

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 20, 2021

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Regular Board meeting at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on September 20, 2021.

President Andy Pushchak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Jeremy Bloeser, Mrs. Amanda Farrell, Mr. Shawn Matson, Mr. Steve Morvay, Mr. Josh Paris, Mrs. Nicole Lee, 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.

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve the meeting minutes of the August 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and the September 13, 2021 Work Session. Mr. Morvay request a correction to the minutes. His name was omitted from the minutes as being present. Motion with the correction approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barboni introduced Mrs. Hedderman who shared the library updates that have been going on through the summer months. The elementary library outdated books have been removed and shelving has been rearranged to make the library ADA compliant and accessible to all students. Work was also done in the high school discarding or re-homing outdated and cultural insensitive material. Books were scanned to ensure what was on the shelves matched what was in the computer system. Books were donated to various organizations and offered to WASD families.

Mr. Berlin thanked Mrs. Fonzo and Mrs. Hedderman for all their work to improve the libraries for our students.

No guest or citizens requested addressing the Board.

Mr. Berlin gave an update on the COVID statistics sharing county rates, rates in the district. He shared the district positive rates and measures being taken to try to ensure our students' health and safety.

Dr. Pushchak thanked Mr. Berlin for the update and the diligence of the administration in keeping the board updated on COVID statistics.

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

A. Treasurer's Reports

General Fund: \$5,747,664.34

Roll Call

Agenda

Meeting Minutes

Guest & Citizens

Superintendent's Report

Business Administrator's Report

YTD Budget to Actual Report: [AUG 2021](#) [JUNE2021](#)
[Capital Projects](#): \$30.01
[Cafeteria](#): \$358,762.44
[Cafeteria Profit/Loss](#): \$(3,767.62)

B. Bills

[Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$271,379.54
[Exhibit A2](#) Checks Already Written: \$42,637.40
[Exhibit A3](#) General Fund Bills: \$469,747.21
[Exhibit B1](#) Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$2,582.00
[Exhibit B3](#) Cafeteria Bills: \$ \$15,788.17
[Exhibit C1](#) Capital Project Fund Bills: \$212,783.00

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition.

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Pound to approve the monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report as outlined in [Exhibit E](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Budgetary Transfers

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Pound to approve the 2020-2021 budgetary amendment as outlined in [Exhibit F](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**2021-2021
Budgetary
Amendment**

Motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the use of the athletic fields on Sundays, September 19 through October 24, 2021 from noon to 4:00 P.M. by Seneca Bobcat Fall Baseball at no cost to the requestor and to approve building maintenance and repair projects from the committed fund as outlined in [Exhibit G](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Facility Use Request

**Building
Maintenance and
Repair Projects**

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mr. Morvay to approve the additions to the Kelly Educational Substitute list: Nicole Bennett, Catherin Borgia, John Eisenman, Grace Ferrara, Diane Phillips, Jacob Ciercierski, and Henry Shader. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Kelly Educational
Substitutes**

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mrs. Pound to approve Debbie Firestone, Carolyn Post and Rachael Smith (retro to August 31, 2021) as additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Service Substitute
Listing**

- Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the following appointments:
- Deputy Daniel Sokolowski as School Resource Officer effective September 7, 2021.
- Erin VanDyke as Long-Term substitute Life Skills anticipated August 25, 2021 through June 10, 2022 at Bachelors, Step 1.
- Sean Sundry as Long-Term Substitute WAMS anticipated August 25 – November 2, 2021 at Bachelors, Step 1¹.

**Personnel
Appointments**

- Amanda Stalford as Special Education Aide, Class B, 7 hours/day, 180 days/year effective August 25, 2021.
- Hallie Runser as Cafeteria Aide, Level II, Class B, 5.25 hours/day, 180 days/year effective August 31, 2021.
- Christopher Ballew as Custodian, Level II, Class B, 7 hours/day, 210 days/year effective August 23, 2021¹.
- Shawn Bowman as Custodian, Level II, Class B, 7 hours/day, 219 days/year effective August 23, 2021¹.
- Cheryl Elder as Custodian, Level II, Class B, 7 hours/day, 210 days/year effective August 31, 2021¹.
- Rachael Smith as Support Aide, Level II, Class C, 3 hours/day, 180 days/year effective September 14, 2021¹.
- James Coverdale as Support Ade, Level II, Class C, 3 hours/day, 180 days/year effective September 21, 2021¹.

¹ – prorated for the 2021-2022 school year

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

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mr. Morvay 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 Mr. Morvay to approve the following conference requests:

Conference Requests

- Mary Ray and Elizabeth Smith to attend the 2021 Professional Immunization Seminar on October 29, 2021 in Erie, PA at an estimated cost of \$60. Funds from Professional Development.
- Elizabeth Diehl to attend PHEAA on September 28, 2021 in Erie, PA at no cost to the district.

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

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mrs. Pound to accept the resignations of Debbie Firestone, support aide effective August 23, 2021 and Carrie Burlingham, Cafeteria Support aide effective October 1, 2021. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Personnel Resignations

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve Intermittent Family Medical Leave for Hillary Barboni effective August 23, 2021 and Family Medical Leave for Raymond Trejchel effective September 13, 2021. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Leave Requests

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve the Erie County Enhanced Screen Agreement between the Erie County Department of Health and the Erie County School Districts as outlined in [Exhibit I](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Erie County Enhanced Screen Agreement

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the job description for the Assistant Pandemic Coordinator as outlined in [attachment 1](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Job Description Pandemic Coordinator

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve the second reading of the following policies

[Executive Summary Revisions](#)

- 218.1 Weapons – [Exhibit J](#)
- 218.2 Terroristic Threats – [Exhibit K](#)
- 236.1 Threat Assessment – [Exhibit L](#)
- 247 Hazing – [Exhibit M](#)
- 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying – [Exhibit N](#)
- 805 Emergency Preparedness Response – [Exhibit O](#)
- 805.2 School Security Personnel – [Exhibit P](#)

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

**Second Reading
Policies**

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Bloeser to approve the first reading of the following policies

- Policy 006. Meetings – [Exhibit Q](#)
- Policy 903. Public Participation in Board Meetings – [Exhibit R](#)

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

**First Reading
Policies**

Mrs. Farrell requested a Policy Committee Meeting be held in October.

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mr. Bloeser to approve the Schoolwide Title I School Plan as outlined in [Exhibit S](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Schoolwide Title I
School Plan**

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mr. Bloeser to approve homebound instruction for a WAMS student anticipated September 14, 2021 through October 5, 2021. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Homebound
Instruction**

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mr. Pushchak to approve the proposed staff instructional technology use research study as outlined in [Exhibit T](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Instructional
Technology
Research Study**

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Pound to approve the pilot of Read180 Universal as an intervention program at a cost of \$29,934. Funds will come from ARP ESSER 7% set asides. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Read 180 Pilot
Program**

Motion by Mrs. Lee, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the transportation requests and ratification of field trips since last meeting as outlined in [Exhibit U](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Field Trips
Transportation
Requests**

Motion by Mrs. Lee, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve a parent transportation agreement for the 2021-2022 school year at the current IRS rate of 56 cents /mile. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Parent
Transportation
Agreement**

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve Danielle Bemis, Tamara Carney, Renea Carrier, Tracie Carroll, Margaret Curtis, Anais Hernandez, Johnathan Jewell, Denis Kinzig, Emma Majerik, Annette May, Alison Vallimont, Susan Williams, and Jeff Zimmerman as additions to the WASD Volunteer List. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Volunteer List

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve Alissa Pyle as SAP Case Manager for the 2021-2022 School year at Step 1. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Extra-Curricular Appointment

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the following athletic appointments for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Walter Chevalier as football, other assistant, step 1.
- The Winter/Spring athletic appointments as outlined [Exhibit V](#).

Athletic Appointments

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

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mrs. Pound to approve the additions of Sam Borland, Jay Pikiewicz, Tim Schweitzer, David Segoviano, and Emily Sonney to the 2021-2022 Game Help List. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Game Help List

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mr. Morvay to approve a non-curricular Speech and Debate Club. The purpose of this club is to help young people develop and enhance their skills in critical thinking, research, academic honest, argumentation, professionalism, and public speaking as outlined in [Exhibit W](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Speech & Debate Club

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mrs. Lee to accept the resignation of Julie Sierota as Rainbow Facilitator effective September 17, 2021. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Extra-Curricular Resignation

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Lee to declare the following as surplus items:

- KXE700M Panasonic display mate electronic typewriter as surplus.
- SHS Library Weeding List as outlined in [Exhibit X](#)

Surplus Items

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

Motion by Mrs. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bloeser to approve the Erie County Technical School Renovation and Additional Project Resolution as outlined in [Exhibit Y](#) contingent upon all participating school districts also paying their proportionate share as presented on the table contained in paragraph 3 of the full Resolution. In a recorded roll call vote, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Matson, Mr. Morvay, Mr. Paris, Mrs. Pound, Mr. Pushchak, Mr. Bloeser, Mrs. Farrell, and Dr. Pushchak voted to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Erie County Technical School Renovation Resolution

Mrs. Lee shared that the Tech School is going to add an additional health program. The enrollment and support for this program is high.

Erie County Vocational School

They are looking at weighted classes and modifying those classes.

There was an awards program on Thursday, September 16th and three of our students were recognized for perfect attendance and honor roll. We had the most students recognized from any district.

Dr. Pushchak updated the Board on the events at the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit. Each year an Ann Sullivan Award is presented to a teacher. This year, Tracy Moore of the Penncrest School District was presented the award. Tracy is an alumni of Wattsburg Area School District.

**Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate Unit**

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Mrs. Pound asked if students who are quarantining are still doing schoolwork. Mr. Berlin shared students are doing schoolwork while out of school quarantining.

**Board
Correspondence
and Dialogue**

Dr. Pushchak thanked the administration for working diligently to keep our students in school.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Lee. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
School Board Secretary