## WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

## **Work Session**

OCTOBER 12, 2020

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on October 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform. Dr. Pushchak called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Jeremy Bloeser, Mrs. Amanda Farrell, 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 also attended.

Roll Call

Danny Carter addressed the board inquiring why elementary students who are attending the high school were walking their belongings to the elementary center from the high school. He also expressed his desire to have the Activity Bus back in service. Dr. Pushchak reminded Mr. Carter on two separate occasions to use appropriate language and maintain proper meeting decorum when delivering his comments.

Guest and Citizen
Comments

Mr. Berlin shared that the new Athletic Complex opened on Friday evening, October 9, 2020. The crowd followed social distancing and everyone attending seemed to have a good time. The girls' soccer team was having a game tonight.

Superintendent's Report

He also shared that the retention pond ended up being a few feet deeper than originally planned due to some unmarked drainage/water pipes. The district plans to put additional fencing around the pond for safety.

Mr. Berlin also shared the latest available statistics on Covid from the Department of Health.

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report for the General Fund balance \$6,038,810.45, Capital Projects balance \$446,847.38 and Cafeteria \$143,691.41. A review the of Checks Already Written in the amount of \$26,497.88 and Cafeteria Checks Already Written amounting to \$1,138.81. A full report will be given at the October 19, 2020 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the resolution related to MacDonald Illig conducting the Judicial Tax Sale for the County of Erie and the Erie County Tax Claim Bureau for the calendar years of 2020, 2021 and 2022. This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

Judicial Tax Sale Resolution

The Board discussed the monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report. This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

Budget vs. Actual Budgetary Transfer

The Board discussed Gerald Bowling, Amelia Chapman-Burke, and Joseph Van Riper as additions to the Kelly Educational Substitute List. This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

Kelly Educational Substitutes The Board discussed Gail Kimmy as an addition to the Service Substitute list for the 2020-2021 school year. This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

Service Substitute List

The Board discussed the tuition reimbursements. This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

Tuition Reimbursement

Personnel

**Appointments** 

The Board discussed approve the following appointments:

- Brooke Gibbs as Custodian, Level II, Class B, 6.50 hours/day, 210 days/year effective October 20, 2020.
- as Custodian, Level II, Class B, 7 hours/day, 205 days/year effective October20, 2020.
- \_\_\_\_\_ as Special Education Aide, Class B, 7 hours/day, 180 days/year effective TBD.

This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the appointment of the School Physician as Saint Vincent Medical Group at the rate of \$15.00 per physical exam effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

School Physician

The Board discussed the appointment of the Dr. Richard Brozewicz, DDS, as the school Dentist for the 2020-2021 school year at the rate of \$5.00 per exam. This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

School Dentist

Second Reading Policies

The Board discussed the second reading of

- Policy 103 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
- Policy 104 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff
- Policy 247 Anti-Hazing
- Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying

This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

The board discussed the Homebound Instruction for a sixth-grade student anticipated September 16 – October 30, 2020. This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

Homebound Instruction

The Board discussed the academic services of LearnWell for the following

- A hospitalized WAMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade student beginning October 1, 2020 and anticipated ending date of November 1, 2020.
- A hospitalized WAEC 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student beginning September 30, 2020 and anticipated ending date of October 30, 2020.

This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the Affirmation Statement for the WAEC Title One Plan. This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

WAEC Title One Plan Affirmation

The Board discussed the additions of Ron Orlowski and Dorothy Bayle to the Durham Bus Drivers List for the 2020-2021 school year. This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

Durham Drivers

LearnWell Academic Services The Board discussed the WASD Gameday Protocol for Spectators. This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

WASD Gameday Protocol for Spectators

The Board discussed the addition of Shelby Chesko to the WASD Volunteer List. This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

Volunteer List

The Board discussed the following extra-curricular appointments for the 2020-2021 school year:

Extra-Curricular Appointments

- Steve O'Donnell as the Audio-Visual Director (retro to August 19, 2020),
   Step 2+
- Steve O'Donnell Class of 2024, Step 1
- Justine Brink as Assistant Cheerleading Coach, Step 1
- Christopher Langer-Williamson, Drama Club Advisor
- SAP Case Mangers, Step 1:

<u>WAEC</u> <u>WAMS</u>

Kelsey Cross Sheri Hoffman Tim Malinowski Kyle Forte

Madelyn Simmons Vince DiMichele Elizabeth Diehl Savannah Anderton

This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the closing of the district safe deposit box at the Wattsburg Branch of Northwest Bank. This item to be placed on the October 19, 2020 agenda.

District Safe Deposit Box

Mrs. Lee shared she will have a report on the Erie County Technical School at the October 19, 2020 meeting.

Erie County Technical School

Dr. Pushchak will also have a report from the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit at the October 19, 2020 meeting.

Northwest Tri-County IU

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Mr. Matson gave kudos to all involved in the opening of the Athletic Complex and festivities which included fireworks. It was shared that Mr. Rob Englert donated the fireworks for the opening.

Board Correspondence and Dialogue

Mrs. Pound shared that the field looks awesome and everyone in attendance commented how nice everything was.

Mrs. Lee shared kudos to Mrs. Pinzok for the Pumpkin Run and all who helped to make it a great time for the kids despite Covid.

Mrs. Farrell questioned how the progress to be ready to return to the Green Phase was going. Mr. Berlin shared that everything was on schedule.

There being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Paris, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File Vicki Bendig Board Secretary