

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 21, 2022

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Regular Board meeting at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on March 21, 2022. President Jeremy Bloeser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Britni Burlingham, Mrs. Amanda Farrell, Mrs. Lea Hetherington, Mrs. Nicole Lee, Mr. Shawn Matson, Mr. Steve Morvay, Mrs. Tara Pound, Dr. Andy Pushchak, and Mr. Jeremy Bloeser 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 Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Dr. Pushchak to approve the agenda and addendum as presented. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Agenda

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Burlingham to approve the meeting minutes of the February 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and the March 14, 2022 Work Session and Finance Committee Meeting. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

No guest or citizens requested addressing the Board.

Guest and Citizen Comments

Mr. Berlin introduced Mr. Miller who introduced Abigail Napierski, a senior at Seneca. Abigail explained that her Current Affairs class had a team project and as their project, she and her team Aidian Haren came (Grade 11) and Zach Shumac (Grade 11) organized and executed United for Ukraine in which they organized a collection of materials for Ukraine. They went to each homeroom, explained the project, and collected donations March 2-9, 2022. They also contacted businesses, churches, State Representative Robert Merski, and posted the project on social media. The local news featured the project and interviewed the team about the project. The drive was a success and boxes of materials were shipped to the contact in Ukraine. The team appreciates the generosity of who participated in the project – teachers, administrators, students, and community. It was a wonderful experience for the team, and they learned many different things in doing the project.

School Report

Mr. Berlin thanked Abigail and her team and shared that the district is proud of how they represented the students of the district.

Mr. Berlin gave a current State of the District report beginning in 2013 when he was hired highlighting campus improvements since that time such renovations or improvements to all the school facilities such as paving, mechanical systems,

Superintendent's Report

and a new outdoor athletic facility. All the staff and students now benefit from new technology. All academic programs and curriculum have also been updated. Benchmark and diagnostic assessments now guide instruction. Middle school math scores are now in line with the state average and proficiency levels continue to climb. The elementary center and high school have met all state required academic targets and continue to improve. He also shared how funding the projects impacts the budget and taxes.

Motion by, seconded by to approve the following reports, payments, and invoices as presented:

- Revenue & Expenditure Reports for MONTH
 - [General Fund](#): \$11,428,162.12
 - [YTD Budget to Actual Report](#)
 - [Capital Projects](#): \$1,346,212.92
 - [Cafeteria](#): \$469,749.19
 - [Cafeteria Profit/Loss](#): \$31,362.06 YTD \$116,606.18
- Bills
 - [Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$47,554.42
 - [Exhibit A2](#) Checks Already Written: \$15,828.66
 - [Exhibit A3](#) General Fund Bills: \$314,125.96
 - [Exhibit B2](#) Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$29,962.63
 - [Exhibit B3](#) Cafeteria Bills \$3,626.73
 - [Exhibit D](#) SHS Activity Fund Report: \$79,220.30

**Business
Administrator's
Report**

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the reports, payments and invoices as presented. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the following transfers:

- Monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report as outlined in [Exhibit E](#).
- Transfer from Committed Fund Balance to Capital Projects in the amount of \$65,555.27 for carpet/flooring, clocks and intercoms, and above ground fuel tank projects.
- Transfer from Unassigned Fund Balance to Capital Projects in the amount of \$97,809.46 for the Heat Pump Project.
- Transfer from Unassigned Fund Balance to Committed Funds as outlined in [Exhibit F](#)

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition.

Transfers

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Dr. Pushchak to approve the [Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget for the 2022-2023](#) school year in the amount of \$65,826,541 and to further approve Wattsburg Area School District's contribution to the School Improvement Services (Fund 020) budgets of the Intermediate Unit for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$31,152.03 and \$189,372 to the Special Education Services

**Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate Unit
2022-2023 Budget**

Consortium (Fund 23). In a recorded roll call vote, Mr. Morvay, Mrs. Pound, Dr. Pushchak, Mrs. Burlingham, Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Hetherington, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Matson, and Mr. Bloeser voted to approve the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Budget for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to the use of facilities:

- Seneca High School Cafeteria Dining Room and/or Middle School Cafeteria/Dining Room by PASBO Northwest Facility Managers on March 18, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. at no cost to the requestor.
- To approve the use of the auditorium, cafeteria dining room, classrooms, band and chorus rooms by the music department to host PMEA District Band, February 9 – 11, 2023 at no cost to the requestor.

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

**Facility Use
Requests**

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Dr. Pushchak to approve the General Energy Performance Contract Services as outlined in [attachment 1](#). Total project amount will be \$485,364.44 as we will not do the exhaust fans for IT as quoted. Project to be funded from ARP-ESSER. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**General Energy
Performance
Contract Services**

Motion by Mrs. Lee, seconded by Mr. Morvay to approve Kevin Scully as an addition to the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute List. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Kelly Educational
Staffing Substitute
List**

Motion by Mrs. Lee, seconded by Mr. Pushchak to accept the resignation of Christopher Ballew, custodian effective March 5, 2022. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Personnel
Resignation**

Motion by Mrs. Lee, seconded by Mrs. Burlingham to approve the following personnel appointments¹:

- Amanda Kanonczyk as a long-term substitute for the elementary center anticipated through June 10, 2022 at Bachelors, Step 1.
- Jennifer Morgason as Special Education Aide, Class B, 7.00/hours/day, 180 days/year effective April 4, 2022.

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

¹pro-rated for the 2021-2022 school

**Personnel
Appointments**

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

- Matthew Calabrese, Rob Englert and Krista Wehan to attend Bridges Out of Poverty on April 28, 2022 at Slippery Rock University at an estimated cost of \$50. Funds from Non-Inst. Cert Professional Development.
- Matthew Calabrese, Rob Englert and Krista Wehan to attend Emotional Poverty, May 25-26, 2022 at Slippery Rock University at an estimated cost of \$50. Non-Inst. Cert Professional Development.
- Vicki Bendig to attend Orientation to School Food Service Operations – Part 2 April 19-20, 2022 in Harrisburg, PA at an estimated cost of \$510. Funds from Food Service.

**Conference
Requests**

- Jessica Mathis to attend A/CAPA Spring Conference virtually on April 6-7, 2022 at an estimated cost of \$100. Funds from Non-Instructional, Non-Certified Professional Development.

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

Motion by Mrs. Lee, seconded by Dr. Pushchak to approve a Sabbatical Leave for Madelyn Simmons effective March 7, 2022 through September 7, 2022. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Leave Request

Motion by Mrs. Lee, seconded by Dr. Pushchak to approve the tuition reimbursements as outlined in [Exhibit G](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Tuition Reimbursement

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Morvay to approve the second reading of Policy 246 School Wellness as outlined in [Exhibit H](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Policy Second Reading

Motion by Dr. Pushchak to approve the following:

- Academic services of LearnWell for a hospitalized SHS student anticipated February 22, 2022 through February 28, 2022.
- Homebound instruction for the following:
 - WAEC student anticipated February 28, 2022 through April 11, 2022.
 - WAMS student anticipated March 11 through April 22, 2022.
 - WAMS student anticipated March 14th through April 30, 2022.

LearnWell Services

Homebound Instruction

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

Motion by Mrs. Burlingham, seconded by Mr. Morvay to approve the transportation requests and ratification of field trips since last meeting as outlined on [attachment 2](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Transportation Field Trip Requests

Motion by Mrs. Pound to approve the following:

- Christopher Evans, Danielle Morvay, Alicia Rose, Jesse Williams, and Jessica Williams as additions to the WASD Volunteer List.
- The following athletic appointments:
 - Traci Steers as Track and Field 2nd Assistant Sprints and Hurdles for the 2021-2022 school year at step 1.
 - Jack Corey as Head Coach Football for the 2022-2023 school year at step 2+.
 - Chase Cole as 7th/Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year at step 1.

Volunteer List

Athletic Appointments

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

Jack Corey introduced himself to the Board and expressed his thanks for the opportunity to coach.

Motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the following:

- The agreement between Kidder Media and Wattsburg Area School District for the 2022-2023 newsletter production as outlined in [Exhibit J](#).
- The Agreement between Therapy Dogs United and WASD as outlined in [attachment 3](#).

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

Mrs. Burlingham shared that they use therapy dogs at her workplace, and it is a wonderful program. Pets bring calmness and happy and secure feelings.

Mr. Morvay shared that the Erie County Technical School JOB will meet on Thursday, March 24th. They approved a MOU with the teachers on COVID. The ECTS published this quarter's exemplary student list and following WASD students were on the list. Great accomplishment to our students.

**Erie County
Technical School**

Trevor Barker	Connor Bem	Jonah Berry
Ava Bush	Mallory Campbell	Bryleigh Carr
Hannah Devine	Danielle Fry	Tyler Hedglin
Keaton Henderson	Alana Jones	Jesse Larson
Wyatt Larson	Kowyn Matczak	Taylor Nowakowski
Hunter Phillips	Logan Platz	Zachary Shumac
Benjamin Trayer	Allison Walker	Ethan Wettekin
Christian Wieczorek		

**Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate Unit**

The facilities are being updated with funding received during COVID including HVAC, elevator, water fountains. The Sports Therapy Program has been created. A tour of the construction project should happen this month. The school is currently at about 75% compacity and they are working on recruiting students.

Dr. Pushchak thanked the Board for approving the IU Budget for 2022-2023 and shared that the next meeting is schedule for Wednesday, March 23rd and he will update the Board after the meeting.

During Board Correspondence & Dialogue, Mrs. Farrell commented the Ukraine Project was very cool and asked if they had a tally of total. Zach Shumac shared they shipped 38 boxes of materials to the Ukraine and about \$1,500 shipping.

**Board
Correspondence**

There was discussion about moving the work session and board meetings back to the auditorium. The Board would like Mr. Berlin to explore the cost of a PA system for use at the meetings if they were to stay in the gathering area.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Lee, meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Adjournment

Vicki Bendig
School Board Secretary