

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 21, 2019

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Regular Board meeting at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on January 21, 2019.

President Andy Pushchak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Eric Duda, 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. Kenneth Berlin, Superintendent; Dr. Leslee Hutchinson, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mrs. Vicki Bendig Business Administrator and Attorney Christine McClure, Solicitor. Mrs. Julie Pikiewicz was absent.

Roll Call

Dalton Boyd, Hudson Cage, Jaslene Cage and Ava O'Donnell, Leader of the Month recipients of WAEC led the 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 Mr. Pushchak to approve the meeting minutes of the December 10, 2018 Regular Board Meeting and the January 14, 2019 Work Session as presented. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Miller introduced Madison Hoover, a senior at Seneca High School to the Board. Madison has been an outstanding student at Seneca, both on the soccer field and off. She has been chosen Athlete of the Week multiple times, has led the girls' soccer team to Region 3 Championship three times, District top 10 class and has signed a letter of intent with Mercyhurst University to continue to pursue her soccer career. Madison also a member of the National Honor Society and a great representative of Seneca High School both academically and in sports. Dr. Pushchak and Mr. Berlin congratulated Madison for her successes, for being such a great representative for the District and wished Madison success as she continues her educational and athletic journey.

School Reports SHS

Mr. Hudnall updated the Board on Middle School happenings as he spotlighted Mr. Paul Semrau. Mr. Semrau has worked on securing many grants this year including \$500 trout in classroom, \$930 Study Grant in ELA/Science and also a \$5,000 Eco Study grant from Lowes. It is his going the extra mile that has given WAMS students learning opportunities they would not usually have.

WAMS

Mr. Calabrese shared that the elementary center has a new program called Leader of the Month Award. To be eligible to earn this great recognition, students must demonstrate at least four of the six qualities (Listen, Empathy,

WAEC

Attitude, Dependability, Effort and Respect). Two students from each grade are chosen (1 boy/1girl) each month for the award and are given a certificate, Leader of the Month T-shirt, Name recognition on the WAEC webpage and name and photograph displayed in the main hallway at WAEC.

Dr. Pushchak commended the students and faculty members for representing the District so positively.

Mr. David Applebee addressed the Board regarding the support and curtesy extended to members of Local 2 during hardships they have faced. Local 2 members appreciate it.

**Guest & Citizen
Comments**

Dr. Hutchinson updated the Board on the Future Ready index Every student Succeeds Act and the School Performance Snapshot. The district met the 2019 goals except the ELA. The middle school has shown great progress and improved their scores greatly. Dr. Pushchak commented that the district is moving in the right direction, the Board has been supporting programs and the administrators and are happy to see continued growth. This is great news.

**Superintendent's
Report**

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

**Business
Administrator's
Report**

- Revenue & Expenditure Reports for MONTH
 - [General Fund](#): \$12,194,163.95
 - [Cafeteria Report](#): \$1,205.44
- Checks and Invoices
 - [Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$53,485.16
 - [Exhibit A2](#) Checks Already Written: \$9,659.98
 - [Exhibit A3](#) General Fund Bills: \$470,483.69
 - [Exhibit B](#) Cafeteria Bills: \$20,255.63
 - [Exhibit D](#) SHS Activity Fund Report: \$71,352.21

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

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Snippet to approve the Local Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 as prepared by Buffamante, Whipple, Buttafaro, P.C. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Local Audit Report

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Dr. Hallock to approve 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 as outlined in [Exhibit E](#). In a recorded roll call vote, Mr. Pushchak, Mrs. Sandberg, Mr. Snippet, Mrs. Amanda Thayer-Zacks, Mr. Duda, Dr. Hallock, Mr. Paris and Dr. Pushchak voted to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

**Accelerated Budget
Opt-Out Resolution
Act 1**

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve the resolution that Wattsburg Area School District's Market Value contribution to the Erie County Technical School renovation contingent upon (A) 100% participation of current

**Erie County
Technical School**

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.

In a recorded roll call vote, Mr. Pushchak, Mrs. Sandberg, Mr. Snippert, Mrs. Amanda Thayer-Zacks, Mr. Duda, Dr. Hallock, Mr. Paris and Dr. Pushchak voted to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Renovation Resolution

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Snippert to approve the IRS Mileage Rate of 58¢/mile for business travel effective January 1, 2019 as outlined in Exhibit F. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

IRS Mileage Rate

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

- Marlee Demay and Morgen Patterson to the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute List for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Timothy Elder as an addition to the Service Personnel Substitute.
- The following 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.
 - Meagan Baltes 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.
- The tuition reimbursements as outlined in Exhibit G.

Personnel Kelly Educational Staffing Service Substitute Conference Requests

- The following appointments¹:
 - Barbara Eisert as Extra-Curricular Activities Aide, Class C, 2.75 hours/day, 144 days/year effective January 2, 2019.
 - Brayden Nichols-Shaw as custodian, Level II, Class B, 6.50 hours/day, 210 days/year effective January 2, 2019.
- The following resignations
 - Peggy Lewis, Special Education Aide for the purpose of retirement effective January 17, 2019.
 - Bari Fenno, Cook/Baker effective January 11, 2019.
 - Thomas Podpora, Assistant Principal, SHS effective January 31, 2019.

**Tuition
 Reimbursement
 Appointments**

Resignations

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition and one abstention (Mr. Duda). Motion carried.

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

- 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 as outlined in [Exhibit H](#).
- Agreement for Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth between Bethesda Lutheran Services and Wattsburg Area School District as outlined in [Exhibit I](#).
- Academic services of LearnWell for a hospitalized SHS student beginning January 3, 2019 with an estimated end date of February 2, 2019.

School Calendar

**Agreement for
 Alternative
 Education**

**Academic Services
 Agreement**

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

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

**Transportation
 Requests**

Group Requesting:	Date:	Destination:	Estimated Cost:	Funds By:
WAMS Students	Wednesday, February 14, 2018	Peek n Peak Main Lodge, Tubing Area, Pool Jamestown NW Arena Presque Isle Event Center	\$2,400.00	Students WAMS Student Activities
8th Grade Class	Friday, May 31, 2019	Cedar Point, Sandusky, OH	\$14,760.00	Students Principal Account

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

Motion by Mrs. Thayer-Zacks, seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to approve the following

- The additions of Billy Kuhn, Ray Trejchel and Branden Williams to the Game Help list for 2018-2019.
 - The organization of the following clubs at SHS:
 - 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 in [Exhibit J](#).
 - 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. as outlined in [Exhibit K](#).
 - The following athletic resignations:
 - Scott Jenco, Assistant Football Coach effective December 10, 2018.
 - Don Pearce, Second Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach effective January 10, 2019.
 - To open the position of Boys' Varsity Soccer Head Coach.
- Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Game Help List

SHS Clubs

Athletic Resignations

Open Position

Motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mrs. Thayer-Zacks to approve marching band items as surplus as outlined in [Exhibit L](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Surplus Items

Erie County Technical School JOB and Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meet next week. No report available this evening.

**ECTS JOB
NW Tri-County IU**

During Board Dialogue and Correspondence, Dr. Pushchak shared that the Board members received a calendar and certificate in recognition of Board Appreciation month.

Board Correspondence and Dialogue

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mr. Snippet, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
School Board Secretary

ⁱ Pro-rated for the 2018-2019 school year