

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Board Meeting

August 3, 2020

The Special Board Meeting was called to order on August 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM via virtual meeting platform. Dr. Pushchak announced the reason for this meeting was to discuss and appoint a board member to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. O'Donnell on July 20, 2020 and to delay the opening of school for the 2020-2021 school year.

Dr. Pushchak announced that if guest or citizens wished to address the board, they should use the Question and Answer function and they would be recognized and given 5 minutes to speak.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Jeremy Bloeser, Mrs. Amanda Farrell, Mr. Shawn Matson, 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 and Attorney Christine McClure also attended.

Roll Call

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lori Zaumseil wished to lodge a complaint that she felt this meeting was in violation of the Sunshine Law. Attorney McClure assured Mrs. Zaumseil there was no violation of the Sunshine Law.

Guest
& Citizen
Comments

Dr. Pushchak shared that per the policy, the board vacancy was advertised and five applications to fill the board vacancy were received. The Board members were sent the letter of interest and resume of each applicant to rank their choice for the new member of the board of directors. A matrix of the ranking was shared, and Nicole Lee ranked number one for five of the members. Dr. Pushchak thanked the citizens who applied and encouraged them to continue to be active in our district.

Review and
Discussion of
Candidates to
Fill Board
Vacancy

Discussion between the board members ensued with members shared that all five candidates were impressive and how they made their decision based on what stood out between the candidates.

Appointment
of Board
Member

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mr. Pushchak to approve the appointment of Mrs. Nicole Lee as Board Member to serve the remaining term of office vacated by Mr. Steven O'Donnell effective August 3, 2020. In a recorded roll call vote, Mr. Jeremy Bloeser, Mrs. Amanda Farrell, Mr. Josh Paris, Mrs. Julie Pikiewicz, Mr. Marty Pushchak and Dr. Andy Pushchak voted to appoint Mrs. Lee. Mr. Shawn Matson and Mrs. Tara Pound voted against the appointment. Motion carried.

Mrs. Zaumseil indicated that the number of attendees was limited to 100. Mr. Berlin explained that the district was unaware there was an attendee limit and was trying to address the problem as the meeting progressed.

Motion by Mrs. Pikiwicz, seconded by Mr. Bloeser to approve the delay of opening the school for the 2020-2021 school year until September 8, 2020. Discussion ensued and questions were answered about the necessary personal protection items arriving by September 8th and if should a later date be set. Mr. Berlin shared that based on the information we currently have; the district be ready for the schools to open on September 8th. Other questions regarding phased opening, etc. can be addressed at the individual building plans meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 beginning at 6:30 PM or at the work session. In a recorded roll call vote, Mrs. Julie Pikiwicz, Mrs. Tara Pound, Mr. Marty Pushchak, Mr. Jeremy Bloeser, Mrs. Amanda Farrell, Mr. Shawn Matson, Mr. Josh Paris and Dr. Andy Pushchak voted to delay the opening of school for the 2020 - 2021 school year until September 8, 2020. Motion carried.

Delay of
School
Opening

Mr. Berlin shared that the district is doing everything it can to ensure our students are returning to a safe environment for school this fall. We will keep the families and community informed as we receive information.

Upon motion by Mrs. Pound, seconded by Mr. Bloeser, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM. Dr. Pushchak thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary

Consensus Matrix
 WASD Board Vacancy
 August 2020

	Nicole Lee	Stephen Morvay	Andrea Lorman	Brian Young	Andrew Fischer
Shawn Matson			1	2	
Marty Pushchak	1	2			
Josh Paris	2				1
Tara Pound			2	1	
Jeremy Bloeser	1	2			
Julie Pikiewicz	1	2			
Amanda Farrell	1	2			
Andy Pushchak	1				2
	First – 5 Second – 1	First – 0 Second – 4	First – 1 Second – 1	First – 1 Second – 1	First – 1 Second – 1