

# WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 18, 2021

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Regular Board meeting at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on October 18, 2021.

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

## Roll Call

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the agenda and addendum with the following addition to the addendum: AE – 5 To approve the hosting of District 10 playoff games in the athletic complex dates to be determined and fees to be assessed as per policy 707. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

## Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, September 27, 2021 Special Board Meeting, and the October 11, 2021 Work Session. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

## Meeting Minutes

During school reports, Mr. Miller introduced the SHS Students from the Group Interaction/Leadership class who shared that working together with the student council, they put on a homecoming carnival with over 300 people attending. Elementary and middle school students were included in the homecoming festivities for the week showing school spirit, the carnival, and homecoming game. The dance was a success also. Mr. Berlin commended the students for including both WAEC and WAMS. Dr. Pushchak shared the events were well put-together and students "raised the bar high". The Board is very impressed. He applauded the students for the presentation and shared that this is the time the Board looks forward to the most during meetings, when students and programs are showcased. The Board will be watching for great things in the future.

## School Reports

No guest or citizens requested addressing the board this evening.

Mr. Berlin updated the COVID statistics. The district case numbers continue to remain steady, however, Erie County cases continues to climb.

## Superintendent's Report

Mr. Berlin recognized Mr. Paris, Mr. Pushchak and Dr. Pushchak with a certificate for 8 years' service to the district serving as Board of Directors. They were also presented with an award for their dedicated service. He thanked them for their service and shared they can be very proud of the accomplishments over the years. He also wished the upcoming board members success.

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

- Revenue & Expenditure Reports
  - [General Fund](#): \$7,368,916.02
  - [YTD Budget to Actual Report](#)
  - [Capital Projects](#): \$30.86
  - [Cafeteria](#): \$323,250.07
  - [Cafeteria Profit/Loss](#): \$26,367.18 YTD \$35,843.20
- Checks and Invoices
  - [Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$44,158.30
  - [Exhibit A2](#) Checks Already Written: \$2,950.17
  - [Exhibit A3](#) General Fund Bills: \$460,320.41
  - [Exhibit B1](#) Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$1,968.26
  - [Exhibit B3](#) Cafeteria Bills: \$45,337.12
  - [Exhibit C3](#) Capital Project Bills: \$53,212.75
  - [Exhibit D](#) SHS Activity Fund Report: \$65,730.54

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

### **Business Administrator's Report**

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mr. Bloeser to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pennsylvania State Police and WASD as outlined in [Exhibit E](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

### **PA State Police Memorandum of Understanding**

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve the following transfers:

- Monthly budgetary transfers from the budget vs. actual report as outlined on [Exhibit F](#).
- Move \$90,000 from unassigned to committed fund balance to fund HVAC repairs at Seneca as outlined in B-1.

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

### **Transfers**

Motion by Mr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve the Budget Amendment as outlined on [attachment 1](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

### **Budgetary Amendment**

Motion by Mr. Paris, seconded by Mr. Bloeser to approve the HVAC repairs to Seneca High School as outlined on [attachment 2](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

### **HVAC Repairs**

Motion by Mr. Bloeser, seconded by Mr. Morvay to approve the following additions to the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute List:

Gerald Bowling	Amy Franklin-Craft	Marianna Nowak
Amanda Elder	Savannah Lawrence	David Pozza

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

### **Kelly Educational Staffing Substitutes**

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

### **Personnel Appointments**

Holly Fromknecht as Assistant Pandemic Coordinator for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Tiffany Crozier as elementary teacher at Masters, Step 1.<sup>1</sup>
- Rebecca Haener as elementary long- term substitute for the 2021-2022 school year effective October 19, 2021 through June 10, 2022 at Bachelors, Step 1.<sup>1</sup>
- Kathi Polaski as Support Aide, Class C, 3 hours/day, 180 days/year effective October 22, 2021.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*Pro-rated for the 2021-2022 school year*

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

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

### **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

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

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

### **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 of Absence utilizing sick days and FMLA for Meredith Reininger anticipated February 11 – April 19, 2022.

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

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Paris to approve the second reading of Policy 006. Meetings [Exhibit G](#) and Policy 903. Public Participation in Board Meetings [Exhibit H](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

### **Policy Second Reading**

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the linkage agreement between the Barber National Institute and Wattsburg Area School District as outlined in [Exhibit I](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

### **Barber National Institute Linkage Agreement**

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

### **Field Trip Requests**

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the following additions to the WASD Volunteer List:

### **Volunteer List**

Rebecca Buona	Elizabeth Galkowski	Dawn Karns	William Stuckey
Catherine Dombrowski	Mariah Grubert	Peter Krzak	Robert Szymanski
Kelly Ellsworth	Wilkin Hernandez	Jennifer Laboski	Katrina Turner
Tanya Gore	Eileen Hinds	Amber Phelps	

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

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mrs. Pound to accept the resignation of Julie Pikiewicz as 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Soccer coach effective September 28, 2021. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

### **Athletic Resignation**

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mr. Morvay to approve the elimination of the activity participation fee effective the 2022-2023 school year. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

### **Elimination of Activity Fee**

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mrs. Pound to establish a girls' wrestling team starting the 2021-2022 season. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

### **Establish Girls' Wrestling Team**

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mrs. Pound to approve the hosting of District 10 playoff games in the athletic complex dates to be determined and fees to be assessed as per policy 707. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

### **District 10 Playoffs**

Mrs. Lee reported that she was able to present the awards to our three ECTS students. It was nice to be able to personally recognize them for their efforts. Next ECTS meeting is October 28, 2021.

### **Erie County Technical School**

No report was given for the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Board.

### **Northwest Tri-County Board Correspondence & Dialogue**

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Mrs. Lee asked if the marching band events could be added to the master calendar.

Mr. Berlin shared that the Board had nominated him for PA Superintendent of the Year. He shared there were 10 nominations for the title (the highest ever), and he was eliminated. However, he thanked the Board for the nomination and show of support. Dr. Pushchak shared that the Board wanted to recognize Mr. Berlin's skills and abilities.

Mrs. Farrell inquired what was to come next for the Leadership class. How to keep developing the skills in students. The class has many sophomores. Mr. Miller shared they hope to groom and cultivate students with multiple years of

the class. Mrs. Farrell shared the Leadership class did a great job. Her children were excited to go to the carnival and participate.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Lee the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

**Adjournment**

Signature on File  
Vicki Bendig  
School Board Secretary