

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session
January 10, 2022

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on January 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School.

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 also attended.

Roll Call

Jennifer Jefferson addressed the Board on policy making and concerns of mandatory masking for students.

Guest and Citizen
Comments

Stephanie Gredler addressed the Board against mandating masking for students. She feels masks are very hard on the students.

Mr. Berlin updated the Board on the Covid status. Transmission rates and cases are high. He reported the student/staff numbers for the district of those positive/probable and quarantined/isolated.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Reports in the General Fund: \$12,167,005.06, Capital Projects: \$34.32, and Cafeteria: \$412,062.36. Checks already written: Exhibit A1 Checks Already Written: \$725,061.96, Exhibit B1 Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$22,350.74, Exhibit C1 Capital Project Fund Checks Already Written: \$42,857.25 and Exhibit D SHS Activity Fund \$79,419.96. A full report will be given at the January 17, 2022 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the District ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

ARP/ESSER Health
and Safety Plan

The Board discussed the Mask Mandate Resolution. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

Mask Mandate

The Board discussed the following transfers:

Transfers

- Monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report as outlined.
- From Unassigned Fund Balance to Capital Projects in the amount of \$333,195.80 for WAEC Heat Pump Project.
- From Committed Fund Balance to Capital Projects in the amount of \$65,628.98 for the balance of the Clocks and Intercom, WEAC Restroom, Paving and Carpeting/Flooring.

This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

The Board discussed the Budgetary Amendment. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

Budgetary
Amendment

The Board discussed the Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution certifying that the tax rate will remain within the inflation index and no need to comply with the Act 1 Accelerated Budget Procedures for the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

Preliminary
General Fund
Budget for
2022-2023

The Board discussed the IRS Mileage Rate of 58.5¢/mile for business travel effective January 1, 2022. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

IRS Mileage Rate
For 2022

The Board discussed the Local Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021 as prepared by Buffamante, Whipple, Buttafaro, P.C. This item to be placed on January 17, 2022 agenda.

Local Audit Report
For Fiscal Year
2021

The Board discussed the requests for use of facilities:

- The Wattsburg Wrestling Club for a wrestling tournament on Sunday, February 6, 2022 (and 1 hour Saturday for set up) at an estimated cost of \$426.44.
- The Wattsburg Wrestling Club for a wrestling tournament on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at an estimated cost of \$342.44.

Facility Use
Requests

This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

The Board discussed the Kelly Educational Staffing Substitute List. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

Kelly Educational
Substitutes

The Board discussed the tuition reimbursements. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

Tuition
Reimbursements

The Board discussed the Intermittent Family Medical Leave request for Crystol Fenno effective December 15, 2021. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

Leave Request

The Board discussed Robert Englert and Colonel Eric Moses to attend Life Space Crisis Intervention (LSCI) virtually in March and August 2022 at an estimated cost of \$470. Funds from Non-Instructional Dev. Certified Professional Development and Instructional Certified Professional Development. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

Conference
Request

The Board discussed the academic services of LearnWell for a hospitalized SHS student anticipated December 21, 2021 through January 2, 2022. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

LearnWell
Academic Services

The Board discussed the approval of the School Calendar for the 2022-2023 school year and August 30-31, 2022 as Act 80 days for the dismissal at the start of the school year for a partial group of Kindergarten students. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

2022-2023
School Calendar

The Board discussed the transportation requests/field trips since the last meeting. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

Transportation –
Field Trip Requests

The Board discussed the addition of Jeffrey Styborski to the Volunteer List. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

Volunteer List

The Board discussed the athletic resignations of:

- Don Einhouse as 2nd Assistant Track and Field Coach Sprints/Hurdles effective December 13, 2021.

Athletic
Resignations

- Alyssa Forte as 1st Assistant Cross Country Coach effective December 15, 2021.
- Branden Williams as 1st Assistant Football Coach effective December 17, 2021.
- Alex Hopson as 2nd Assistant Track and Field Coach Jumping effective December 18, 2021.
- Jerome Adamus as 1st Assistant Baseball Coach effective January 7, 2022.

This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

The Board discussed the extra-curricular resignation of Haley Ottaway as Kindergarten Team Leader effective January 4, 2022. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

Extra-Curricular
Resignation

The Board discussed the extra-curricular appointment of Michelle McAvoy as Kindergarten Team Leader effective January 4, 2022. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

Extra-Curricular
Appointment

The Board discussed the addition of Jared Lorei to the 2021-2022 Game Help List. This item to be placed on the January 17, 2022 agenda.

Game Help List

Mr. Morvay reported the next Erie County Technical School meeting is in two weeks. He will have a report in February. Mrs. Lee shared that she will have a brief report next week on the December ECTS meeting she attended.

Erie County
Vocational
Technical School

Dr. Pushchak reported the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit meeting will be January 26th.

Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate Unit

During Board correspondence and dialogue, Mrs. Pound inquired about the survey results on the internet availability. Mr. Styborski will come and explain. Mr. Bloeser thanked the students who attended this evening's meeting and the parents and community members for coming out.

Board
Correspondence
and Dialogue

There being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Pound, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary