

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

October 11, 2021

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on October 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School.

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 also attended.

Roll Call

Mr. Berlin shared the COVID Dashboard and updated the Board about the Superintendents' meeting with the Department of Health.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Farrell thanked Mr. Berlin for putting the dashboard on the website. There have been a lot of positive comments from community members.

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report for the General Fund: \$7,368,916.02, Capital Projects: \$30.86, Cafeteria: \$323,250.07 and a review the of Checks Already Written: \$44,158.30, Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$1,968.26 and SHS Activity Fund: \$65,730.54. A full report will be given at the October 18, 2021 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the State Police/WASD Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Berlin explained that the Public-School Code requires this MOU to be updated and board approved every three (3) years. This item to be placed on the October 18, 2021 agenda.

Pennsylvania State Police MOU

The Board discussed the monthly budgetary transfers from the budget vs. actual report. This item to be placed on the October 18, 2021 agenda.

Budgetary Transfers

The Board discussed the additions to the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute List. This item to be placed on the October 18, 2021 agenda.

Kelly Educational Staffing

The Board discussed the following appointments:

- _____ as Assistant Pandemic Coordinator for the 2021-2022 school year at 40 hours/week, 10 months/year.
- _____ as elementary teacher at ___, Step ____.¹ *(pro-rated for the 2021-2022 school year)*

Personnel Appointments

This item to be placed on the October 18, 2021 agenda.

The Board discussed the substitute shortage through Kelly and the need to possibly hire substitutes on our own.

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

- Elizabeth Diehl to attend Penn State Counselor Workshop on October 21, 2021 at Penn State Behrend at no cost to the district.
- Julie McGaughey to attend Pennsylvania Assoc for Gifted Education on November 4, 2021 in Cranberry, PA at an estimated cost of \$279.03. Funding from Gifted.
- Eric Schultz to attend PASBO Steel Eagle Leadership Institute on November 11-12, 2021 in Bedford Springs at no cost to the district.
- Vicki Bendig to attend Orientation to School Food Service Operations on October 19-20, 2021 in Harrisburg, PA at an estimated cost of \$270. Funding from Cafeteria.

Conference
Requests

This item to be placed on the October 18, 2021 agenda.

The Board discussed the following leave requests:

- Intermittent Family Medical Leave Request for Julie Sierota effective October 4, 2021.
- Intermittent Family Medical Leave Request for Haley Ottaway effective October 6, 2021.

Leave Requests

This item to be placed on the October 18, 2021 agenda.

The Board discussed the second reading

- Policy 006. Meetings
- Policy 903. Public Participation in Board Meetings

Second Reading
Policies

This item to be placed on the October 18, 2021 agenda.

The Board discussed the linkage agreement between the Barber National Institute and Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the October 18, 2021 agenda.

Barber National
Institute Linkage
Agreement

The Board discussed the transportation/field trip requests. This item to be placed on the October 18, 2021 agenda.

Field Trip
Requests

The Board discussed the volunteer list additions. This item to be placed on the October 18, 2021 agenda.

Volunteer List

The Board discussed the resignation of Julie Pikiewicz as 7th/8th Grade Girls' Soccer coach effective September 28, 2021. This item to be placed on the October 18, 2021 agenda.

Athletic
Resignation

The Board discussed the elimination of the activity participation fee and requested that this item be added to the October 18, 2021 agenda.

Activity
Participation Fee

The Board discussed the formation of a girls' wrestling team beginning the 2021-2022 season and requested that this item be added to the October 18, 2021 agenda.

Girls' Wrestling
Team

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Dr. Pushchak recognized the students in the audience this evening.

Board
Correspondence
and Dialogue

There being no further business, by motion by Mrs. Pound and seconded by Mrs. Lee, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary