

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

JULY 13, 2020

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on July 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform. The Pledge of Allegiance was done. Dr. Pushchak announced that any guest or citizen who wished to address the Board should indicate so through the question and answer feature and they would be allotted 5 minutes.

Mr. Jeremy Bloeser, Mrs. Amanda Farrell, Mr. Shawn Matson, Mr. Steve O'Donnell, Mr. Josh Paris, Mrs. Julie Pikiewicz, 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. Mrs. Tara Pound was absent.

Roll Call

Building School reports will be given at the Regular Board Meeting on July 20, 2020.

No guest/citizens requested to address the Board.

Guest and Citizen
Comments

Mr. Berlin gave a presentation on the Health and Safety School Re-Entry Plan. The plan was developed utilizing a template from the Department of Education with assistance the Center for Disease Control, Health Department and government offices. The community was surveyed as to if they would send their children to school in the green and yellow phase, if they would utilize bussing or transport their children to and from school. A task force which included administration, school medical personnel and a parent/board member developed guidelines for each phase to ensure the students and staff can return to a safe learning instructional environment this fall as school reopens. Mr. Berlin went through each phase (green, yellow and red) and how the district plans to implement learning opportunities while following the PDE and CDC guidelines. Masks and social distancing will be required for students and staff. He also went over the educational choices available. A time of question and answer from the board and from guests followed. The large number of citizen questions were answered by Mr. Berlin or the appropriate administrator. Dr. Pushchak encouraged anyone who had additional questions to email Mr. Berlin or the principal of the buildings for information. He asked the public for patience as the Board and Administration will continue working on this ever-changing situation. We will continue to update everyone.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report with a General Fund balance of \$4,296,509.84 and a review the of Checks Already Written totaling \$189,772.57. A full report will be given at the July 20th Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the sale of Property Index Number 02-006-019.0-004.50 listed as Trailer from the Erie County Repository. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.

Sale of Parcel from
Repository for
Unsold Property
Taxes

The Board discussed the monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.	Budgetary Transfer
The Board discussed the district to file PDE-2071 Application for Plancon Part K Reimbursement for School Construction Project. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.	Application for Plancon Part K Reimbursement
The Board discussed the Berkheimer Confidentiality Resolution. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.	Berkheimer Confidentiality Resolution
The Board discussed the Memorandum of Understanding between Child Development Services Inc. and Wattsburg Area School District to provide effective services for children and families from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.	Child Development Services Inc. Memorandum of Understanding
The Board discussed the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Sharon Gdaniec effective June 30, 2020 and the resignation of Emily Manino, WAMS Special Education Teacher effective August 19, 2020. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.	Personnel Resignations
The Board discussed approve the following appointments affective August 19, 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shelby Chasko as the School Resource Officer effective August 10, 2020.• Ronald Rairie as piano tuner/repair technician for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate not to exceed \$800.• Mark Alloway as concert accompanist, vocal ensemble, Graduation and Baccalaureate for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate not to exceed \$1,950.• _____ as high school Social Studies Teacher at _____, Step _.	Personnel Appointments
The following appointments will be moved to the August agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• _____ as elementary teacher at _____, Step X.• _____ as WAEC Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher at _____, Step _ anticipated through ___. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.	
The Board discussed the tuition reimbursements. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.	Tuition Reimbursements
The Board discussed the following conference requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Krista Wehan to attend NISL Course #2: Sustaining Transformation through Capacity and Commitment on September 21-22; November 2-3, 2020; February 1-2 and April 12-13, 2021 via virtual platform at no cost to the district.• Krista Wehan to attend Foundations: Data to Action, July 5 through August 29, 2020 via virtual platform at no cost to the district. This item to be placed on the July 20, 202 agenda.	Conference Requests

The Board discussed the District's Phased Reopening Health & Safety Plan required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and re-entry summary. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.

District Phased
School Reopening
Health & Safety
Plan

The Board discussed the Pandemic Instructional Resolution. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.

Pandemic
Instruction
Resolution

The Board discussed the Affiliation Agreements between WASD and Gwynedd Mercy and Western Governors Universities. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.

Affiliation
Agreements

The Board discussed the Agreement between Fort LeBoeuf School District and Wattsburg Area School District to provide reading and math instructional services in accordance with Title I program. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.

Title I Agreement
for Services

The Board discussed the Preliminary Third-Party Agreement for Title I Services for the 2020-2021 school year between the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit and Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.

Preliminary Third-
Party Contractor
Agreement for
Title I Services

The Board discussed the Pilot Program Wit and Wisdom for Grades 1 - 3 at a cost not to exceed \$4,436.38. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.

Wit and Wisdom
Pilot Program

The Board discussed the updated safety plan for sports and fall activities. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda. Dr. Pushchak noted that this plan was adopted at the June meeting and all changes and updates to the plan need Board approval.

Plan for
Resocialization of
Sports

The Board discussed the resignation of Sharon Gdaniec as English Department Chair effective June 30, 2020. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.

Extra-Curricular
Resignation

The Board discussed the appointment of Laura Vogel as English Department Head, Step 1 for the 2020-2021 school year. This item to be placed on the July 20, 2020 agenda.

Extra-Curricular
Appointment

The Board discussed the approve the coaching appointments of the following for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Jason Patterson, 7th Grade Girls' Basketball, Step 1.
- Katrina Barnhart, 5th/6th Grade Cross Country, Step 1.
- Dave Seyboldt, Other Assistant 7th/8th Grade Football, Step 1.

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

Athletic
Appointments

Mr. O'Donnell reported that the Erie County Technical School JOB had a brief meeting on scheduling during Covid. He reported that renovations have been delayed due to Covid-19. There is some concern about the renovations as the vestibule is to be built utilizing a grant for safety.

Erie County
Vocational
Technical School

Dr. Pushchak reported that the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board met in June and appointed Assistant Executive Director Bradley Whitman as the Executive Director effective October 2020. They will not fill the Assistant Director position at this time.

Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate Unit

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Mr. O'Donnell questioned if Covid will effect Theater Arts this year. Mr. Berlin answered that at this point, we just don't know.

Board
Correspondence
and Dialogue

Dr. Pushchak thanked Mr. Berlin and administration for their diligent work and communication during the ever-changing Covid situation. He thanked the staff for their continued work for the district and he thanked those who attended this evening's meeting. He was happy to see so many people (40+) join this meeting (40+) and keeping up to date with the district's plans. He again asked for patience from the public as the administration continues working on and implementing the Reopening Plan.

There being no further business, by motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Pushchak the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary