PA Athletic Field and Turf conference on March 20, 2018 in Meadville, PA. Cost: \$115.14. Funds from Maintenance.
- Ken Berlin to attend PSAS 2018 Educational Congress on March 18-20, 2018 in State College. Cost \$840. Funds from Superintendent Conferences.
- Jeff Gifford to attend NW PA Pesticide Class on March 6, 2018 in Girard, PA. Cost: \$25.00. Funds from Maintenance.
- Erin Fonzo to attend Share Northwest on May 10, 2018 in Erie, PA. Cost: \$80.00 Funds from Professional Development.

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mr. Duda to accept the following resignations:

Resignations

- Barbara Maleski, Special Education Aide for the purpose of retirement effective June 7, 2018.
- Neil Peters, Long-term Substitute effective February 5, 2018

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Dr. Pushchak prefaced the Policy items stating to the public that the Board had discussed all policies at the Policy Committee Meeting on February 12, 2018.

Policy Adoption

Motion by Mrs. Pikiewicz, seconded by Dr. Hallock to adopt Policy 150 - Title 1 – Comparability of Services as outlined in [Exhibit E](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Pikiewicz, seconded by Dr. Hallock to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- 103 – Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices - [Exhibit F](#)
- 103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities – [Exhibit G](#)
- 104 – Nondiscrimination in Employment and Contract Practices – [Exhibit H](#)
- 302 – Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent – [Exhibit I](#)
- 311 – Suspensions/Furloughs – [Exhibit J](#)
- 808 – Food Services – [Exhibit K](#)
- 819 - Suicide Awareness – [Exhibit L](#)

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Pikiewicz, seconded by Dr. Hallock to delete the following policies and the references to them in affected Policies (203.1, 253, 249, 252, 314.1, 815, and 824) as outlined:

- 248 – Unlawful Harassment – [Exhibit M](#)
- 310 – Abolishing a Position – [Exhibit N](#)
- 348 – Unlawful Harassment – [Exhibit O](#)

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mr. Pushchak to approve the Keynote Speaking Agreement between Mark Schumacher and WASD for staff development as outlined in [Exhibit P](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to approve the following transportation requests and ratification of field trips since last meeting

Policy First Readings

Deletion of Policies

Keynote Speaker Agreement

Transportation Requests

Group Requesting:	Date:	Destination:	Estimated Cost:	Funds By:
Boys' Basketball Team 9-12	Saturday, February 3, 2018	Erie Insurance Arena	\$140.00	Student Activities
Grade 6	Wednesday, February 28, 2018	Erie Art Museum	\$430.00	Student Activities
AFJROTC	Saturday, March 3, 2018	North Allegheny High School	\$0.00	All expenses paid by AFJROTC
Discovery Gifted Grade 7	Tuesday, March 6, 2018	Northwest Tri-County IU 5	\$280.00	Student Activities

Grade 11 students	Tuesday, March 6, 2018	Mercyhurst University	\$300.00	
Adv Science Students 9-12	Friday, March 9, 2018	Carnegie Science Center	\$1,060.00	Student Activities Substitute Account
Grade 1	Friday, March 16, 2018	Cinemark Tinseltown	\$1,239.95	PTO
Grade 8	Friday, June 1, 2018	Cedar Point, Sandusky, OH	\$180.00 TBD	Students (admission) Principal Account (subs) Students - Coach Bus
Envirothon Students	Thursday, May 3, 2018	Headwaters Park, Erie, PA	\$420	Student Activities Substitute Account
Vocal Ensemble Students	Wednesday, March 21, 2018	Mercyhurst University	\$455.60	Student Activities Substitute Account
Seneca Students	Friday, February 23, 2018	Ferrell High School	\$300.00	Student Activities
SHS Learning Support Student	Friday, March 9, 2018	Ambassador Conference Center, Erie	\$210.00	Student Activities
Kindergarten	Thursday, May 24, 2018	Erie Zoo	\$460.00	PTO

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to approve April Dropsho, Lourdez Medina and Caleb Shouey as additions to the WASD Volunteer List. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

WASD Volunteer List

Motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to approve the following extra-curricular appointments to be compensated in accordance to the WASD/WEA Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Extra-Curricular Appointments

After-School Math Tutors

Christopher Boyd
 Serena Anderson
 Dana Cerroni (substitute)

After-School ELA Tutors

Donna Banks
 Gretchen Ruprecht
 Traci Brunner (substitute)

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to approve the following appointments for the 2017-2018 school year with compensation according to the WASD/WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement:

- Don Pearce as Boys Soccer 2nd Assistant Coach, Step 5, \$2,341.
- Dana Cerroni as Track & Field 2nd Assistant Distance Coach, Step 1, \$1,986.
- Alyssa Hunter as Track & Field 2nd Assistant Sprints and Hurdles Coach, Step 1, \$1,986.
- Kyle Forte as Track & Field 2nd Assistant Jumping Coach, Step 1, \$1,986.
- Ryan Murphy as Track & Field 2nd Assistant Throws Coach, Step 1, \$1,986.

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Hallock seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to accept the resignations of Jon DiBello as 2nd Assistant Boys' Soccer coach effective January 22, 2018 and Gary Hanes as Assistant Baseball Coach effective January 26, 2018.

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Hallock seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to approve the addition of Emily Manino to the 2017-2018 Game Help List. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Dr. Hallock to adopt the Resolution opposing ESA Voucher Programs (SB-2) as outlined in [Exhibit Q](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Mr. Duda shared that while he cannot comment on the negotiations between the ECTS JOC and the Local 1589 Teacher Union, he feels they are doing due diligence and will hopefully reach an agreement in the near future.

Dr. Pushchak updated the board on the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit. The growth areas of the IU are Early Childhood Intervention and Adult Education. IU5 serves 10,000 students through programs they offer. Also, they have a preliminary budget for the 2018-2019 school year.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mrs. Pikiewicz the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Athletic Appointments

Athletic Resignations

Game Help

ESA Voucher Resolution

Erie County Technical School

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
School Board Secretary