

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session
February 14, 2022**

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on February 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School.

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 also attended.

Roll Call

Jennifer Jefferson addressed the Board concerning masking mandate. Lonnie Senita also addressed the Board regarding mask requirements.

Guest and Citizen
Comments

Mr. Berlin presented the COVID statistics. Pennsylvania is still at a high rate of community transmission with a 10-14.9% positivity rate. The district does control universal masking and choosing to participate in Test-To-Stay (TTS) but cannot control quarantining, close contact distance rule, vaccination rate and the ADA Accommodations.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report General Fund: \$11,441,147.46, Capital Projects: \$34.33; and Cafeteria: \$419,773.85. She also reviewed Exhibit A1 Checks Already Written: \$128,212.33; Exhibit B1, Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$228.98; and Exhibit D SHS Activity Fund Report: \$77,635.74. A full report will be given at the February 21, 2022 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the Mask Mandate Resolution. Dr. Pushchak reminded the audience that this resolution was passed in August and was to be revisited in six months. The board voted to revisit it each month. This item to be placed on the February 21, 2022 agenda.

Mask Mandate

The Board discussed the monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report and the transfer from Unassigned Fund Balance to Committed Fund Balance for office renovation in the amount of \$15,900. This item to be placed on February 21, 2022 agenda.

Transfers

The Board discussed the 2022-2023 General Fund Operating Budget for the Erie County Area Vocational-Technical School in Secondary Programs and Regional Career and Technical Center Adult programs as presented for adoption. The 2022-2023 General Fund Budget includes total expenditures of \$6,966,835 with total district contributions of \$4,577,796 and the WASD contribution of \$410,320. This item to be placed on the February 21, 2022 agenda.

Erie County
Technical School
2022-2023 Budget

The Board discussed the office renovation quote. This item to be placed on the February 21, 2022 agenda.

Office Renovation

The Board discussed the Kelly Substitute list. This item to be placed on the February 21, 2022 agenda.

Kelly Substitutes

The Board discussed Brooke Gibbs (retro to February 4, 2022), Britlee Skinner, and Garret Swearingen (retro to February 1, 2022) as additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2021-2022 school year. This item to be placed on the February 21, 2022 agenda.

Service Substitute
List

The Board discussed the permanent removal of A. Rodger Shaw from the substitute custodian list and from the Durham bus driver list in the Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the February 21, 2022 agenda.

Permanent
Removal

The Board discussed the resignations of:

- Donald Einhouse, Health and Physical Education Teacher effective February 11, 2022.
- Brooke Gibbs, Custodian effective February 4, 2022.
- Becky Groenendaal, Cook effective February 28, 2022

Personnel
Resignations

This item to be placed on the February 21, 2022 agenda.

The Board discussed the leave requests of:

- Leave of Absence for Karly Long utilizing Family Medical Leave of Absence and paid time off February 28 through June 10, 2022.
- Intermittent Family Medical Leave for Sara Land effective February 1, 2022.

Leave Requests

This item to be placed on the February 21, 2022 agenda.

The Board discussed the following personnel appointments:

- Janice Stalford as Temporary Cafeteria Aide, 2.50 hours/day, 180 days/year effective January 24, 2022.
- Kala Lunger as Support Aide, 3 hours/day, 180 days/year effective January 27, 2022
- Kristin Ray as Cook-Baker, 6 hours/day, 180 days/year effective January 31, 2022
- Sandra Clark as Cafeteria Aide, 3.25 hours/day, 180 days/year effective February 3, 2022.
- Garret Swearingen as Custodian, 7 hours/day, 210 days/year effective February 22, 2022.
- Kayla Trapp as Test to Stay Medical Assistant 7.5 hours/day, 180 days/year effective February 14, 2022 anticipated through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Jacob Cervik as Long-Term Health & Physical Education Substitute Teacher anticipated February 11, 2022 through June 10, 2022 at Bachelor's, Step 1.

Personnel
Appointments

This item to be placed on the February 21, 2022 agenda.

The Board discussed Matthew Calabrese attending Aspiring Leadership via Zoom on February 4, 2022 at an estimated cost of \$159. Funds from Non-Instructional Development Professional Development. This item to be placed on the February 21, 2022 agenda.

Conference
Requests

The Board discussed the first reading of Policy 246 – School Wellness. This item to be placed on the February 21, 2022 agenda.

Policy First
Reading

The Board discussed the transportation/field trip requests. This item to be placed on the February 21, 2022 agenda.

Transportation
Field Trip Requests

The Board discussed utilizing Solvedt to provide transportation of BNI and NE students at a rate not to exceed \$300/day. This item to be placed on the February 21, 2022 agenda.

Solvedt
Transportation

The Board discussed the athletic resignation of Don Einhouse as weightlifting and head football coach. This item to be placed on the February 22, 2022 agenda.

Athletic
Resignation

The Board discussed the following extra-curricular appointments:

Extra-Curricular
Appointments

- Sean Sundy as after-school tutoring for History 9-12 anticipated February through June 2022.
- Bretton Smith as after-school tutoring for Special Education 9-12 anticipated February through June 2022.

This item to be placed on the February 22, 2022 agenda.

The Board discussed the following athletic appointments:

Athletic
Appointments

- Randi Heitman as Head Coach Track & Field, Step 2+.
- Branden Williams as 2nd Assistant Track & Field, Step 2+.
- Nate Myers as 2nd Assistant Track & Field - Distance, Step 2+.

This item to be placed on the February 22, 2022 agenda.

Mr. Morvay shared that he will have a report from the January JOC meeting at the February 21st meeting.

Erie County
Technical School

Dr. Pushchak updated the board regarding the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit meeting held on January 26, 2022. The IU preliminary budget will be presented to the board of directors on Feb 15th and to the Superintendents and Business Administrators on February 16th. The preliminary budget is \$65.8 million comprised of local (school district contributions), state and federal funding. WASD contribution is approximately \$27,000. The IU Early Intervention department is serving approximately 1,000 students with 291 of those students ready to start kindergarten in the fall. Like WASD discussions, the topic of Cyber charter schools spending \$35 million of taxpayers' money for advertising and marketing with no state audit or oversight for such expenditures was discussed. Finally, Dr. Pushchak noted the IU finances audit was clean this year.

Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate Unit

Mrs. Hetherington questioned the bus accident on Friday, February 11th. Mr. Berlin shared it was a minor accident. A young driver passed the bus scraped the side. No major damage, no injuries. The girls made it to the game late due to the State Police questioning on the accident.

There being no further business, upon motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Pound the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary