

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

May 11, 2020

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on May 11, 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. Name was absent.

Roll Call

No visitors requested addressing the Board.

Guest & Citizen
Comments

Mr. Berlin shared that over 200 hotspots have been distributed and the first week transition to online learning has went very well. Technology Integrators are working out a few minor issues with Microsoft TEAMS. They have been holding multiple weekly tech support and professional development sessions with the faculty. The technology department staff did an outstanding job getting students and teachers connected via the internet.

Superintendent's
Report

While we are in the "Yellow" phase of the pandemic recovery, the health department was very specific last week in telling Erie County Superintendents the limit of 25 people at a public gathering includes people in cars and is to be strictly adhered to. They have advised against schools holding car parade commencement ceremonies. We have retained a videographer who will film a virtual ceremony for the students and families. Each will receive a copy and it will be broadcast on Facebook on June 4th.

He shared that the major electrical work on the stadium is complete and the LED lights have been installed. Excavation should begin very soon and currently Keystone reports the project is on track and to be completed this fall as originally planned.

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report. The General Fund balance is \$8,152,449.25 and the Capital Projects Fund balance \$1,948,540.26. Checks Already Written (Exhibit A1) \$32,535.99. A full report will be given at the May 18, 2020 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the appointment of the firm of Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall and Sennett with Ms. Christine McClure as the School District's solicitor and Mr. Mark Kuhar as the Labor Relations solicitor for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This item to be placed on the May 18,2020 agenda.

District Solicitor for
the 2020-2021
Fiscal Year

The Board discussed the monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report. This item to be placed on the May 18, 2020 agenda.

Budgetary Transfer

The Board discussed Northwest Savings Bank (Wattsburg Branch) as the WASD Treasurer for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and to authorize Justin Terrill to be the designated signatory. This item to be placed on the May 18, 2020 agenda.

Treasurer for the
2020-2021 Fiscal
Year

The Board discussed the election of Northwest Savings Bank (Wattsburg Branch) as the WASD Depository for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This item to be placed on the May 18, 2020 agenda.

Depository
Designation for
2020-2021 Fiscal
Year

The Board discussed Berkheimer Associates as the current delinquent per capita collector for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This item to be placed on the May 18, 2020 agenda.

Delinquent Per
Capita Tax
Collector

The Board discussed the renewal agreement with The Nutrition Group for food service management for the 2020-2021 school year with the option to renew for three additional years. This item to be placed on the May 18, 2020 agenda.

The Nutrition
Group Agreement

The Board discussed the Industrial Appraisal Company agreement to provide an appraisal for the WASD fixed asset accounting control and insurance valuation purposes. This item to be placed on the May 18, 2020 agenda.

Asset Appraisal

The Board discussed the personnel appointments of

- _____ as Administrative Assistant for the Business Office effective _____ and to approve the Act 93 Agreement.
- Michelle Leone as Summer School Science Teacher to be paid at the contractual rate according to the WASD/WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.
- Elizabeth Garcia, Jamie Kotlar and Emily Manino as ESY Teachers anticipated the month of July 2020 and possibly August 2020 to be paid at contractual rate according to the WASD/WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.

This item to be placed on the May 18, 2020 agenda.

Personnel
Appointments

The Board discussed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the May 18, 2020 agenda.

School Resource
Officer MOU

The Board discussed the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy 006.1 Attendance at Meeting Via Electronic Communications
- Policy 222 Tobacco and Vaping Products – Students
- Policy 323 Tobacco and Vaping Products – Employees
- Policy 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance
- Policy 707 Use of School Facilities
- Policy 810.1 Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse
- Policy 904 Public Attendance at School Events (Attachment to policy also updated).

First Reading
Policies

This item to be placed on the May 18, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the Professional Learning and Teacher Support Compass Plan Agreement for the 2020-2021 school year, between Wilson Language

Professional
Learning and
Teacher Support

company and the Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the May 18, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the seniors for graduation. This item to be placed on the May 18, 2020 agenda.

Seniors for
Graduation

The Board discussed the Title Nonpublic Agreement between Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit and Wattsburg Area School District for Title I Services billing for 2019-2020. This item to be placed on the May 18, 2020 agenda.

Title Nonpublic
Agreement

The Board discussed the following Athletic Appointments for the 2020-2021 school year:

Athletic
Appointments

- Bretton Smith as Golf Head Coach, step 1.
- Dana Miller as First Assistant Cross-Country, step 2+.
- Steve Carter as 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, step 2+.

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The Board discussed the SHS/WAMS instruments as surplus. Instruments are unusable and not financially viable for repair.

Surplus Items

- Yamaha Electric Piano
- Holton Trombone
- King Trombone x 2
- Olds Baritone
- Unknown Make Baritone
- Unknown Make Tuba
- Bundy Bass Clarinet

This item to be placed on the May 18, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the summer lunch program. We don't usually have a summer lunch program but were able to participate due the COVID pandemic. We have been supplying about 300 per day. Participation numbers have dropped since entering the yellow phase. The waiver allows us to participate through June 30th but our staffing ends June 4 (the last student day). The IU participates in the food distribution and we can participate under their program. Children 1-18 years are eligible to get meals. The Board decided they would like to participate in the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit program.

Summer Food
Program

Mr. O'Donnell shared that the Erie County Technical held their meeting in April which included a lot of updates on COVID. Also, that there are concerns about the uncertainty of renovations of the school.

ECTS Report

Dr. Pushchak shared that the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit met in April and the executive director of the IU is retiring in October. A committee has been formed to fill the position.

NWTC IU5 Report

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Dr. Pushchak thanked the administration for getting the online learning up and going. He thanked the teachers, parents and staff for all working together. He also thanked the Sports Boosters for their tribute to our seniors.

Mrs. Pikiewicz questioned our graduation rate. This year is very good. The normal rate is usually 91-92% which has to do with Life Skills students who stay in school until age 21 which changes the rating of the cohort.

There being no further business, upon motion by Mr. O'Donnell, seconded by Mrs. Pikiewicz, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary