

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

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on September 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School.

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. Mr. Ken Berlin, Superintendent; Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, Assistant to the Superintendent; and Mrs. Vicki Bendig, Business Administrator were also in attendance.

Roll Call

Danny Carter addressed the Board regarding his concerns with Board and administration supporting the athletic programs. He had concerns of athletic fields being ready for games, electricity being available for teams at the softball/baseball fields, fencing for safety reasons and equipment.

Guest/Citizen
Comments

Dr. Pushchak thanked Mr. Carter for his remarks. Dr. Pushchak stated that curriculum and instruction is the priority for our students which has been a ongoing focus for the district. After curriculum, other budgetary items such as technology, facilities, transportation, and food service needed attention. Now that these items have been addressed, the administration will propose a plan to address athletic and extra-curricular facilities in a fiscally responsible manner.

Tara Pound shared that the first Bobcat BINGO raised a substantial amount for the football team.

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report of \$4,609,945.77 in the General Fund and \$1,534.23 in Capital Projects and a review the of Checks Already Written totaling \$21,869.48. A full report will be given at the September 16, 2019 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the SAP Mental Health Liaison Agreement between Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit and WASD for the 2019-2020 school year. This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

NW Tri-Co.
Intermediate SAP
Agreement

The Board discussed the agreement between the Caring Foundation and Wattsburg Area School District. This item is to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

Caring Foundation
Agreement

The Board discussed the allocation of resources required to prepare pre-bid documents for a potential renovation of the ECTS. The allocation of resources will be based on the existing capital allocation formula considering the tax valuations of each School District (SD's). The total cost of pre-bid documents is \$675,000 with a proration allocated to each School District. This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

ECTS Renovation
Allocation of
Resources

The Board discussed the following utilization of school facilities:

Facility Use

- Wattsburg Wrestling Club to utilize the WAMS Gymnasium and Locker Rooms for the youth wrestling program Monday through Thursday, 5:30 – 8:00 PM, November 1, 2019 through March 1, 2020 at no cost to the requestor.

- Seneca HS Football coaches to utilize the high school FB Office and weight room Sundays through October 20, 2019 from 8:00 – 11:00 PM for coaches' meetings at no cost to the requestor.

This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

The Board discussed the additions to the Kelly Educational Staffing and Service Substitute Lists. These items to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

Substitute Lists

The Board discussed the resignation of Serena Anderson, WAMS teacher effective August 20, 2019. This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

Personnel
Resignation

The Board discussed the following appointments:

Personnel
Appointment

- Amanda Ewanick as WAMS Long-Term Substitute Teacher anticipated for the 2019-2020 school year at Bachelors, Step 2 effective August 21, 2019.
- Samantha Szoszorek as WAMS Long-Term Substitute Teacher anticipated for the 2019-2020 school year at Masters, Step 1 effective August 23, 2019.ⁱ
- Sandra Paulsen as Custodian II, Class B, 180 days/year, 7 hours/day effective August 27, 2019.
- _____ Custodian II, Class B, 205 days/year effective _____.

This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

- The Board discussed the following conference requests:
- WASD teachers to attend various Regional In-Service training sessions on October 14, 2019 with permission from their building principal with a total cost not to exceed \$300/building. Funds from professional development.
- Susan Nolan to attend Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT) on October 4, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$133. Funds from Professional Development.
- Kyle Forte, Don Einhouse, Alyssa Forte, and Betsy Walker to attend REAL Essentials Women's Care Center of Erie County on October 8-9, 2019 in Erie, PA at an estimated cost of \$872.72. Funds from Professional Development.
- Rhonda Henry and Mary Beth Hengelbrok to attend CDT Training on September 16, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$318.20. Funds from WAMS Substitute and Instructional Travel.
- Donna Banks to attend CDT New Data Interface on October 4, 2019 in Erie, PA at an estimated cost of \$159.10. Funds from WAMS Substitute and Instructional Travel.
- Pam Burdick and Traci Steers to attend CDT Updates Web Interface and Diagnostic Category Testing on September 20, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$159.10. Funds from WAMS Substitute and Instructional.
- Heather Hedderman to attend PA Smart Grant -CS for all K-8 Integrated Model on October 10, 2019, February 10-11, 2020 and May 12, 2020 in Pittsburgh, PA at an estimated cost of \$858.36. Grant funded.
- Mary Rea to attend 2019 Professional Immunization Seminar on October 25, 2019 in Erie, PA at an estimated cost of \$203.34. Funds from Professional Development.
- Kim Webb to attend CDT Updates on September 16, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$156.00. Funds from Professional Development.

Conference
Requests

- Erin Fonzo and Heather Hedderman to attend Power Library/Access PA Fall Training on October 16, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$266. Funds from Professional Development.
- Erin Fonzo and Heather Hedderman to attend Share Northwest on October 14, 2019 in Waterford, PA at an estimated cost of \$40. Funds from Professional Development.
- Ebbie Shores to attend PDE CS for all PA K-8 Integrated Model on October 10, 2019 and May, February 10-11 and May 12, 2020 in Pittsburgh, PA at an estimated cost of \$514.18. Grant funded.
- Tim Malinowski to attend RCI Fall meeting on October 18, 2019 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$13.05. Funds from Professional Development.

Conference
Requests

This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

The Board discussed the tuition reimbursements. This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

Tuition
Reimbursements

The Board discussed the second reading of the following policies:

Second Reading
Policies

- 103 Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment – School and Classroom Practices
- 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Student with Disabilities
- 104 Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment – Employment Practices
- 150 Title I – Comparability of Services
- 220 Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
- 222 Tobacco/Nicotine
- 247 Anti-Hazing
- 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying
- 323 Tobacco/Nicotine
- 707 Use of School Facilities
- 904 Public Attendance at School Events
- 913 Non-school Organizations/Groups/Individuals

This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

The Board discussed the Homebound Instruction of A tenth grade SHS student effective August 26, 2019 with an anticipated end date of October 21, 2019 and a sixth grade WAMS student effective August 30, 2019 with an anticipated end date of September 20, 2019. This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

Homebound
Instruction

The Board discussed the addition of Terri Baniszewski and Stephanie Peterson to the Durham Bus Drivers 2019-2020 list. This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

Durham Bus Drivers

The Board discussed the transportation requests and ratification of field trips since the last meeting. This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

Transportation
Requests

The Board discussed the additions to the WASD Volunteer List as outlined.

WASD Volunteers

Sheryl Brown Bailey Hawley Phoenix Myers Autumn Trapp
David Glaspell Kala Lunger Nicholas Post Tara Wetzel

This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

The Board discussed the resignation of Todd Talbot, Student Council Advisor effective August 23, 2019. This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

Extra-Curricular
Resignation

The Board discussed the Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2019-2020 school year:

Extra-Curricular
Appointments

- Brenda Gregory as 6th Grade Team Leader, Step 3.
- Pam Burdick as Extra-Mile After-School Math Tutor 5th & 6th Grade.
- Jessica Radcliff as WAMS Newspaper Advisor, Step 1.
- The following tutors for the 2019-2020 school year at the WEA

Contractual Rate:

Pam Carson	Emily Manino
Mike Grove	Ray Trejchel

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The Board discussed the appointment of Thomas Banks at First Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, Step 1 for the 2019-202 school year. This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019.

Athletic
Appointment

The Board discussed Don Einhouse and Stacey Mattocks as additions to the 2019-2020 Game Help list. This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

Game Help List

The Board discussed the surplus of Reading Street books. This item to be placed on the September 16, 2019 agenda.

Surplus Items

Dr. Hallock updated the Board on the Erie County Technical School recognition of exemplary students. There will be a quarterly report and announcements of the students.

Erie County
Technical School

Dr. Pushchak updated the Board with information on the IU which included 2017-2018 data on charter schools.

Northwest
Tri-County IU5

Dr. Pushchak recognized Mrs. Sandberg for her comments following the meeting with Gov. Wolf.

Board
Correspondence
and Dialogue

There being no further business, upon motion by Dr. Hallock, seconded by Mr. Snippert the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary

ⁱ Pro-rated for the 2019-2020 school year.