

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

November 9, 2020

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on November 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform. 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

No guests or citizens requested to address the Board.

Mr. Berlin went over the latest numbers on Covid data. He stated that Erie County's tracking data differs from the State level. The state only counts positive testing while Erie County data includes positive and probable. The numbers are climbing.

Superintendent
Report

He also stated that this week we had one elementary teacher test positive and six teachers who were close contact. WAMS had one teacher test positive and five close contact teachers. Although we do have two positive cases the students were not exposed. He went over the Person A (positive/probable), Person B (6 feet, 15-minute close contact) and Person C (close contact to a Person B). He also shared the reason for moving the schools to virtual learning was due to a shortage in substitute teachers. We utilize Kelly Educational Services and pay the highest substitute rate (\$95/day) however, we still are not able to secure enough substitutes This problem is not only due to Covid, but also due to the fact of steadily declining numbers of certified teachers and substitutes.

The Superintendents of Erie County are meeting with the Erie County Health Department who is encouraging districts to contact trace and provide quarantine themselves. Wattsburg has three people certified to do the Covid tracing.

Mr. Berlin answered questions regarding how the district is handling contact tracing, working to keep community hubs informed. The district continues to be proactive and take the measures to keeping our students, staff and community safe.

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report for the General Fund: \$11,716,362.10, Capital Projects: \$446,867.86 and Cafeteria: \$123,109.47 and a review the of Checks Already Written \$44,744.67 and SHS Activity Fund Report: \$67,581.61. A full report will be given at the November 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Treasurer's
Report

The Board discussed the following budgetary transfers:

- Monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report as outlined.
- From General Fund to Capital Projects in the amount of \$6,141.70 for the balance of the WAMS renovation project.

Budgetary
Transfers

- From General Fund to Capital Projects in the amount of \$12,715.84 for WASD's share of the ECTS Building Renovation Pre-Bid Document Development (Payment 2 of 3)
- From Outdoor Stadium Complex Renovation Contingency to Capital Project Fund in the amount of \$98,332.80 as outlined.

This item to be placed on the November 16, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed Rhonda Kaltenbaugh and Alexandra Smiley as additions to the 2020-2021 Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute List . This item to be placed on the November 16, 2020 agenda.

Kelly Educational
Staffing
Substitute List

The Board discussed the following personnel appointments:

- Megan Shindlecker as long-term Social Studies Substitute Teacher for Seneca High School anticipated January 4, 2021 through June 14, 2021 at Masters, Step one.
- Debby Peck as district-wide supplemental substitute caller at a yearly rate of \$2,730 effective November 17, 2020.

Personnel
Appointments

This item to be placed on the November 16, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed resignation of Trisha Francis, Special Education Aide effective November 13, 2020. This item to be placed on the November 16, 2020 agenda.

Personnel
Resignation

The Board discussed the first reading of the following policies

- Policy 111 Lesson Plans
- Policy 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- Policy 113.2 Behavioral Support
- Policy 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
- Policies 122, 123 and 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Electrocardiogram Testing

Policies First
Reading

This item to be placed on the November 16, 2020 agenda.

The Board discussed the Agreement for Title I Services between City of Erie School District and WASD. This item to be placed on the November 16, 2020 agenda.

Agreement for
Title 1 Services

The Board discussed the revised Preliminary Third-Party Contractor Agreement for Title Services between Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit and WASD. This item to be placed on the November 16, 2020 agenda.

Revised IU Title 1
Agreement

The Board discussed the addition of Linda Griffin to the Durham Bus Driver List for the 2020-2021 school year. This item to be placed on the November 16, 2020 agenda.

Durham Bus
Driver

The Board discussed the resignation of Savannah Anderton as Musical Director effective October 29, 2020. This item to be placed on the November 16, 2020 agenda.

Extra-Curriculum
Resignation

The Board discussed the appointment of Colton Hoffman as Boys' Basketball, Second Assistant Coach for the 2020-2021 school year at step 2+. This item to be placed on the November 16, 2020 agenda.

Athletic
Appointment

Mrs. Lee reported that the Erie County Technical School JOB met on October 26, 2020. She will give a summary of the meeting at the November 16, 2020 meeting. Mr. Berlin added that the Superintendent's are having a meeting on the Technical School Renovations as the next step is to have the plans reviewed and Millcreek continues to be hesitant to contribute their share toward the improvements.

Erie County
Technical School

Dr. Pushchak will have an update on the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board meeting at the November 16, 2020 meeting.

NW Tri-County
Intermediate Unit

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Dr. Pushchak thanked all veterans for their service to our country.

Board
Correspondence
and Dialogue

Mrs. Pikiewicz shared that the laptop pick-up/distribution at the middle school was very well done. The IT Department has done a tremendous job. Mr. Berlin also shared that the IT Department has gone above and beyond since the beginning of Covid shutdown in March. They have worked diligently to make sure everything has run smoothly, and everyone has what is needed.

Mr. Matson gave a shout out to the SHS Girls' Soccer Team who made a great effort in the championship game. Also, congratulations to Ashley Post who took 5th place in the State Cross Country meet. Job well done.

Mrs. Pound questioned if the sports physicals have been addressed. Mr. Miller to address this.

There being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Pikiewicz, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary

