

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 16, 2018

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Regular Board meeting at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on April 16, 2018.

President Andy Pushchak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Eric Duda, Dr. Bill Hallock, Mr. Josh Paris, Mrs. Julie Pikiewicz, Mr. Marty Pushchak, Mrs. Brenda Sandberg, Mr. Aaron Snippert, Mrs. Amanda Thayer-Zacks, 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.

Roll Call

Elementary center Citizenship Award students led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Pushchak and Mr. Berlin presented the students with a certificate, stickers and flags.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda

Motion by Mr. Snippert, seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to approve the meeting minutes of the March 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and the April 9, 2018 Work Session, Building & Grounds and Finance Committee meetings. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

Dr. Pushchak recognized Mrs. Kotler, K-6 Life Skills Teacher. Mrs. Kotler explained the bag for each board member containing a letter and a rock painted by the Life Skills students and a card stating "Thank you for being a rock that helps build my future". She thanked the board for supporting the Life Skills class and the activities they learn from.

Guests & Citizen Comments

Mrs. Rita Postlewaite addressed the Board regarding the termination of Activity Bus for after-school events and practices. Mr. Berlin shared that this was discussed at the Transportation Committee meeting in March and it was open to the public.

During School Reports, Mr. Paris updated the board on the academics at the middle school. What the staff and administration have incorporated and also plan to incorporate to improve academics. Utilizing classroom diagnostic tools, analyzing growth data and benchmarks along with conferencing students and involving parents in their children's education. Mr. Paris will continue to keep the board updated on the progress at the middle school.

School Reports

Mr. Berlin shared that he attended the Legislative Roundtable where superintendent's met with representatives on Friday, April 13, 2018. There was much discussion about Charter Schools and the 40-million dollars in Erie County that is being taken from public schools to support charter schools.

Superintendent's Report

They also focused on school safety and the flood of safety bills being brought before the Senate. Mr. Berlin shared with the representatives that grants to fortify schools will not help if Plancon is no longer offered to schools to help with repairs and improvements.

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

- Revenue & Expenditure Reports
 - [General Fund](#): \$8,301,114.07
 - [Cafeteria Report](#): \$9,361.99
- Checks and Invoices
 - [Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$47,585.63
 - [Exhibit A2](#) General Fund Bills: \$365,154.56
 - [Exhibit A3](#) Checks Already Written: \$4,427.37
 - [Exhibit B](#) Cafeteria Bills: \$22,278.10
 - [Exhibit D](#) SHS Activity Fund Report: \$62,558.35

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

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Dr. Hallock to approve the adoption of the proposed General Fund Budget for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$29,740,045.00 and to authorize the Secretary to post the following notice: The Board of Directors tentatively approved the proposed final budget for the Wattsburg Area School District for the fiscal year of 2018-2019 on April 16, 2018. A copy of the said budget in the amount of \$29,740,045.00 is open for inspection by the public Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office, 10782 Wattsburg, Road, Erie, PA 16509. Adoption of the final budget is scheduled for June 18, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. In a recorded roll call vote, those voting "Yes": Mr. Pushchak, Mrs. Sandberg, Mr. Snippert, Mrs. Thayer-Zacks, Mr. Duda, Dr. Hallock, Mr. Paris, Mrs. Pikiewicz and Dr. Pushchak. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Snippert to approve the transfer of \$8,800 from Committed Fund Balance to Capital Project Fund for the storage building project. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Dr. Hallock to approve the 457(b) Agreement at outlined in [attachment 1](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Snippert, seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to approve the following facility use requests:

- WAMS Cafeteria and Gathering Area on Mondays April 23 – June 4, 2018, 2:40 – 3:40 p.m. by the Hatch Hollow Baptist Church at no cost to the requestor.

**Business
Administrator's
Report**

**Proposed Final
General Fund
Budget for
2018-2019**

Budgetary Transfer

457(b) Agreement

**Facility Use
Requests**

- District athletic fields and concession stand on September 22, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. by Wattsburg Elementary & Middle School Cross Country for a Cross County Race at no cost to the requestor.

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

Motion by Mr. Snippert, seconded by Dr. Hallock to award the storage building project to Town & Country Builders (General Contractor) at the bid of \$72,419.00 and to Neely Communications, Inc. (Electrical) at the bid of \$11,477.58. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Snippert, Mrs. Thayer Zacks, Dr. Hallock, Mr. Paris, Mrs. Pikiewicz, Mr. Pushchak, Mrs. Sandberg, and Dr. Pushchak. Mr. Duda voted "No". Motion carried.

**Storage Building
Bid Awards**

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mr. Snippert to approve Kathryn Groh, Kimberly Oedekoven and Chelsea Platz as additions to the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute List. Motion approved by a voice vote with one abstention (Mr. Duda). Motion carried.

**Kelly Educational
Staffing Substitute
List**

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mrs. Pikiewicz to approve the following:

- Luann Young-Mott as an addition to the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2017-2018 school year effective April 10, 2018.
- Tuition reimbursements as outlined in [Exhibit E](#).
- The following appointments:
 - Katelyn Czarnecki as Cafeteria Aide, Class C, 3.25 hours/day, 180 days/year at the rate of \$11.79 effective April 9, 2018.
 - Kathleen Mineo WAMS Long-term Substitute at Masters, Step 1, \$42,732 according to the WASD/WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement anticipated effective April 5 – June 8, 2018.
 - Eli Brunner as Custodian, Class A, 8 hours/day, 260 days/year at the rate of \$13.21 effective April 17, 2018.
 - Summer School Teachers to be paid at the contractual rate according to the WASD/WEA Collective Bargaining Unit as follows:
 - Seneca High School:
 - Sue Nolan - Mathematics
 - Cecilia Polumbo – Science
 - Christopher Langer-Williamson – English
 - Wattsburg Area Middle School
 - Donna Banks - English
 - Julie Canter – Science
 - Jennifer Turner – Grades 5 & 6
- Extended School Year Teacher throughout the month of July 2018 and possibly into August 2018 to be paid at contractual rate according to the WASD/WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement:

Service Sub List

**Tuition
Reimbursement
Appointments**

**Extended School
Year**

	In-Home	LSS ESY
Pam Carson	Dave Hammer	Victoria Pawlak
Leslie Drumm	Ray Trejchel	Emily Manino

- The resignations of Lori Dellamedaglia, WAMS Teacher effective April 20, 2018 and Barb Maleski, Special Education Aide, for the purpose of retirement effective April 13, 2018.
- Meredith Gourley and Julie Danowski to attend the Handle with Care Instructor Re-Certification Program on June 14, 2018 in Erie, PA at a cost of \$900. Funds from Special Education.

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

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mr. Snippert to approve the resolution for retirement incentive for professional employees as outlined in [attachment 2](#). In a recorded roll call vote, those voting "Yes": Mrs. Sandberg, Mr. Snippert, Mrs. Thayer-Zacks, Dr. Hallock, Mr. Paris, Mrs. Pikiewicz, Mr. Pushchak and Dr. Pushchak. Mr. Duda voted "No". Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mr. Snippert to approve the following:

- The contract for Language Instructional Education Program Services between Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit and WASD for the 2018-2019 school year as outlined in [Exhibit F](#).
- Homebound instruction for a WAMS student beginning March 26, 2018 with an anticipated ending date of June 7, 2018.
- The transition from an Intensive Block Schedule to a Modified AB Intensive Block Schedule beginning the 2020-2021 school year.
- The course additions of AP Computer Science, Software Development and Website Development for the 2018-2019 school year as outlined [Exhibit G](#)
- The purchase of Naviance college and career readiness program as outlined in [Exhibit H](#).

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

Motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Snippert to approve the following transportation/field trip requests:

Group Requesting:	Date:	Destination:	Estimated Cost:	Funds By:
6th Grade Mentor Group	Wednesday, April 18, 2018	PSU	\$100.00	Student Activities
Grade 2	Friday, May 18, 2018	Erie Playhouse Golden Corral	\$1,725.00	PTO
AFJROTC	Saturday, May 5 – Sunday, May 6, 2018	AF Museum, Dayton, OH	TBD	ROTC Fund Raising
WAMS Tutoring Students	Friday, May 25, 2018	Cedar Point	\$200.00	Special Education
Fuel Up to Play 60 Students	Tuesday, May 15, 2018	Heinz Field	\$614.32	FUTP60
Senior Class (2018)	Wednesday, June 6, 2018	Cedar Point, Sandusky, OH	\$1,020.00	Class of 2018 Funds

Resignations

Conference Requests

Retirement Incentive

Language Instructional Education Program

Homebound Instruction Block Schedule to Modified AB SHS Courses

Naviance Program

Transportation Requests

				Sub Account
Spanish I, II, III Classes	Thursday, April 26, 2018	Toreros Mexican Restaurant	\$280.00	Student Activities
WAMS Students & Staff	Thursday, May 31, 2018	Erie Seawolves	\$5,400.00	Students Trans (Seawolves)
WAMS Envirothon Team	Thursday, May 10, 2018	ECCD Headwater Park	TBD	Student Activities
Trout-In-Classroom Students	Friday, May 18, 2018	South Branch of French Creek McDonalds	TBD	Student Activities
WAMS & SHS Science Olympiad Teams	Friday, April 27 – Saturday, April 28, 2018	Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA	\$10,004.02	Student Activities
Grade 2	Tuesday, May 22, 2018	PSU Behrend Planetarium	\$375.00	PTO
ES/LS Students SHS	Tuesday, May 1, 2018	Tom Ridge Enviro Center	\$490.00	Special Education
ES/LS Students SHS	Friday, June 1, 2018	Erie Escape Game	\$830.00	Special Education

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

Mr. Duda was unable to attend the Erie County Technical JOB meeting so there is no report this evening.

Dr. Pushchak briefed the board on the programs the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit offers at the work session last week. No additional report for this month.

Upon motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mrs. Pikiewicz, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Transportation Requests

ECTS

Tri-County Intermediate Unit

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
School Board Secretary