

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

April 13, 2020

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on April 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom Virtual meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done

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

Due to the Pandemic of Co-VID19, WHEREAS, WASD Policy 006.1 authorizes voting by electronic communications under extraordinary circumstances; and upon Motion by Mrs. Pikiewicz, seconded by Mr. Paris

Methods of
Operation

WHEREAS, the declaration of a nationwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and a statewide emergency by Pennsylvania Governor Wolf and a County state of emergency by County Executive Dahlkemper is found to constitute extraordinary circumstances by the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education;

BE IT RESOLVED that the requirement in Policy 006.1 that a majority of the Board members be physically present is hereby WAIVED the requirement for physical presence for this and all future work sessions until rescinded by future motion, that all members participating through electronic communications shall be considered present so long as any member so participating can hear everything said and those attending can hear everything said by that member.

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

Motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Bloeser to suspend rules per Policy 006 to allow voting on action item as identified below. Dr. Pushchak highlighted agenda items B-6 and TE-3 as the two action items. He further explained each motion in detail. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Suspend Rules
Resolution

Troy Zaumseil questioned the links on the agenda. This was answered as not all documents are available for the work session.

Guest & Citizen
Comments

Joy Biebel questioned the 50% community internet and cellular service with the grant funding. She felt it was unfair to those who currently pay for their internet service. Mr. Berlin shared that hot spots and cellular service for the students who do not have service for the students to be able to do their studies on the internet must be done.

Lori Zaumseil questioned the Emergency Response Plan and questioned why we do not have the bus drivers who are still being paid throughout this pandemic

deliver and pick up homework. Mr. Berlin will address this in his Superintendent's report.

Mr. Berlin reported that he has researched the attributes of the virus and the lifespan and commutability and the decision was made that it was not worth chancing the spread of the disease to deliver and pick up homework by busses. Safety comes first.

Superintendent's
Report

He shared that the district does have a Critical Incident Plan which is required by Pennsylvania Department of Education. The plan is updated frequently and shared with the Pennsylvania State Police. Administrators are active in the review and implementation of the plan.

We are readying ourselves for the Planned Instruction rollout.

April 14-24; Enrichment and review will continue. Teachers will begin adding learning materials, creating lessons and providing directions.

April 24-May 1; Staff will contact students/families that have not joined Teams classes to determine why. Cellular hotspots will be distributed (priority given to students with no internet access at home (instructions are coming). Laptop computers will be distributed to students that need a device.

Internet can be accessed for free by parking beside any of the three school buildings. The goal is to get as many students connected with teachers via the internet and email as possible. There still may be situations for some students that will require paper or other type of assessment. Please be patient as we work through this unprecedented situation.

May 4th – June 4th; Go Live - Provide lessons for online learning. Assignments will be given on Monday and due the following Sunday.

June 4; Commencement. There is no formal plan yet. The situation continues to develop each week. Plans will be announced once we have additional information. We want the best for our students.

Mrs. Kelley shared that our teachers have been working on Microsoft Teams to prepare for this. Some are more familiar with the software. Our Technology Integrators in each building have been working with the teachers to get them familiar with the process.

Mr. Berlin and Mrs. Kelley answered questions regarding Teams vs. Google, vs. Zoom for instruction.

Mrs. Bendig gave a review of the Treasurer's Report \$8,774,174.26, Capital Projects Treasurer's Report \$2,625,029.81, Checks Already Written \$497,114.32, Cafeteria Checks Already Written \$30,789.57 and Capital Projects Checks Already Written: \$4,300.00 PLGIT: \$513,220.63. A full report will be given at the April 20, 2020 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed Budgetary Transfers. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Budgetary Transfers

The Board discussed the Plankton K Resolution. RESOLVED, that the Wattsburg Area School District, Erie, PA Board of Directors hereby grants approval to certify

PlanCon K
Resolution

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 April 20, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the adoption of the proposed General Fund Budget for 2020 – 2021 in the amount of \$26,005,521 and to authorize the Secretary to post the following notice: The Board of Directors tentatively approved the proposed final budget for the Wattsburg Area School District for the fiscal year of 2020-2021 on April 20, 2020. A copy of the said budget in the amount of \$26,005,521 is open for inspection by the public on April 27, 2020 on the District Website. Adoption of the final budget is scheduled for June 15, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at the Zoom virtual meeting. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Proposed General
Fund Budget for
2020-2021

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 April 20, 2020 agenda.

Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate Unit
Operating Budget
2020-2021

The Board discussed the revised field color and center logo for the Outdoor Athletic Stadium Complex. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Field Color and
Logo

The Board discussed the Athletic Field Change Order to be funded out of the project contingency. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Athletic Field
Change Order

The Board discussed the Lease Agreement between Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit and WASD for rental of classroom space in WAEC. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Classroom Space
Lease

The Board discussed the purchase and installation of a new water softener system for the water treatment plant. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Water Softener
System

The Board discussed waiving the rental fees assessed the YMCA daycare program during the pandemic related school closure. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

YMCA Rental Fees

Motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve Seneca High, Press Box Fiber installation by Connecto Electric as outlined. Funds from Stadium Project Contingency. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Seneca Press Box
Fiber Installation

The Board discussed the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute list. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Kelly Substitutes

The Board discussed the appointment of Colonel Eric B. Moses as Aerospace Instructor at Seneca High School and the Act 93 Agreement between WASD and Colonel Moses. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Personnel
Appointment

The Board discussed the conference request for Rebecca Kelley and Hillary Barboni to attend PAFPC Annual Conference for Federal Programs Coordinators, October 12-15, 2020, in Champion, PA, at an estimated cost of \$2,887.00 Funds from Title IV. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Conference
Request

The Board discussed the resignation 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 April 20, 2020 agenda.

Personnel
Resignations

The Board discussed the additions of Brooke Gibbs and Susan Olesko to the 2019-2020 Service Substitute list. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Service Substitute
List

The Board discussed the anticipated summer school and extended school year positions. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Anticipated
Summer School &
ESY

The Board discussed the second reading of policies.

Policies Second
Reading

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

This item to be placed on the April 20, 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 April 20, 2020 agenda.

WASD 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 April 20, 2020 agenda.

Agreement for
Alternate 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 April 20, 2020 agenda.

District
Comprehensive K-
12 Counseling Plan

The Board discussed New Courses for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year. These items to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

New Courses

The Board discussed the following curriculum resources for the elementary center beginning the 2020-2021 school year

Curriculum
Resources

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

This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the purchase of Acadience, K-2 as outlined on the Benchmark Assessment Agreement. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Acadience
Benchmark
Assessment

The Board discussed the Affiliation Agreement between Grand Canyon University and Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Affiliation
Agreement

The Board discussed the attendance of Lita Joy Pilkinton at Seneca High School to complete her senior year with tuition waived. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

School Attendance

The Board discussed Connectivity as the Wireless Access Points Update for WAEC/WAMS. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Wireless Provider

The Board discussed the ISP Agreement between Zito Business and Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Internet Service
Provider

Motion by Mrs. Pound, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve the emergency purchase/lease of cellular hotspots to enable student distance learning. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Emergency
Purchase of
Hotspots

The Board discussed the transportation action plan for students attending nonpublic schools. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Transportation
Action Plan

The Board discussed the additions to the WASD Volunteer List. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

WASD Volunteer
List

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

Athletic
Appointments

- 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

This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the resignation of Kathy Holland as the Rainbow Coordinator effective June 6, 2020. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Extra-Curricular
Resignation

The Board discussed the surplus items. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Surplus Items

The Board discussed the agreement between Kidder Media and Wattsburg Area School District for Newsletter production. There was discussion about making the newsletter a project for students instead of hiring it out. This item to be placed on the April 20, 2020 agenda.

Kidder Media
Agreement

Mr. O'Donnell shared there has been no contact from the Erie County Technical School Joint Board of Operations at this time.

ECTS

Dr. Pushchak shared that the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board will meet via Zoom on April 22, 2020. He will have a report in May.

NW IU#5

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Mrs. Farrell thanked Mrs. Bendig and Mr. Berlin for securing food for families in our district during this pandemic.

Board
Correspondence

There being no further business upon motion by Mrs. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Paris the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary