

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 5, 2022

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Organization and Regular Board meeting at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on December 5, 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, Mrs. Tara Pound, Dr. Andy Pushchak, and Mr. Jeremy Bloeser attended. Dr. Kenneth Berlin, Superintendent, and Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, Assistant to the Superintendent also attended. Mrs. Vicki Bendig was absent.

No guests requested addressing the Board.

Mr. Bloeser opened the floor for nominations for temporary board president. Mrs. Farrell nominated Dr. Pushchak. There were no other nominations. Nomination approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Dr. Pushchak was elected temporary board president.

Dr. Pushchak opened the floor for nominations for the permanent president. Mrs. Farrell nominated Mr. Bloeser. There were no other nominations. Nomination approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Mr. Bloeser was elected permanent board president.

Mr. Bloeser opened the floor for nominations for the permanent vice-president. Dr. Pushchak nominated Mrs. Farrell. There were no other nominations. Nomination approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Mrs. Farrell was elected permanent vice-president.

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Farrell that public meetings for Work/Study and Regular Board begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, 10780 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509 as follows:

Work Sessions

January 9, 2023	May 8, 2023	October 9, 2023
February 13, 2023	June 12, 2023	November 13, 2023
March 13, 2023	August 14, 2023	
April 10, 2023	September 11, 2023	

Regular Business Meetings

January 16, 2023	May 15, 2023	October 16, 2023
February 20, 2023	June 19, 2023	November 20, 2023
March 20, 2023	August 21, 2023	December 4, 2023 (following organization meeting)
April 17, 2023	September 18, 2023	

Roll Call

Guest and Citizen Comments

Temporary Board President

Permanent President

Permanent Vice-President

Work Sessions and Regular Board Meeting Dates, Time and Place

And the Board Organization Meeting December 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Committee meetings on Mondays as requested by the committee chairperson at a time and place designated by the President of the Board. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Hetherington to appoint Mrs. Lee as Assistant Board Secretary for the WASD beginning December 5, 2022 through the next School Board Organization meeting on December 4, 2023. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Assistant Board Secretary

Motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Pound to approve the appointment of Mr. Morvay as first alternate and Mrs. Pound as second alternate voting delegate for the Erie County Tax Commission. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Erie County Tax Commission Delegates

Motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Morvay to appoint Debra Nuhfer as Board Recording Secretary for the WASD beginning December 5, 2022 through the next School Board Reorganization Meeting on December 4, 2023. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Board Recording Secretary

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Hetherington to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda

Motion Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting as presented. 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

No school reports this month.

School Reports

Dr. Berlin shared it is nice to have the students back in school and more normalcy. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Superintendent's Report

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

Business Administrator's Report

- Revenue & Expenditure Reports
 - [General Fund](#): \$13,383,259.32
 - [Capital Projects](#): \$486,834.73
 - [Cafeteria](#): \$565,895.63
- Checks and Invoices
 - [Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$39,435.82
 - [Exhibit B1](#) Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$11,918.80
 - [Exhibit D](#) SHS Activity Fund Report: \$88,841.17

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

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

- Rebecca Cowles as an addition to the ESS Substitute List.
- The following appointments:
 - Brittany Giannelli as Custodian, Level II, Class B, 7 hours/day, 210 days/year retro to November 21, 2022.
 - Suzanne Zuba, as Educational Support Aide, Class C, 3 hours/day, 180 days/year retro to November 29, 2022.
 - Sharon Gibbs as Temporary Custodian, Class A, 8 hours/day, 260 days/year, WAEC effective November 29, 2022.

ESS Substitute

**Personnel
Appointments**

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

Motion by Mrs. Burlingham, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the Elementary Fuel Up to Play 60 students to serve food/drinks to the homeless at the Upper Room, Erie, PA on December 17, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Parents to provide transportation and attend event. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Student Field Trip

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Mr. Bloeser shared that he would contact members before the January meeting to determine committee chair assignments for 2023.

**Board
Correspondence
and Dialogue**

Dr. Pushchak thanked the president and vice president for their service and wished them well for the coming year.

Mr. Bloeser thanked the Board for putting their trust in him as president. He will continue to strive to do the position well.

The Board discussed the required Board Training. PA law made this training mandatory. A certificate will be available once all modules have been completed and should be sent to Debbie Nuhfer.

Mrs. Pound asked about having meeting regarding job descriptions and youth sports liaison positions. WEA is reviewing the liaison coach as this would be under the WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement and a MOA with the WEA would have to be done. Dr. Pushchak suggested that once the administration makes the suggested revisions, they can be shared with the board at that time during a committee meeting. Mr. Berlin shared the timeframe would be in February.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Mrs. Hetherington, seconded by Dr. Pushchak, meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Nicole Lee
Assistant School Board Secretary