

# WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 21, 2022

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Regular Board meeting at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on November 21, 2022

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Jeremy Bloeser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Britni Burlingham, Mrs. Amanda Farrell, Mrs. Lea Hetherington, Mrs. Nicole Lee Mr. Shawn Matson, Mr. Steve Morvay, Dr. Andy Pushchak, and Mr. Jeremy Bloeser attended. Dr. Kenneth Berlin, Superintendent; Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mrs. Vicki Bendig Business Administrator, and Attorney Christine McClure, Solicitor also attended. Mrs. Tara Pound was absent.

## **Roll Call**

Motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the agenda and addendum as presented. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

## **Agenda**

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the meeting minutes of the October 17, 2022 Regular Board and Athletic Committee Meeting and the November 14, 2022 Work Session and Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. 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**

Dr. Berlin introduced Mr. Semrau who introduced Troy Hull, Andrew Snippert and Lila Zimmerman, 8<sup>th</sup> grade members of the Lego Robotics Team. The team explained the Super-powered Competition they are doing at Penn State Behrend in January 2023. The competition is comprised of 2.5-minute matches where you complete a specific task with the robot they have built and programmed. They demonstrated one of the vehicles which completed the programmed actions then, the team members answered questions the board asked. Mr. Bloeser thanked the Robotics Team for sharing their experiences and vehicle.

## **School Reports**

Dr. Berlin shared highlights of the Basic Education Funding conference he and Mrs. Bendig attended. He shared the role of the Board with their goals and objectives concerning the education of the students and the financial requirements of district programs and the Superintendent's role in the process. He shared how the relatively new Fair Basic Education Formula will work so that districts with more need will receive more funding. Mrs. Bendig also explained how this could affect the district's funding in the future utilizing Student Weighted ADMs, Median Household Income Index, Local Effort/Capacity Index.

## **Superintendent's Report**

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

Revenue & Expenditure Reports

- [General Fund](#): \$14,443,274.28
- [YTD Budget to Actual Report](#)
- [Capital Projects](#): \$673,887.99
- [Cafeteria](#): \$554,487.53
- [Cafeteria Profit/Loss](#): \$25,525.11 YTD: \$8,512.51

Checks and Invoices

- [Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$268,805.56
- [Exhibit A2](#) Checks Already Written: \$11,037.70
- [Exhibit A3](#) General Fund Bills: \$538,630.89
- [Exhibit B1](#) Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$8,138.94
- [Exhibit B2](#) Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$37,185.99
- [Exhibit B3](#) Cafeteria Bills \$807.06
- [Exhibit C2](#) Capital Project Fund Checks Already Written: \$188,777.07
- [Exhibit C3](#) Capital Project Fund Bills: \$263,259.00
- [Exhibit D](#) SHS Activity Fund Report: \$71,376.17

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

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

- \$20,398.46 from the committed fund for campus paving to the committed fund for Above Ground Fuel Tanks
- \$6,750 from unassigned to capital projects for WAMS and WAEC Gym Floor refinishing.
- \$203,909.64 from the committed fund to the capital projects fund for the Summer 2022 paving project.
- \$48,663 from the committed fund to the capital projects fund for the SHS Auditorium upgrades.
- \$18,648.68 from the committed fund to the capital projects fund for SHS carpet replacements.
- \$25,993.75 from the committed fund to the capital projects fund for the balance of the above ground fuel tank installation.

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

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Dr. Pushchak to approve the Budgetary Amendment as outlined in [Exhibit F](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Hetherington to approve the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) School Mental Health & Safety and Security Grants to fund the WAMS Refocus Room, district

**Business  
Administrator's  
Report**

**Transfers**

**Budgetary  
Amendment**

**PCCD Grant**

wide behavior consultant, Doyle door security system (campuswide), and security window upgrades for main office entrances (WAEC, WAMS, & DAO). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Dr. Pushchak to approve the following:

- Facility use requests:
  - The high school commons, boys' locker room and gymnasium on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. for a wrestling tournament at an estimated cost of \$278.34.
  - Miscellaneous rooms in WAMS for PMEA District Band rehearsals on Saturday, February 11, 2022, from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. at no cost to requestor.
- The installation of a door alarm system at all perimeter doors on campus at a cost of \$106,569.00 Funds from the 2022 PA Physical Safety and Security Grant as outlined on [Exhibit G](#).

**Facility Use  
Requests**

**Door Alarm System  
Installation**

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

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

- Kristen Bires, Erin Bisbee, Roberta Hurd, Christa Kuhl, Kelly Roth, and Michael Roth as additions to the ESS Substitute List.
- Danielle Aldrich (retro to November 2), Charity Cage, Margaret Curtis (retro to November 10, 2022), and Brittany Giannelli (retro to October 25, 2022) as additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Accept the following resignations:
  - Danielle Aldrich, custodian effective November 1, 2022.
  - Margaret Curtis, cafeteria aide effective November 9, 2022.
  - Robin Marshall, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher effective November 28, 2022.
- The following appointments:
  - Andrew Callahan as Educational Support Aide, Level I, Class B, 7 hours/day, 185 days/year retro to October 27, 2022.
  - Lisa Pier as Special Education Aide, Level I, Class B, 7 hours/day, 180 days/year effective November 16, 2022.
  - George Roudybush as Temporary Custodian, Class A, 8 hours/day, 260 days/year, WAEC effective November 16, 2022.
- The following leave requests:
  - Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Betsy Walker anticipated November 3, 2022 through March 29, 2023.
  - Intermittent Leave utilizing Family Medical Leave of Absence and paid time off for Matthew Calabrese anticipated beginning November 17, 2022.
- The following conference requests:
  - Sarah McCall and Pam Burdick to attend Science Immersion Experience on November 3, 2022, in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$240. Funds from substitute account.

**ESS Substitute List**

**Service Substitute  
List**

**Resignations**

**Personnel  
Appointments**

**Leave Requests**

**Conference  
Requests**

- Becca Kelley to attend ISP Full Conference January 29 – February 1, 2023, in Pittsburgh, PA at an estimated cost of \$1,137.03. Funds from Non-Instructional Certificated Professional Development.
- Vicki Bendig and Susan Huff to attend PASBO Annual Conference March 14-17, 2023, in Pocono Manor, PA at an estimated cost of \$1,928.00. Funds from Non-Instructional Non-Certificated Professional Development.
- Megan Shindlecker to attend Auschwitz Live Virtual Tour on December 17, 2022, at an estimated cost of \$43.00. Funds from Instructional Certified Professional Development.
- Jessica Mathis to attend PDE Data Summit March 27-29, 2023, in Hershey, PA at an estimated cost of \$855. Funding from Non-Instructional, Non-Certificated Professional Development.

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

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Dr. Pushchak approve the first reading of the following policy 214 Grade Point Average and Course Weighting as outlined in [Exhibit H](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with one opposition (Mr. Morvay). Motion carried.

**Policies First Reading**

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

- Academic services of LearnWell for the following:
  - SHS student anticipated October 17 through October 20, 2022.
  - SHS student anticipated October 27, 2022 through January 5, 2023.
  - WAMS student anticipated November 1, 2022 through January 10, 2023.
- The school calendar for 2023-2024 and August 29-30, 2023 as Act 80 days for the dismissal at the start of the school year for a partial group of kindergarten students as outlined in [Exhibit I](#).
- The agreement between Penn State Behrend and Wattsburg Area Middle School for a Mentoring Program as outlined in [Exhibit J](#).
- The Affiliation Agreement with Gannon University for student clinical placement and instruction in Speech-Language Pathology with Wattsburg Area School District as outlined in [Exhibit K](#).

**LearnWell Academics**

**School Calendar 2023-2024**

**WAMS Mentoring Program Gannon Affiliation Agreement**

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

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

**Transportation Requests**

Motion by Mrs. Hetherington, seconded by Mrs. Burlingham to approve the following:

- Julie Fatica, Julia Lemock, Cryste Lorraine, David McGuire, Erin Patton, Tanya Pfeiffer and Patricia Yost as additions to the WASD Volunteer List.
- Opening of the Track and Field 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> coach position.
- The following athletic appointment for the 2022-2023 season:
  - Alyssa Flood as 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball Coach at step 1.
  - Nate Myers as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Track and Field Coach at step 2+.

**WASD Volunteer  
List  
Open Position  
Athletic  
Appointments**

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

Motion by Dr. Pushchak , seconded by Mr. Morvay to declare the following

- SHS stage lighting items as surplus:
  - 47 EDI MX D2 DUAL 2.4KW Dimmer Modules
  - 1 EDI MX Multi-Link Intelligent Control Module
- WAMS outdated math materials:
  - 33 Eureka Math Homework Helpers
  - 5 Eureka Math Modules 1 and 2 consumable workbooks
  - 4 Eureka Math Modules 3 and 4 consumable workbooks
  - 106 Eureka Math Modules 5 and 6 consumable workbooks
  - 1 McDougal Littell Math Course 1 – Teacher Edition hardcover book

**Surplus**

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

Mr. Morvay reported that the following for the ECTS October meeting:

- Parker Henderson from WASD was an recognized exemplary student of the month.
- Approved the new school calendar for 2023-2024.
- The financial audit report will be issued by the end of November.
- Presentation on PA Pipeline, a pilot program that ties companies with technical schools. The program began in Philadelphia and has been successful. It is now coming our way.
- The current director is retiring at the end of the school year and the search to find a new director has begun.
- The PA Secretary of Education toured the facility in September and was very complimentary.
- ECTS enrollment is at 796 students currently (70 more than last year) with at least a 75% participation rate in each program.
- District 9<sup>th</sup> grade open house tours were completed and well attended.
- December 20<sup>th</sup> is the next Joint Operating Committee meeting.
- Renovations to the high school offices are nearly complete, additions are moving forward, but the project overall is behind. A new committed schedule has been adopted with completion slated for the summer of 2023.

**Erie County  
Vocational  
Technical School**

**Northwest  
Tri-County  
Intermediate Unit**

Dr. Pushchak reminded board that the report that was sent out in October. There will be no November meeting and the next meeting will be December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Board  
Correspondence  
and Dialogue**

Mrs. Hetherington acknowledged the play at the high school. It was well done.  
Phenomenal!

Mr. Morvay recognized the fall sports teams for the very positive fall season.  
Many teams made playoffs and represented the district well.

Mrs. Farrell recognized that Dr. and Mrs. Berlin for chaperoning the marching  
band so they could attend the football playoffs which was very nice support for  
the team.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Dr.  
Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Morvay, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Signature on File  
Vicki Bendig  
School Board Secretary