

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on September 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Jeremy Bloeser, Mrs. Nicole Lee, 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, Attorney Mark Kuhar and Attorney Chris McClure also attended. Mrs. Amanda Farrell was absent.

Roll Call

Mr. Berlin shared next week the buildings will report how the first couple of weeks of returning to school has gone and Mr. Tarasovitch, Principal of Erie County Technical School will recognize Barry Mierke and Robert Spencer who were 2020 graduates from Seneca and Erie County Vo-Tech.

School Reports

No visitors requested addressing the Board this evening.

Visitors

Mr. Berlin shared information on Erie County's statistics on Covid. We are presently 12.5 (per 100,000) and 1.9% positivity. These numbers seem to be declining and we will continue to watch the numbers to determine the right time to return to the green phase. The transition will take some planning to implement so we will probably re-evaluate at the October Board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

He also shared that even though students in grades 7-12 are being taught remotely, the Guidance Counselors and SAP Program are available for students who need their services. Parents need to contact the school should help be needed. Stairways also has an evening program if needed.

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report of \$3,959,994.72 in the General Fund as of August 30, 2020 and a review the of Checks Already Written amounting \$69,044.95. A full report will be given at the September 21, 2020 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Bendig also shared that through December 31, 2020 all students are receiving free breakfast and lunch through government funding. Students who are doing remote learning can also pick up breakfast/lunch at the district. Information on this can be found on the district website.

The Board discussed the monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Budgetary Transfer

The Board discussed the transfer from the Committed Reserve Fund – Outdoor Stadium Complex Renovation Contingency to the Capital Project Fund in the amount of \$165,817.62. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Transfer of Funds

The Board discussed the Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement between the YMCA and WASD. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Sponsor to
Sponsor
Agreement

The Board discussed Change Order #6 for the Athletic Complex to be funded out of the project contingency. After discussion, the Board consensus was to revise the Change Order to eliminate the outfield drainage remediation plan from the Change Order. This item will be revised and placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Athletic Complex
Change Order #6

The Board discussed the additions to the Kelly Educational Staffing list and the additions of Kayla Ballew, Emily Siira (retro-active to September 10, 2020), April Welsch and Kelsey Zasada to the Service Personnel Substitute lists. These items to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Substitute Lists
2020-2021

The Board discussed the following appointments:

- Rebecca Haener as long-term substitute elementary anticipated August 19, 2020 through January 29, 2021 at Bachelors, Step 1.
- Jenna Wright as high school Special Education Learning Support Teacher at Bachelors, Step 2 effective August 19, 2020.

Personnel
Appointments

This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the tuition reimbursements. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Tuition
Reimbursement

The Board discussed following conference requests:

- Erica Young to attend ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) virtually on November 29 -December 5, 2020 at a cost of \$155.
- Bethany Pinzok to attend Teaching PE and Health Remotely virtually at a cost of \$129. Funds from professional development.

Conference
Requests

This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the resignations of Katelyn Czarnecki, cafeteria aide effective August 31, 2020 and Denise Rutkowski, special needs aide effective September 8, 2020. This item to placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Personnel
Resignations

The Board discussed the Student Assistance Program Case Manager Job Description. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Job Description

The Board discussed the Cyber Academy MOA between the WEA and WASD. Dr. Pushchak announced that the Board will be discussing this item in an Executive Session following this meeting due to it being a Collective Bargaining Agreement item. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Cyber Academy
MOA

The Board discussed the updated District Phased Reopening Health and Safety Plan. The change to the plan was to include an update in Mask wearing in the plan. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Updated District
Phased School
Reopening
Health & Safety
Plan

The Board discussed the transportation of non-public students during the yellow phase reopening of school plan. Typically, we provide transportation K-12 and we must also provide that transportation to non-public students. With grades 7-12 not being transported, we are currently not required to transport non-public students. The district transports about 104 non-public students 60 high school and 40 elementary. We are charged by the bus route not by stops or miles. The routes do not change whether we pick up the high school students or just elementary. After discussion, it was felt that we should offer the non-public high school students transportation. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Non-Public
Student
Transportation

The Board discussed the 2020 Transportation Agreement between Erie County Office of Children and Youth and WASD. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

OCY-WASD
Transportation
Agreement

The Board discussed the Office of Children and Youth Memorandum of Understanding. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

OCY
Memorandum of
Understanding

The Board discussed the addition of Christopher Evans and Britlee Skinner to the Durham Bus Driver's List for the 2020-2021 school year. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Durham Bus
Drivers

The Board discussed the resignation of Jason Patterson, 7th grade girls' basketball coach effective August 26, 2020. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Athletic
Resignation

The Board discussed the Winter/Spring coaches for the 2020-2021 school year and Colton Hoffman as 7th grade girls' basketball coach for the 2020-2021 school year. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Athletic
Appointments

The Board discussed the appointment of Sherry Wnukowski as Team Leader Grade 1 for the 2020-2021 school year. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Extra-Curricular
Appointment

The Board discussed the addition of Julie Pikiwicz to the game help list for the 2020-2021 school year. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020 agenda.

Game Help List

The Board discussed the addition of Carl Gladitz, Halle Swasing and April Welsch to the WASD Volunteer list. This item to be placed on the September 21, 2020.

Volunteer List

Dr. Pushchak announced that the Board will meet in Executive Session following this evening's meeting to discuss a negotiations matter involving the WEA regarding the Cyber MOA and FFCRA paid leave. At the conclusion of the executive session, no further business will be conducted.

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Mr. Paris questioned where we get guidance about the number of spectators allowed at games. Mrs. Pikiwicz questioned why do some schools have high attendance and others not allow any

Board
Correspondence
and

spectators? Attorney McClure shared that the Governor has left that up to the districts themselves. Also, on a side note, a judge ruled against the governor in Butler vs. Wolfe siting that it was unconstitutional for the governor to set limits on gatherings. Knox is advising schools to not open the limits yet. Wait to see the outcome.

Dialogue

Mrs. Pound asked that a plan be made for opening sporting events as soon as possible.

Mrs. Pound also questioned why the resource officer directs traffic at the high school at dismissal time. Mrs. Barboni shared that elementary students' parents are no longer entering the buildings and the students are walking to their cars at dismissal. The Resource Officer is assisting with traffic flow and bus departures.

There being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Pikiewicz, seconded by Mrs. Lee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary