

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

OCTOBER 19, 2020

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Regular Board meeting via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform. President Andy Pushchak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He instructed those who wished to address the board this evening to please use the Question and Answer feature and to provide their name and address. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Jeremy Bloeser, Mrs. Amanda Farrell, Mrs. Nicole Lee, Mr. Shawn Matson, Mr. Josh Paris, 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, Solicitor also attended. Mrs. Julie Pikiewicz was absent.

Roll Call

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

Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Pound, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve the meeting minutes of the September 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, the September 29, 2020 Special Board Meeting and the October 12, 2020 Work Session. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Berlin asked the building principals to update the Board on our readiness to bring back students in the Green Phase tomorrow.

School Reports

Mr. Miller (SHS) shared that the faculty asked questions about how they were going to transition back to make sure we are all on the same page. We have been rearranging of classrooms, sections, arranging desks/tables in cafeteria Media center along with procedural changes. The students will be allowed to carry backpacks, paws on lockers for personalization. We have hydration stations on each floor for student use. We are also working on grade transitions from cyber to in person. They plan to work with Student Council to come up with some socially distancing ideas for activities to promote school climate. Stressing to teachers to not focus only on grades but help students to transition. Students have been out of school for many months and some students may have a hard time dealing with stress.

Mr. Paris (WAMS) shared that grades five and six were here so we were able to adjust where needed. Grades seven and eight are excited to get back. Adjustments have been made to the cafeteria and gym for lunch time. No problems with masks for the fifth and sixth grade.

Mrs. Barboni (WAEC) shared that all teachers are back in the building. The teachers spent time getting their classrooms back into elementary working order. Thank you to the teachers for all the work preparing rooms, moving to the high school. Thank you to maintenance/custodial staff and PTO for all their

help in moving. All walls have been closed to single classes again. We can have most rooms with six-foot distance. We have shifted staff duties around to accommodate scanning of temperatures, readjusted specials classes to allow for more time for students to eat breakfast in their classes, and the lunch schedule has been adjusted to utilize both gathering areas and cafeteria for lunch.

The plan for student safety has been enhanced for going into the cold and flu season, making sure there is a paper trail and we can track illnesses while keeping students and staff safe. They are thinking ahead to Halloween and working on a way to celebrate with the community and keep students safe at the same time. Everyone is excited to back.

Mr. Berlin thanked the principals for all their planning and the custodial staff and teachers. It was quite a process and really brought everyone together and what we thought would be unpleasant situation really been positive.

Dr. Pushchak thanked everyone involved in this process on behalf of the board. He wished the students and staff a healthy and safe return to school.

Dr. Pushchak reminded Mr. Carter Policy 903 School Board states that all statements shall be directed to the presiding officer, which is the president, that no participant can address board members individually; similarly, comments cannot be personally directed at the superintendent and please demonstrate proper meeting decorum. As presiding officer, according to Policy 903, the president may interrupt or terminate a participant when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant. This includes repeating statements over and over that have already been addressed by the administration or the board. Finally, the president may request that an individual leave the meeting with the person does not observe reasonable decorum. The Board is here to listen to the public as long they fall in-line with policies of the Board.

**Guest and Citizen
Comments**

Danny Carter thanked everyone for all their work to get students back to school. He shared concerns over the districts state and national academic rankings, inflated reading scores, the design of the new baseball turf baseball and softball fields, and support for younger athletic teams.

Mr. Morvay spoke regarding coming back to school Green Phase. He thanked everyone involved in that move to bring all students back to school. Encouraged the Board continue to take precautions. He also questioned if 7-12 would have the opportunity to get the masks that were given out to the students in grades K-6.

Mr. Steve Carter shared that we used grant money to purchase masks and there are masks for all the students. It may take a few days to get them distributed but grades 7-12 will be given masks.

Mr. Berlin reported that the Covid-19 data from the Health Department and PDE is getting more granular. He shared the new data for this past week. He will continue to monitor these metrics to make educated decisions for the District.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve the following reports, payments and invoices as presented:

**Business
Administrator's
Report**

A. Treasurer's Reports

[General Fund](#): \$6,038,810.45

YTD Budget to Actual Report: [2019-2020](#) and [October 2020](#)

[Capital Projects](#): \$446,847.38

[Cafeteria](#): \$143,691.41

[Cafeteria Profit/Loss](#): \$2,549.01

B. Bills

[Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$26,497.88

[Exhibit A2](#) Checks Already Written: \$18,942.13

[Exhibit A3](#) General Fund Bills: \$475,539.22

[Exhibit B1](#) Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$1,138.81

[Exhibit B2](#) Cafeteria Bills Already Written: \$22,044.41

[Exhibit B3](#) Cafeteria Bills : \$128.61

Exhibit C Capital Project Fund Bills:

[Exhibit D](#) SHS Activity Fund Report: \$62,755.25

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition.

Motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the resolution related to MacDonald Illy 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 as outlined in [Exhibit E](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Judicial Tax Sale
Resolution**

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Pound to approve the monthly budgetary transfers from the budget vs. actual report as outlined in [Exhibit F](#) (2019-2020) and [Exhibit G](#) (2020-2021). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Budgetary Transfers

Motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Bloeser to approve additional stadium fencing which includes fencing in the retention pond by Keystone Fence Company at a cost of \$20,500 funded out of project contingency as outlined in [attachment 1](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Retention Pond
Fence**

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mr. Paris approve Gerald Bowling, Amelia Chapman-Burke, Joseph Van Riper and Gina Zona as additions to the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute List. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Kelly Educational
Substitutes**

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve Gail Kimmy and Constance Gates as additions to Service Substitute list for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Service Substitute
List**

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the tuition reimbursements as outlined in [Exhibit H](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Tuition
Reimbursements**

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the following appointments:

**Personnel
Appointments**

- Brooke Gibbs as Custodian, Level II, Class B, 6.50 hours/day, 210 days/year effective October 20, 2020.
- Emily Siira as Custodian, Level II, Class B, 7 hours/day, 205 days/year effective October 20, 2020.
- Kayla Ballew as Special Education Aide, Class B, 7 hours/day, 180 days/year effective October 20, 2020.

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve 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. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

School Physician

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve Dr. Richard Brozewicz, DDS, as the school Dentist for the 2020-2021 school year at the rate of \$5.00 per exam. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

School Dentist

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the second reading of the following policies:

**Second Reading
Policies**

- Policy 103 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students ([Exhibit I](#))
- Policy 104 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff ([Exhibit J](#))
- Policy 247 Anti-Hazing ([Exhibit K](#))
- Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying ([Exhibit L](#))

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the Homebound Instruction for a sixth-grade student anticipated September 16 – October 30, 2020. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Homebound
Instruction**

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Pound to approve academic services of LearnWell for the following:

**LearnWell Academic
Services**

- A hospitalized WAMS 8th grade student beginning October 1, 2020 and anticipated ending date of November 1, 2020.

- A hospitalized WAEC 3rd grade student beginning September 30, 2020 and anticipated ending date of October 30, 2020.

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the Affirmation Statement for the Title One Plan as outlined in [Exhibit M](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Title One
Affirmation
Statement**

Motion by Mrs. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bloeser to approve Ron Orlowski and Dorothy Bayle to the Durham Bus Drivers List for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Durham Bus Drivers

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the WASD Gameday Protocols for Spectators as outlined in [Exhibit N](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Gameday Protocols
for Spectators**

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mr. Bloeser to approve Shelby Chesko and LeAnn Davids as additions to the WASD Volunteer List. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**WASD Volunteer
List**

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mr. Bloeser to approve 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>	<u>SHS</u>	
Kelsey Cross	Sheri Hoffman	Tim Malinowski	Kyle Forte
Madelyn Simmons	Vince DiMichele	Elizabeth Diehl	Savannah Anderton

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lee reported that the Erie County Technical School JOB met September 24, 2020 They have a bid date for construction on January 21, 2021 with a start date of April 21, 2021 and completion date of July 21, 2021. They discussed new programming and the sale of property for the round-about barrier. The next meeting will be October 22, 2020.

**Erie County
Technical School
JOB**

Dr. Pushchak updated that Board on the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit meeting on September 23, 2020. Most of the usual business. This was the last meeting with Dr. Maynard. He shared that the candidate for the new executive director was an internal hire. The next meeting for their meeting will be October 28, 2020.

**Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate Unit**

During the Board Correspondence and Dialogue time, Mrs. Pound questioned the free lunches. Only full component meals are free/reimbursable. All others are purchase.

**Board
Correspondence
and Dialogue**

Mr. Paris questioned if we are still utilizing My School Bucks for cafeteria accounts? Mrs. Bendig shared that we are now using School Café. Letters were mailed prior to the start of school regarding the change and instructions on account set up. This information is also on the website. Online payments can be made, or students can bring money to school to put on their account. Mrs. Farrell shared that the School Café app is much easier and user friendly than the My School Bucks app was.

Mrs. Lee asked how we will count Covid cases? Mr. Berlin shared that decisions are made by the Health Department and we are to report any probable and positive cases to them. The Health Department will advise how we would proceed.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Lee the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m..

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
School Board Secretary