

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session
MARCH 9, 2020**

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on March 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School.

Mr. Jeremy Bloeser, Mrs. Amanda Farrell, Mr. Shawn Matson, Mr. Steve O'Donnell, Mr. Josh Paris, Mrs. Julie Pikiewicz, Mrs. Tara Pound, Mr. Marty Pushchak and Dr. Andy Pushchak attended. Mr. Kenneth Berlin, Superintendent; Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mrs. Vicki Bendig Business Administrator also attended. Roll Call

Mrs. Diehl, Mr. Malinowski and Mr. DiMichele gave a presentation to the board on the Comprehensive K-12 Counseling Plan which will help students meet career standards that were recently put out by the state. Comprehensive K-12 School Counseling Plan

Danny Carter addressed the board regarding encouraging students to participate in school activities/sports but not having an activity bus. Also, would like to see the 7th-8th grade baseball and softball get some funding as they should get new equipment and not just "hand-me-downs". Dr. Pushchak shared that the board has discussed the activity bus before and are not re-addressing it. Guest and Citizen Comments

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund: \$9,870,079.31 and Capital Projects: \$3,107,223.96 and a review the of Checks Already Written \$47,205.97 a full report will be given at the March 16, 2020 Board Meeting. Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed budgetary transfers:
Monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs actual report.
From the Committed Reserve Fund to the Capital Project Fund in the amount of \$4,300. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda. Budgetary Transfers

The Board discussed the Plankton resolution RESOLVED, that the Wattsburg Area School District, Erie, PA Board of Directors hereby grants approval to certify PlanCon K related to the issuance of the General Obligation (Limited Tax) Bonds, Series 2020A and all attached materials for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for its approval. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda. PlanCon K Resolution

The Board discussed the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$61,886,803.00 and to further approve Wattsburg Area School District's contribution to the School Improvement Services (Fund 020) budgets of the Intermediate Unit for the 2020-2021 fiscal year in the amount of \$31,061.58 and \$165,401.00 to the Special Education Services Consortium (Fund 23). This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda. Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget for 2020-2021

The Board discussed facility requests for use:

- WAMS Library by the Wattsburg Area School District Foundation on March 24, 2020 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at no cost to the requestor.

Facility Use Requests

- WAMS 7th & 8th Grade Gathering Area by the VEX Robotics Team on April 18, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at no cost to the requestor.

This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the Kelly Substitute list additions. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

Kelly Educational
Staffing
Substitutes

The Board discussed the personnel appointments:

- Colonel Eric B. Moses as Aerospace Instructor at Seneca High School and the Act 93 Agreement between WASD and Colonel Moses.
- Heather Olson as Long-Term Substitute for WAEC anticipated April 6 – June 5, 2020 at Masters, Step 1.

Personnel
Appointments

This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

- Rebecca Kelley and Hillary Barboni to attend PAFPC Annual Conference for Federal Programs Coordinators, May 3-6, 2020, in Champion, PA, at an estimated cost of \$2,887.00 Funds from Title IV.
- Ken Berlin to attend PASA/PASBO School Safety and Security Workshop on April 2, 2020 in Mechanicsburg, PA at an estimated cost of \$632.32. Funds from Superintendent Conference and Travel.
- Keith Miller and Rebecca Kelley to attend PASA School Leadership Forum March 29-31, 2020 in State College, PA at an estimated cost of \$2,136.65. Funds from Professional Development.

Conference
Requests

This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the resignations of Guy White, Technology Systems and Services Director effective March 1, 2020 and D'Arcy Frontera, Accounting Clerk for the purpose of retirement effective May 2, 2020. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

Personnel
Resignations

The Board discussed the second reading of the following policies:

- 004 Membership
- 201 Admission of Students
- 204 Attendance
- 208 Withdrawal from School
- 209 Health Examinations/Screenings
- 227.1 Student Athletic Drug Testing
- 233 Suspension and Expulsion
- 333 Professional Development
- 705 Facilities and Workplace Safety
- 709 Building Security
- 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response
- 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- 805.2 School Security Personnel
- 808 Food Services

Second Reading of
Policies

This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the Wattsburg Area School District Special Education Plan effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

District Special
Education Plan

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 March 16, 2020 agenda.

Alternative
Education for
Disruptive Youth

The Board discussed the Wattsburg Area School District Comprehensive K-12 School Counseling Plan. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

Comprehensive K-
12 School
Counseling Plan

The Board discussed the following courses beginning in the 2020-2021 school year at Seneca High School:

New Courses
Seneca High
School

History Department

- Grade 10 - core course - World History I (Academic and Honors)
- Grade 11- core course - World History II (Academic and Honors)
- Grade 12 - core course - U.S. Government (Academic and Honors)
- Elective - Independence: America's Struggle for Liberty

Math

- Integrated Statistics
- Honors Algebra II/Trig

Science

- Agri Science

Technology Education

- Pre-engineering I and II

This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed curriculum resources for the elementary center beginning the 2019-2020 school year

Curriculum
Resources
Elementary Center

- My View by Pearson
- Geodes by Open Library
- Wit and Wisdom by Great Minds

This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the purchase of Acadience, K-2 Benchmark Assessment at cost of \$1 per student beginning the 2019-2020 school year. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

Acadience K-2
Benchmark
Assessment

The Board discussed the Senior Banquet to be held Thursday, May 28, 2020 , 6:30 p.m. on the Victorian Princess. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

2020 Senior
Banquet

The Board discussed the Affiliation Agreement between Grand Canyon University and Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

Affiliation
Agreement

The Board discussed the transportation requests and ratification of field trips since last meeting. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

Transportation
Requests

The Board discussed the transportation action plan for students attending nonpublic schools. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

Transportation
Action Plan

The Board discussed the volunteer list additions Erin Barnes, Lynne Brozewicz, Joseph Brozewicz, Michael Kyle, Michelle Kowalski and Barbara McNally. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

WASD Volunteers

The Board discussed the athletic appointments for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Branden Williams, 1st Assistant Football Coach, Step 2
- Ryan Murphy, 2nd Assistant Football Coach, Step 2
- Derek Peterman, Other Assistant Varsity, Step 2
- Justin Skinner, Other Assistant Varsity, Step 2
- Jerry Adamus, Other Assistant 7th/8th Grade, Step 2
- Noah Runser, Other Assistant 7th/8th Grade, Step 2

Athletic
Appointments

This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed adding the revision the athletic complex field colors to ensure a safer "play" environment for our teams to the agenda for the March 16, 2020. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

Revised Athletic
Complex Field
Colors

The Board discussed the surplus items. This item to be placed on the March 16, 2020 agenda.

Surplus items

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Mrs. Farrell recognized all involved in the musical and Owen Jefferson for his 7th place medal achieved at the state wrestling tournament.

Board
Correspondence
and Dialogue

There being no further business, by motion by Mrs. Farrell seconded by Mr. Paris, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary