

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

June 14, 2021

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on June 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Seneca High School Media Center.

Mr. Jeremy Bloeser, Mrs. Amanda Farrell, Mr. Steve Morvay, Mr. Josh Paris, Mrs. Julie Pikiwicz, Mrs. Tara Pound, Mr. Marty Pushchak and Dr. Andy Pushchak attended. Mr. Kenneth Berlin, Superintendent; Mrs. Christine McClure, District Solicitor and Mrs. Vicki Bendig Business Administrator also attended. Mr. Shawn Matson was absent.

Roll Call

Dr. Pushchak announced that the Board met in Executive Session on June 7, 2021 to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation and on June 14, 2021 to discuss the Safety Report. No other business was discussed.

There was no school report this evening.

Mr. Danny Carter addressed the Board regarding the video of the "hot bus" and how the incident was handled. He also asked about the batting cages and scoreboards for the softball and baseball fields. He feels there should be better handicapped accessibility.

Mr. Adam Mong addressed the Board on the "hot bus" incident. His child was on the bus, and he feels the driver should be disciplined.

Mr. Berlin responded that the principals reviewed the tape of the bus incident. Students were not in any danger or risk from the heat. The district has followed protocol. Durham was informed and are investigating. It is up to them to discipline the driver who is their employee.

Batting cages are in progress. We are also in the process of getting electric ran to the ball fields so scoreboards can be installed. He also shared that the athletic fields are ADA compliant.

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report General Fund: \$5,683,114.94, Capital Projects: \$17.93 and Cafeteria: \$336,397.75 and the bills Exhibit A1- Checks Already Written: \$58,954.29, Exhibit B1- Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$161.84 and Exhibit D -SHS Activity Fund Report: \$73,898.36. A full report will be given at the June 21, 2021 meeting.

Treasurer's
Report

The Board discussed the transfers for the month. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Transfers

The Board discussed the adoption of the General Fund Budget for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$26,771,889. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

General Fund
Budget

The Board discussed the Real Property Tax Resolution:

Real Property Tax
Resolution

Resolved, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors does hereby levy for the school fiscal year July 1, 2021, to and including June 30, 2022, on each dollar of the total assessment of all real property in the Wattsburg Area School District comprised of the Borough of Wattsburg and Townships of Amity, Greene, Greenfield and Venango in the amount of 20.5797 mills or \$2,057.97 on each one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars of assessed valuation of taxable property for general school purposes and the payment of teachers' salaries and rentals to school authorities. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

The Board discussed the Per Capita Tax Resolution:

Resolved, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts upon the residents and/or inhabitants of the Wattsburg Area School District, nineteen (19) years of age and older, within the School District a Per Capita Tax in the amount of five (\$5.00) dollars as provided for in the Public-School Code of 1949 (Section 679) as amended during the Period July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Per Capita Tax
Resolution

The Board discussed the Act 511 Per Capita Tax Resolution:

Resolved, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts upon the residents and/or inhabitants of the Wattsburg Area School District, nineteen (19) years of age and older, within the School District a Per Capita Tax in the amount of (\$5.00) dollars as provided for in the Public Law, 1257, dated December 31, 1965, as amended, commonly referred to as Act 511 or as The Local Tax Enabling Act, 53 P.S. Section 6924.101 et seq., during the period July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Act 511 Per
Capita Tax
Resolution

The Board discussed the Earned Income Tax (Wage Tax) Resolution:

Resolved, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts and continues an earned income tax, to be levied in the amount of one percent (1%) on salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation earned during the period July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, on all residents of the Wattsburg Area School District who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years and older, and on the net profits earned during said periods from business, professions or other activities conducted by residents of the said District in accordance with Public Law, 1257, dated December 31, 1965, as amended, commonly referred to as Act 511 or as a The Local Tax Enabling Act, 53 P.S. Section 6924.101 et seq. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Earned Income
Tax Resolution

The Board discussed the Realty Transfer Tax Resolution

Resolved, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts and continues a Realty Transfer Tax, to be levied in the amount of one percent (1%) on Transfers beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, of real property or any interest in real property situated within the Wattsburg Area School District in accordance with Public Law, 1257, dated December 31, 1965, as amended, commonly referred to as Act 511 or as The Local Tax Enabling Act, 53 P.S. Section 6924.101 et seq. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Realty Transfer
Tax Resolution

The Board discussed the Local Services Tax Resolution:

Resolved, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts upon the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the limits of the Wattsburg Area School District, who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years and older, a Local Services Tax in the amount of ten (\$10) dollars as provided in The Local Tax Enabling Act, 53 P.S. Section 6924.101 et seq., during the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Local Services Tax
Resolution

The Board discussed the Act 1 Exclusion Resolution - Homestead/Farmstead. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Homestead –
Farmstead

The Board discussed the lunch prices for the 2021-2022 school year reflecting no change as follows:

	SHS	WAMS	WAEC
Breakfast	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$1.10
Lunch	\$2.60	\$2.60	\$2.35
Milk	.55	.55	.55

School Lunch
Prices

This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

The Board discussed the use of the baseball fields June 16-20, 2021, 8AM – 8PM by Mercyhurst University for a baseball tournament at the estimated cost of \$1,536. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Facility Use
Request

The Board discussed the addition of Kennedy Wittman to the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute list for the 200-2021 school year. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Kelly Educational
Staffing

The Board discussed the Extended School Year appointment of Michael Pettinato as special educational aide. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

ESY Appointment

The Board discussed the following resignations:

- Tracie Trott, Educational Aide for the purpose of retirement effective June 11, 2021.
- Julie Danowski, Speech Lange Pathologist effective June 15, 2021.
- Janice Sayers, Elementary Teacher for the purpose of retirement effective June 29, 2021.
- Kathleen Holland, Elementary Teacher for the purpose of retirement effective June 14, 2021.
- Todd Talbot, Science Teacher effective June 28, 2021.

Personnel
Resignations

This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

The Board discussed the Superintendent's 2020-2021 Annual Performance Evaluation. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Superintendent
Annual Evaluation

The Board discussed the tuition reimbursements. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Tuition
Reimbursement

The Board discussed the revised the Band Director Job Description. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Job Description

The Board discussed summer help appointments:

Summer
Appointments

- Joyce O'Neal as summer technology help at the rate of \$10.00/hour retro-effective June 14, 2021.
- Sally Scalise as Temporary Educational Support Aide to proctor PSSA testing June 14-18 and 21-22, 2021.
- Cafeteria summer appointments anticipated June 14 – August 24, 2021:
 - Cafeteria Aides:
 - Beth Allgeier
 - Bethany Gibson
 - Janice Stalford
 - Linda Trott
 - Diana Twaroski
 - Amanda Werner
 - Wendy Werner
 - Cook/Bakers:
 - Rebecca Groenendaal
 - Jeannine Miller

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The Board discussed the appointments of:

Personnel
Appointments

- Sharon Gibbs as Temporary Custodian, 8 hours/day at the rate of \$14.43 per hour anticipated June 1, 2021 through August 1, 2021.
- Barbara Daniels as Temporary Custodian, 7.5 hours/day at the rate of \$14.12 per hour anticipated June 15, 2021 through August 1, 2021.
- Ronald Rairie as piano tuner/repair technician for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate not to exceed \$800.
- Mark Alloway as concert accompanist, vocal ensemble, Graduation and Baccalaureate for the 2021-2022 school year at a rate not to exceed \$1,950.
- Samantha Borland as Band Director/Music Teacher Grades 5-12, at Bachelors, Step 1 effective June 21, 2021.
- Cara Carr as Middle School Guidance Counselor at Bachelors/Masters +30, Step 1 effective July 28, 2021.

This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

The Board discussed the Situational Awareness and De-escalation training for staff on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at a cost of \$1,200. Training to be conducted by John R. Baker, Certified Protection Professional (CPP), Lancaster Lebanon IU13. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Situational
Awareness and
De-escalation
Training

The Board discussed the substantively identical to FMLA leave for Carrie Burlingham effective June 3, 2021. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Leave Requests

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

- Lauren Fye to attend Student Assistance Program Training (SAP) June 15-17, 2021 virtually at an estimated cost of \$330. Funds from SAP Scholarship.
- Tech Integrators to attend ISTE virtually June 26-30, 2021 at a cost of \$1,170. Funds from Title Grant.

Conference
Requests

This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

The Board discussed attendance for travel reimbursement for all PDE related meetings and the following meetings for the 2021-2022 school year:

Attendance at
Meetings

- Superintendent
 - Curriculum Meetings
 - Federal and Special Program Meetings
 - Superintendent Advisory Meetings
 - Other District related meetings
- Assistant to the Superintendent
 - Curriculum Meetings
 - Federal and Special Program Meetings
 - Other District related meetings
 - Professional Development and other job-related meetings as approved by the Superintendent
- Business Administrator
 - PASBO Meetings
 - Business Administrators' Meetings
 - Federal and Special Programs Meetings
 - Other District related meetings
- Principals
 - Erie County Principals' Meetings for all principals.
- Special Education Supervisor
 - Special Education Supervisor Meetings
- Plant Operations and Transportation Supervisor
 - Plant Operations Supervisors' Meetings
 - PASBO Meetings
- Superintendent Secretary
 - Personnel meetings
 - Certification meetings
 - Superintendent Secretary's meetings
- Tim Malinowski
 - Cyber Meetings
- PIMS Child Accounting Coordinator
 - A/CAPA Meetings
 - PIMS/Penndata
- Athletic Director
 - District 10 and the Erie County Athletic meetings
- School Psychologist
 - Erie County Special Education for School Psychologists meetings
- Speech/Language Pathologist

- Special Education Speech/Language Pathologist meetings
- Discovery Teacher
 - Gifted/Talented Meetings and required trainings

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The Board discussed the Emergency Instructional Time Assurance. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Emergency
Instructional Time
Assurance

The Board discussed the Curriculum Revision Cycle. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Curriculum
Revision Cycle

The Board discussed the purchase of the textbooks "*The Student Leadership Challenge*" (third edition) ISBN 978.1.119.42191.7 for use in the Seneca High School Leadership Class for the 2021-2022 school year. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Leadership Class
Textbook

The Board discussed the for Language Instructional Education Program Services between Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit and Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Language
Instructional
Education
Program Services

The Board discussed the Erie County Special Education Transition Operating Agreement. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Erie County
Special Education
Transition

The Board discussed the affiliation agreement for an academic field experience site between Wattsburg Area School District and Pennsylvania State University The Behrend Campus effective Fall 2021 through Spring 2026 for Secondary Mathematics Education programs. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

PSU Behrend
Field Experience
Affiliation
Agreement

The Board discussed the academic services of LearnWell for hospitalized WAMS student June 7-11, 2021. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

LearnWell
Academic Service

The Board discussed the ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

ARP ESSER Health
and Safety Plan

The Board discussed the WASD Summer Covid 19 Guidelines. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Summer Covid
Guidelines

The Board discussed the Student Transportation Agreement between Harborcreek School District and Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Student
Transportation
Agreement

The Board discussed the Elementary Fuel Up to Play 60 students to attend FUTP60 Beach Day at Presque Isle Beach 11 on June 26, 2021 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at an estimated cost of \$100. Funds from Fuel Up to Play 60 fund. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Field Trip Request

The Board discussed the extra-curricular appointment of Steve O'Donnell as Stage Director, Step 2+ retro to January 28, 2021. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Extra-Curricular
2020-2021
Appointment

The Board discussed the extra-curriculars appointments for the 2021-2022 school year. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Extra-Curricular
2021-2022
Appointments

The Board discussed the opening of the girls' soccer first assistant coach position. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Opening of
Position

The Board discussed the following athletic resignations

- Justin Skinner, Football Other Assistant Coach effective June 3, 2021.
- Dana Miller, Track and Field 2nd Assistant 7th & 8th Grade Distance Coach effective May 18, 2021.
- Jay Pikiwicz, 7th-8th Grade Boys' Soccer Coach effective June 7, 2021

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Athletic
Resignations

The Board discussed the Fall Athletic Appointments for 2021-2022 school year. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Fall Athletic
Appointments

The Board discussed the activity account for the 2021-2022 school year for organizations. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Activity Account

The Board discussed the addition of Wade Brink to the WASD volunteer list. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Volunteer List

The Board discussed the Student Assistance Program Agreement between Pyramid Healthcare and Wattsburg Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Pyramid
Healthcare
Agreement

The Board discussed the books as surplus. This item to be placed on the June 21, 2021 agenda.

Surplus Items

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Dr. Pushchak shared how nice the graduation commencement was. Mr. Miller and Mr. Englert did a great job. The commencement was held at the stadium and the Class of 2021 should be commended for their participation and the way they represented their class.

Board
Correspondence
and Dialogue

Mrs. Bendig shared that inside your folders this evening, a copy of the Ink Magazine from the Nutrition Group has been included. A photo of Carrie Burlingham (WAEC Cafeteria) was in this issue. She shared that the food service workers are an asset to the district.

There being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Pound, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig,
Board Secretary