

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

MARCH 18, 2019

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Regular Board meeting at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on March 18, 2019.

President Andy Pushchak called the meeting to order at 7:01 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, Mrs. Vicki Bendig Business Administrator and Attorney Christine McClure, Solicitor.

Roll Call

Dr. Pushchak announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the start of this meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

TJ Hedderman, Bella Ann Hedderman, Nadia Oleski and Paul Spires from the elementary center led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mr. Snippert, seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to accept the agenda and addendum as presented. Mr. Pushchak requested the following item be added to the addendum:

F-3 Motion: To approve an engagement letter from the auditing firm of Buffamante, Whipple, Battafaro P.C. for the purpose of a fraud examination. Motion with addition approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mr. Snippert to approve the meeting minutes from the February 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and the March 11, 2019 Work Session as presented. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Calabrese and Mr. Paris introduced some of our student athletes from the middle and elementary schools. Reed Yost won state champion for the high bar. He is moving on to Regionals in Washington, D.C. Ryan Miller, Trey Pound, Paul Spires and Nadia Oleski are wrestlers who in addition to excelling in their sport are excelling in the classroom also. Dr. Pushchak and Mr. Berlin both expressed how proud the board and district is and thanked the students for representing the school so positively. They also recognized the coaches and caring adults who work to build great students.

School Reports

Mr. Miller introduced Barry Murphy to the Board. Barry is a Seneca student who attends Erie County Technical School and ROTC. Barry is a 2018 National Technical Honor Society member. Barry shared how ECTS and ROTC are helping him to work toward a promising future.

Our district has 61 students attending ECTS with 35 obtaining honor roll and attendance. We have 2 ECTS ambassadors from our district and 4 Pride members.

We are very proud of our students and their accomplishments.

No guest or citizens requested addressing the Board.

**Guest/Citizen
Comments**

Mr. Berlin shared that the State Legislators will be voting on making vaping and selling vaping supplies by/to minors an offense. He will be looking at parallel policies for the district and may have policies in the next few months.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Mr. Berlin also introduced Mrs. Krista Wehan, the candidate for Assistant Principal for the middle school. Mrs. Wehan addressed the Board and thanked them for the opportunity to serve. Mr. Berlin shared that a brief reception will be held following the meeting tonight to welcome Mrs. Wehan.

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
 - [General Fund](#): \$10,532,765.81
 - [Capital Projects](#): \$9,738.48
 - [Cafeteria Report](#): \$10,538.10
- Checks and Invoices
 - [Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$14,785.97
 - [Exhibit A2](#) Checks Already Written: \$8,891.98
 - [Exhibit A3](#) General Fund Bills: \$449,285.41
 - [Exhibit B](#) Cafeteria Bills: \$23,558.94
 - [Exhibit D](#) SHS Activity Fund Report: \$68,619.29

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

Motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mrs. Thayer-Zacks to approve the recommendation from the Erie County Tax Claim Bureau for the removal of taxes for the tax years noted and all future years for Parcel numbers: 44-015-037.1-002.80 (2006-2016), 02-01—003.0-002.50 (2011-2013), 25-005-20.4-023.24 (2012), 44-021-035.1-003.20 (2002 – 2007), 44-021-035.1-003.46 (1996 – 2007) and 44-015-037.1-002.84 (2011 – 2013). These parcels were recently removed from the Assessment records based on the determination of no value or existence of each trailer per field review and to approve the sale of property Index Number 48-001-002.0-007.00 12X360, 0 Main Street, Wattsburg from the Erie County Repository. Motion approved by a voice vote with 7 members voting to approve and 2 (Mr. Duda, Mr. Paris) voting against. Motion carried.

**Exonerations
Sale of Parcel from
Repository**

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Snippet to approve the [Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget for the 2019-2020 school year](#) in the amount of \$61,205,186. And to further approve Wattsburg Area School District's contribution to the School Improvement Services (Fund

**Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate Unit
2019-2020 Budget**

020) budgets of the Intermediate Unit for the 2019-2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$31,505.80. In a recorded roll call vote Mr. Marty Pushchak, Mrs. Brenda Sandberg, Mr. Aaron Snippert, Mrs. Amanda Thayer-Zacks, Mr. Eric Duda, Dr. Bill Hallock, Mr. Josh Paris, Mrs. Julie Pikiewicz, and Dr. Andy Pushchak voted to approve the budget resolution. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Snippert approve the [2019-2020 General Fund Operating Budget for the Erie County Area Vocational-Technical School](#) in Secondary Programs and Regional Career and Technical Center Adult programs as presented for adoption. The 2019-2020 General Fund Budget includes total expenditures of \$7,102,876 with total district contributions of \$4,190,063 and to further approve Wattsburg Area School District's contribution in the amount of \$311,538. In a recorded roll call vote Mr. Marty Pushchak, Mrs. Brenda Sandberg, Mr. Aaron Snippert, Mrs. Amanda Thayer-Zacks, Mr. Eric Duda, Dr. Bill Hallock, Mr. Josh Paris, Mrs. Julie Pikiewicz, and Dr. Andy Pushchak voted to approve the budget resolution. Motion carried.

**Erie County
Vocational
Technical School
2019-2020 Budget**

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Sandberg to approve an engagement letter from the auditing firm of Buffamante, Whipple, Battafaro P.C. for the purpose of a fraud examination. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Fraud Examination

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

- WAMS Media Center on March 5, 2019, 4:45 – 6:00 pm by the Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Educators at no cost to the requestor.
- WAMS Gymnasium by Adult Recreational Volleyball September 11, 2019 through May 20, 2020 from 7:20 – 9:45 p.m. at no cost to the requestor.

**Facility Use
Requests**

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

Motion by Mrs. Sandberg, seconded by Mr. Snippert to approve Annette Utegg as an addition to the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute List. Motion approved by a voice vote with one abstention (Mr. Duda). Motion carried.

Kelly Substitutes

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

- Cara Connolly as an addition to the Service Substitute List.
- The following appointments:
 - Krista Wehan as Assistant Principal at Wattsburg Area Middle School and Truancy Officer for the Wattsburg Area School District and approve the agreement between Mrs. Wehan and Wattsburg Area School District effective March 25, 2019.
 - Kristofer Hudnall as Assistant Principal at Seneca High School effective March 25, 2019.
 - Laura DeAngelo, Special Education Aide, Class B, 7 hours/day, 180 days/year at the hourly rate of \$14.09 retro to March 4, 2019.

**Service Substitute
Personnel
Appointments**

- Donald Pearce as SHS Social Studies Teacher effective the 2019-2020 school year
- Noelle Naughton as WAMS Special Education teacher at a Bachelor's, Step 2 effective the 2019-2020 school year.
- MaryBeth Hengelbrok as WAMS STEAM teacher effective the 2019-2020 school year.
- Emily Trimble as WAEC Elementary Teacher at Bachelor's, Step 2 effective the 2019-2020 school year.
- Kathleen Noonan as District-wide Cafeteria Aide, Class C, 3.25 hours/day, 180 days/year at the hourly rate of \$12.14 per hour effective March 19, 2019.
- Morgen Patterson as Long-Term Substitute Elementary Librarian anticipated April 15, 2019 through June 7, 2019 at Bachelor's, Step 1.i
- Jennifer Manno as Special Education Aide, Class B, 7 hours/day, 180 days/year at the hourly rate of \$14.09 effective April 1, 2019.
- An intermittent Family Medical Leave for Madelyn Simmons effective March 4, 2019 and an intermittent Family Medical Leave for Carolyn Greenawalt effective March 13, 2019.
- The following conference requests:
 - Jeff Gifford to attend Site One University (pesticide) on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in Erie, PA at an estimated cost of \$39.00. Funds from Maintenance Conferences.
 - Lauren Fye to attend Text-Dependent Analysis on April 3, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$106.10. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Jeff Gifford to attend Water: What will our Children Inherit on April 10, 2019 in Erie, PA at an estimated cost of \$143.52. Funds from Maintenance Conferences.
 - Erin Fonzo and Heather Hedderman to attend SHARE Northwest on April 4, 2019 in Erie, PA at an estimated cost of \$160.00. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Jason Kerr to attend PA Spraying License Testing on April 16, 2019 in Meadville, PA at an estimated cost of \$88.36. Funds from Maintenance Conferences.
- The following resignations
 - Rebecca Leone, Payroll Supervisor effective February 28, 2019.
 - Brandon Stanopiewicz, Special Education Aide effective March 15, 2019.
- The Compensation Plans between WASD and the Following Act 93 Groups effective July 1, 2019:
 - Administrators – Hillary Barboni, Matthew Calabrese, Kris Hudnall, Leslee Hutchinson, MerriBeth Knappenberger, Keith Miller, Chris Paris, Krista Wehan, Steve Carter.
 - Facility Administrators – Eric Schultz, Guy White
 - Student Services – Maria Hvezda, Meredith Reininger
 - Technicians – Joel Burlingame, Matt Harmon, Joshua Thayer

Leave Requests**Conference Requests****Personnel Resignations****Compensation Agreements Act 93**

- Supervisors and Managers – Todd Landis, Pam Pudlick
- Confidential Staff – Jessica Mathis, D’Arcy Frontera, Lesa Kimball, Debra Nuhfer
- Aerospace Instructor – Raymond Oshop

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

Motion by Dr. Hallock to approve the following:

- Change to Eureka math in grade K for the 2019-2020 school year, grade 1 for the 2020-2021 school year, and grade 2 for the 2021-2022 school year
- Change the middle school computer class to middle school STEAM class
- The addition of History of World War II and Creating Nonfiction as elective classes at Seneca High School
- The extension of homebound instruction of a WAMS student anticipated for the duration of the school year (June 6, 2019) and the homebound instruction of a SHS student beginning March 13, 2019 with the anticipated end date of April 2019

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

WAEC Math Change

WAMS STEAM

SHS Addition of Courses

Extend Homebound Instruction

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

Transportation Requests

Group Requesting:	Date:	Destination:	Estimated Cost:	Funds By:
6th Grade Penn State Mentor Group	Wednesday, April 3, 2019	PSU Behrend	\$115.00	WAMS Activity Fund Fundraiser
Grade 3	Tuesday, May 28, 2019	Peninsula Drive, Erie	\$410.00	PTO
Grades 10 - 12 Forensics & AP Students	Friday, April 12, 2019	Edinboro University	\$649.00	Student Activities
Envirothon Students	Thursday, May 2, 2019	Headwaters Park, Erie	\$524.00	Student Activities Substitute
Class of 2019	Tuesday, June 4, 2019	Kennywood Park	\$2,918.00	Student Activities Class of 2019 Activity Account
Spanish Class 9-12	Friday, April 26, 2019	Cleveland Zoo West Side Market	\$5060	Spanish Club Student Activities
Post-Secondary Vocational Students	Friday, April 26, 2019	940 Millcreek Plaza	\$140.00	Student Activities

Spanish I, II, IV Students	Thursday, April 25, 2019	Toreros Mexican Restaurant	\$221.00	Student Activities Substitute
Vocal Ensemble Students	Tuesday, June 4, 2019	Rochester, NY Strong Museum of Play Rochester Aud. Theatre	\$162 + travel	Student Activities Fundraising Substitute

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

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

- Charlotte Heverly as an addition to the WASD Volunteer List
- The additions of Scott Bollheimer and Sam Black to the Game Help List for 2018-2019 school year.
- The resignation of Branden Williams as Football Other Assistant effective March 18, 2019.

**WASD Volunteers
Game Help List**

Athletic Resignation

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

Motion by Mrs. Thayer-Zacks, seconded by Dr. Hallock to approve Jay Pikiwicz as Second Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach, Step 6 for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion approved by a voice vote with one abstention (Mrs. Pikiwicz). Motion carried.

**Athletic
Appointment**

Dr. Hallock informed the board that the ECTS Renovation Sub Committee is going to look into state funding for some of the renovations.

**Erie County
Technical School**

Dr. Pushchak informed the Board that the IU hired a new Physical Therapist who will be working in our district.

**Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate**

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Dr. Hallock seconded by Mr. Snippert, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
School Board Secretary

¹ *Pro-rated for 2018-2019 school year*