

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

January 14, 2019

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

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

Roll Call

No visitors requested to address the Board.

Guest & Citizens

Dr. Pushchak announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the work session to discuss personnel items.

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund balance of \$12,194,163.95 and a review of the Checks Already Written for \$53,485.16. A complete Treasurer's Report will be given at the January 21, 2019 meeting.

Treasurer's
Report

Mr. Berlin updated the Board that the statewide S2S (Safe 2 Say) go live date was today. The Raptor visitor system will go live on January 22, 2019 and next week Dr. Hutchinson will give our assessment update.

Superintendent's
Report

The Board discussed the Local Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 as prepared by Buffamante, Whipple, Buttafaro, P.C. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Local Audit
Report

The Board discussed the Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution certifying that the tax rate will remain within the inflation index and no need to comply with the Act 1 Accelerated Budget Procedures for the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Act 1
Accelerated
Budget

The Board discussed the resolution that Wattsburg Area School District's Market Value contribution to the Erie County Technical School renovation contingent upon (i) 100% participation of current contributing school districts; (ii) approval by all current participating school districts of a construction contract anticipated to begin in 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$32,500,000.00 (Thirty – two million five hundred thousand dollars) and (iii) the Wattsburg Area School District securing funds for its contribution, not to exceed an average annual preliminary estimated contribution of \$128,000 including principal and interest on a 20 year bond. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Erie County
Technical School
Construction
Resolution

The Board discussed the IRS Mileage Rate of 58¢/mile for business travel effective January 1, 2019. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

IRS Mileage

The Board discussed the additions to the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute and the Service Substitute lists. These items to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Substitute Lists

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

Conference
Requests

- Dana Miller and Traci Brunner to attend Teachers College Reading and Writing Project March 15-16, 2019 in New York, NY at an estimated cost of \$1,660.55. Funds from Professional Development WAMS.
- James Caspar to attend PMEA State Conference April 3-6, 2018 in Pittsburgh, PA at an estimated cost of \$1,027.70. Funds from Professional Development.
- Serena Anderson, Traci Brunner, Vince DiMichele, Chris Langer-Williamson, Bret Smith, Mary Beth Henglebrok, and Val Zampogna to attend PDE School Climate Data Analysis on January 3rd, February 5th, and May 13, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$547.18. Funds from Professional Development and Substitute.
- Rhonda Henry and Branden Williams to attend PDE Math Special Event: Depth of Knowledge Item Writing and Scoring on February 12, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$233.59. Funds from Professional Development and Substitute.
- Pam Burdick and Kristen Ward to attend PDE Math Special Event: Depth of Knowledge Item Writing and Scoring on February 13, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$233.59. Funds from Professional Development and Substitute.
- Emily Trimble to attend Project Based Learning for the Gifted Mindset on February 4, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$106.10. Funds from Professional Development and Substitute.

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

The Board discussed the tuition reimbursement requests. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Tuition
Reimbursements

The Board discussed the appointments of Barbara Eisert as Extra-Curricular Activities Aide, Class C, 2.75 hours/day, 144 days/year effective January 2, 2019 and Brayden Nichols-Shaw as custodian, Level II, Class B, 6.50 hours/day, 210 days/year effective January 2, 2019. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Personnel
Appointments

The Board discussed the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Peggy Lewis, effective January 17, 2019. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Personnel
Resignations

The Board discussed the school calendar for 2019-2020 and August 29, and 30, 2019 as Act 80 days for dismissal at the start of the school year for a partial group of Kindergarten students. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

School Calendar
2019-2020

The Board discussed the Agreement for Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth between Bethesda Lutheran Services and Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Agreement for
Alternative
Education

The Board discussed academic services of LearnWell for a hospitalized SHS student beginning January 3, 2019 with an estimated end date of February 2, 2019. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Academic
Services for
Hospitalized
Student

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

Transportation
Requests

The Board discussed the additions to the Game Help List for 2018-2019. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Game Help

The Board discussed the additions to the volunteer list. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Volunteer List

The Board discussed the organization of the following clubs at Seneca High School:

Non-Curricular
Clubs

- A non-curricular club Seneca High School Gay-Straight Alliance (referred to as SHS Alliance). The purpose of the club is increase awareness and encourage acceptance or tolerance of our LGBTQ population as outlined.
- A non-curricular Environmental Science Club. The purpose of the club is to study for the Envirothon and other environmental activities such as recycling, cleaning our community and school campus, composting, etc.

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The Board discussed the resignations of Scott Jenco, Assistant Football Coach effective December 10, 2018 and Don Pearce, Second Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach effective January 10, 2019. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Athletic
Resignations

The Board discussed the opening of the Boys' Varsity Soccer Head Coach position. This item to be placed on the January 21, 2019 agenda.

Open Position

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

Marching Band
Surplus

Dr. Hallock shared that the Erie County Technical School Joint Operations Board will meet next week.

Erie County
Technical School

Dr. Pushchak shared that he will continue to chair the personnel committee of the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board and that the intermediate unit has their local audit on the agenda for approval next week.

Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate Unit

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Mrs. Thayer-Zacks inquired about the academic calendar and Mrs. Pikiwicz inquired about compensation for the club advisors.

Board
Correspondence
& Dialogue

There being no further business, by motion by Dr. Hallock , seconded by Mrs. Thayer-Zacks, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary