

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

August 10, 2020

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on August 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom Virtual Meeting platform.

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, 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. Mr. Josh Paris was absent.

Roll Call

The schools will give a brief update at the August 17, 2020 board meeting.

Lori Zaumseil shared that she was upset with the way the Special Board meeting was called after it was announced at the July Regular Board meeting that the board vacancy would be filled at the August board meeting. She feels the board is violating the Sunshine Law.

Guest and Citizens  
Comments

Jodi Lee wanted an explanation on why the urgency of special board meeting.

Dr. Pushchak explained that the special meeting was called to postpone the start of the school year and since a meeting had been called for that, they thought it made sense to appoint the new member so they would be ready for the August meeting. Dr. Pushchak explained that the Board has not violated any of the Sunshine Law.

Mr. Berlin updated the Board with information released this morning from the PA Department of Health and Education statistics. If we follow the matrix we are in the moderate range (indicating yellow phase). There was discussion about how the district should open due to the rising numbers over the last two weeks. The Principals shared their views on opening in the Yellow Phase and that the more lead time that's given would be helpful. Many questions were answered by Mr. Berlin regarding which phase to begin in and a consensus for opening in the Yellow Phase with the dates of September 8 through November 9, 2020 was decided. A resolution for opening in the Yellow Phase will be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda. Mr. Berlin also shared that at present 120 students have registered for Fuel Education Cyber through the district.

Superintendent's  
Report

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report General Fund Balance of \$3,356,552.46 and Checks Already Written totaling \$1,565.94. A full report will be given at the August 17, 2020 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the appointment of Nicole Lee as Board Member to serve the remaining term of office vacated by Steven O'Donnell effective August 3, 2020. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

Appointment of  
Board Member

The Board discussed the delay of opening the school for the 2020-2021 school year until September 8, 2020. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

Delay of School  
Opening for  
2020-2021

The Board discussed the District All Hazards Plan 2020-2021. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

All Hazards Plan

The Board discussed the Title IX Interim Resolution. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

Title IX Resolution

The Board discussed the monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

Budgetary Transfer

The Board discussed the District to utilize all procurement programs including materials and services under the PA Department of General Services for the year 2021. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

Procurement  
Program

The Board discussed the Agreement between the YMCA and WASD for the YMCA Child Care Program. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

YMCA Child Care  
Agreement

The Board discussed the Snow Removal Agreement between Nelson Trucking and the Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

Snow Removal  
Agreement

The Board discussed the 2020-2021 Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute List. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

Kelly Educational  
Substitutes

The Board discussed the Service Personal Substitute List for the 2020-2021 school year. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

Service Substitutes

The Board discussed the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Robert David Hammer, Life Skills Teacher effective September 1, 2020. This item to be placed on August 17, 2020 agenda.

Personnel  
Resignations

The Board discussed the appointments of:

Personnel  
Appointments

- Lauren Zamperini as elementary teacher at Masters, Step 1.
- Justine Brink as high school English Language Arts Teacher at Masters, Step 3.
- Amber Hill as middle school Special Education Teacher at Masters, Step 6.
- Angela Shaner as high school Special Education Emotional Support Teacher at master's +30, Step 7
- \_\_\_\_\_ as WAMS Long-Term Substitute Physical Education Teacher at \_\_\_\_\_, Step X anticipated through \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ as WAEC Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher at \_\_\_\_\_, Step X anticipated through \_\_\_\_\_.

This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the tuition reimbursements. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.	Tuition Reimbursements
The Board discussed the first reading of Policy 338 Sabbatical Leave. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.	Policy338 First Reading
The Board discussed waiving the presentation/first reading of Policy 221.1, Dress, Grooming Supplement. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.	Waiving of Policy 221.1 First Reading
The Board discussed adopting Policy 221.1 Dress, Grooming Supplement. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.	Policy 221.1 Supplement
The Board discussed the Revised School Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.	Revised School Calendar
The Board discussed the renewal of online licenses for Fuel Education and the addition of elementary K-5 online licenses with the possibility of purchasing additional licenses across all grade levels. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.	Fuel Education Online Licenses
The Board discussed the Durham Bus Drivers for the 2020-2021 school year. This item will be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.	Durham Bus Drivers
The Board discussed the bus routes for the 2020-2021 school year. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.	Bus Routes for 2020-2021
The following transportation requests for the 2020-2021 school year were discussed. These items to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.	Transportation Requests
The Board discussed the resignation of David Seyboldt as Second Assistant Football Coach effective July 28, 2020.	Athletic Resignation
The Board discussed the extra-curricular appointments for the 2020-2021 school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jim Caspar as Marching Band Director Step 2+</li><li>• Donald Pearce as SHS History Club Advisor</li><li>• Cheryl Krider as SHS A.P. Club Advisor</li><li>• Kim Webb as Team Leader, Grade 3, Step 2+</li></ul> This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.	Extra-Curricular Appointments
The Board discussed the athletic appointment of Seth Hembre as Second Assistant Football Coach for the 2020-2021 school year at Step 1. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.	Athletic Appointment
The Board discussed the activity account for the 2020-2021 school year for the organizations as outlined. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.	Activity Account

The Board discussed the game help list for the 2020-2021 school year.

Game Help List

Jerry Adamus	Sheri Hoffman	Lisa Smith
Donna Banks	Stacey Mattocks	Eric Sonny
Samantha Black	Dana Miller	Walter Staab
Julie Canter	Sue Nolan	Janice Stalford
Don Einhouse	Elizabeth Oslak-Diehl	Ray Trejchel
Alyssa Forte	Debby Peck	Therese Wells
Kyle Forte	Derek Peterman	Cindy Widdowson
David Frank	Cecilia Polumbo	Brandon Williams
Becky Groenendaal	Paul Semrau	

This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the resolution regarding the retention and destruction of Special Education, Gifted Education and Chapter 15/Section 504 records. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

Retention &  
Destruction of  
Spec. Ed Records

The Board discussed the surplus items. This item to be placed on the August 17, 2020 agenda.

Surplus Items

Dr. Pushchak shared that a WASD representative for the Erie County Vocational Technical School JOB is needed to fill the term vacated by Mr. O'Donnell. If any board member is interested in representing us, please let him know.

Erie County  
Technical School

No report for the Northwest Tri-County IU 5. The next meeting is August 26, 2020.

Northwest Tri-  
County IU

During the Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Mrs. Pound asked if there was a way the Board could communicate with the community through something other than social media. Mr. Berlin shared that the reason the Bobcat Pride was brought back was to keep the community informed about the events of the district.

Board  
Correspondence  
and Dialogue

Dr. Pushchak reminded citizens that just because someone does not agree with a decision made by the board, that does not mean that board has done anything wrong, illegal, or improper. He reminded the community that this board acts and governs according to set laws and policies.

There being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Pikiwicz, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File  
Vicki Bendig  
Board Secretary