

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Work Session  
June 13, 2022**

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on June 13, 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 and Mrs. Vicki Bendig Business Administrator also attended.

Roll Call

Mr. Bloeser announced that the board met in executive session prior to this evening's meeting to go over the Annual Safety Plan and the Annual Superintendent's Performance Evaluation.

Zach Shumac addressed the Board regarding his Eagle Scout Project of repairs to the cross-country trails. He gave an overview of the areas being focused on, the tools, costs and assistance from his Troop #133. Zach was encouraged to check with Mr. Schultz on the project for information.

Guest and Citizen  
Comments

Dr. Puschak thanked Zach for choosing improvements to the school as his project.

During the Superintendent's report, Mr. Steve Carter proposed a Virtual Sport Hall of Fame for Wattsburg/Seneca Sports. Two alumni (Mark Eller and Gene Vogt) have set up the website <https://wattsburgsenecasportshalloffame.com> and would like the district to recognize it as the official site for the district.

Superintendent's  
Report

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report for the General Fund: \$6,350,747.88; Capital Projects: \$988,480.74; Cafeteria: \$448,732.04 and the Exhibit A1-Checks Already Written: \$162,202.55; Exhibit B1-Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$1,530.00; and Exhibit D-SHS Activity Fund Report: \$79,720.17. A full report will be given at the June 20, 2022 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the appoint Knox Law Firm to pursue and defend property tax appeals on behalf of Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Tax Appeals

The Board discussed the monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report and the \$70,000 transfer from Unassigned Fund Balance to Committed Fund for the WAEC Auditorium Sound upgrade project. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Transfers

The Board discussed the Budgetary Amendment. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Budgetary  
Amendment

The Board discussed the General Fund Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$27,494,251. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Adoption of  
General Fund  
Budget

The Board discussed the Real Property Tax Resolution: Resolved, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors does hereby levy for the school fiscal year July 1, 2022, to and including June 30, 2023, on each dollar of the total assessment of all real property in the Wattsburg Area School District comprised of the Borough of Wattsburg and Townships of Amity, Greene, Greenfield and Venango in the amount of 21.328 mills or \$2,132.80 on each one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars of assessed valuation of taxable property for general school purposes and the payment of teachers' salaries and rentals to school authorities. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Real Property Tax  
Resolution

The Board discussed Per Capita Tax Resolution: Resolved, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts upon the residents and/or inhabitants of the Wattsburg Area School District, nineteen (19) years of age and older, within the School District a Per Capita Tax in the amount of five (\$5.00) dollars as provided for in the Public-School Code of 1949 (Section 679) as amended during the Period July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Per Capital Tax  
Resolution

The Board discussed the Act 511 Per Capita Tax Resolution: Resolved, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts upon the residents and/or inhabitants of the Wattsburg Area School District, nineteen (19) years of age and older, within the School District a Per Capita Tax in the amount of (\$5.00) dollars as provided for in the Public Law, 1257, dated December 31, 1965, as amended, commonly referred to as Act 511 or as The Local Tax Enabling Act, 53 P.S. Section 6924.101 et seq., during the period July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Act 511 Per Capita  
Tax Resolution

The Board discussed the Earned Income Tax Resolution: Resolved, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts and continues an earned income tax, to be levied in the amount of one percent (1%) on salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation earned during the period July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, on all residents of the Wattsburg Area School District who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years and older, and on the net profits earned during said periods from business, professions or other activities conducted by residents of the said District in accordance with Public Law, 1257, dated December 31, 1965, as amended, commonly referred to as Act 511 or as a The Local Tax Enabling Act, 53 P.S. Section 6924.101 et seq. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Earned Income Tax  
Resolution

The Board discussed the Realty Transfer Tax Resolution: Resolved, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts and continues a Realty Transfer Tax, to be levied in the amount of one percent (1%) on Transfers beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, of real property or any interest in real property situated within the Wattsburg Area School District in accordance with Public Law, 1257, dated December 31, 1965, as amended, commonly referred to as Act 511 or as The Local Tax Enabling Act, 53 P.S. Section 6924.101 et seq. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Realty Tax  
Resolution

The Board discussed the Local Services Tax Resolution: Resolved, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts upon the privilege of

Local Services Tax  
Resolution

engaging in an occupation within the limits of the Wattsburg Area School District, who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years and older, a Local Services Tax in the amount of ten (\$10) dollars as provided in The Local Tax Enabling Act, 53 P.S. Section 6924.101 et seq., during the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

The Board discussed the Act 1 Exclusion Resolution – Homestead/Farmstead. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Act 1 Exclusion  
 Resolution

The Board discussed the food services lunch prices for 2022-2023 as follows:

Lunch Prices  
 2022-2023

	SHS	WAMS	WAEC
Breakfast	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50
Lunch	\$2.75	\$2.75	\$2.50
Milk	.65	.65	.65

This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

The Board discussed the utilization of facility request. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Facility Use  
 Request

The Board discussed the Cross-Country Trail Improvements by Zachary Shumac. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Cross-Country  
 Trail Improvement

The Board discussed the Snow Removal Agreement between Nelson Trucking and Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Snow Removal  
 Agreement

The Board discussed the Summer Maintenance Help rate increase to \$12.42/hour effective June 10, 2022. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Summer Help Rate  
 Increase

The Board discussed the addition of Susan Bisbee to the Service Substitute List for 2022-2023. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Service Substitute  
 List

The Board discussed the resignations of: Susan Bisbee and Madelyn Simmons. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Personnel  
 Resignations

The Board discussed the following appointments:

Personnel  
 Appointments

- Jacqueline Parmenter as Cafeteria Aide, Class C, 3.25 hours/day, 180 days/year retro to June 1, 2022.
- Amanda Stalford as the Special Education Secretary position, Class A, 8 hours/day, 260 days/year effective July 1, 2022.
- Krista Wehan, Special Education Supervisor effective August 15, 2022 and the agreement between Mrs. Wehan and Wattsburg Area School District effective August 15, 2022.
- Kevin Linza, SHS Health and Physical Education Teacher, at Bachelors, Step 11 effective August 24, 2022.
- Timothy Schweitzer as SHS Science Teacher effective August 24, 2022.
- Ronald Rairie as piano tuner/repair technician for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate not to exceed \$800.

- Mark Alloway as concert accompanist, vocal ensemble, Graduation and Baccalaureate for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate not to exceed \$2,000.

This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

The Board discussed the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Erie and the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

MOU Erie County  
Sheriff & WASD

The Board discussed the appointment of Emma Kowalski as Kindergarten Boot Camp Speech Language Therapist on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, August 2 – 18, 2022. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Kindergarten Boot  
Camp  
Appointment

The Board discussed the summer appointment of Jennifer Morgason as Special Education Aide ESY and Clay Bendig as Summer Maintenance. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Summer  
Appointments

The Board discussed the leave request utilizing a Childbirth/Adoption Leave of Absence for Karly Long effective August 24, 2022 through June 12, 2023. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Leave Request

The Board discussed the Memorandum of Agreement between WEA and WASD for the Girls Golf Coach. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

WEA MOA  
Girls' Golf

The Board discussed the Superintendent's 2021-2022 Annual Performance Evaluation. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Superintendent  
Performance  
Evaluation

The Board discussed Chris Paris and Alissa Pyle to attend a virtual Sapphire Training during the summer of 2022 at an estimated cost of \$330. Funds from Non-Inst, Certified Professional Development. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Conference  
Request

The Board discussed the travel reimbursement for all PDE related meetings and other district related meetings for the 2022-2023 school year. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Attendance at  
Meetings

The Board discussed an additional School Resource Officer for the district pending approval by county council and the county sheriff's office. It was requested that this item be added to the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Additional School  
Resource Officer

The Board discussed the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy 218 Student Discipline
- Policy 220 Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials and 220 Attachment
- Policy 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- Policy 237 Electronic Devices
- Policy 808 Food Services.
- Policy 913 Non-school Organizations/Groups/Individuals

First Reading  
Policies

This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

<p>The Board discussed the academic services of LearnWell for the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A hospitalized WAMS student anticipated May 16, 2022 through May 24, 2022.</li><li>• A hospitalized WAEC student anticipated May 26, 2022 through June 9, 2022</li></ul> <p>This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.</p>	Academic Services
<p>The Board discussed the homebound instruction for a WAEC student anticipated May 20 – June 9, 2022. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022.</p>	Homebound Instruction
<p>The Board discussed the Emergency Instructional Time Assurance. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.</p>	Emergency Instructional Time Assurance
<p>The Board discussed the pilot of IXL Learning for K-12 for the 2022-2023 school year. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.</p>	IXL Learning Pilot
<p>The Board discussed the Refocus Room Service Contract for the 2022-2023. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.</p>	Refocus Room Service Contract
<p>The Board discussed the Special Education Transition Operating Agreement. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.</p>	Special Education Transition Operating Agreement
<p>The Board discussed the WAEC Auditorium Sound System Upgrade. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.</p>	WAEC Sound System Upgrade
<p>The Board discussed Samantha Bladzik-Luck, Brianna Courteau, Samantha Green, Danielle Lewis, Kansas Mlakar, and Mandy Piazza as additions to the WASD Volunteer List. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.</p>	Volunteer List
<p>The Board discussed the resignations of Steven Bernsley, Other Assistant 7th &amp; 8th Football Coach effective May 31, 2022 and Katrina Barnhart K-6 Cross Country Coach effective June 3, 2022. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.</p>	Athletic Resignations
<p>The Board discussed the 2022-2023 extra-curricular appointments. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.</p>	Extra-Curricular Appointments
<p>The Board discussed the 2022-2023 athletic appointments. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.</p>	Athletic Appointments
<p>The Board discussed the summer/fall band appointments. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.</p>	Band Appointments
<p>The Board discussed the Virtual Athletic Hall of Fame and requested this item be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.</p>	Virtual Athletic Hall of Fame

The Board discussed the surplus items.

Surplus Items

<u>Title of Work</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>ISBN</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee	0-446-31078-6	33
<i>Animal Farm</i>	George Orwell	0-451-52634-1	26
<i>Grapes of Wrath</i>	John Steinbeck	0-14-303943-1	6
<i>Concise Oxford American Dictionary</i>	Oxford University Press	978-0-19-530484-8	6
<i>Webster's College Dictionary</i>	Random House	0-02-635934-0	6

This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

The Board discussed the Student Assistance Program Agreement between Pyramid Healthcare and Wattsburg Area School District for the 2022-2023 school year. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2022 agenda.

Pyramid  
 Healthcare  
 Agreement

Mr. Morvay will report on the Erie County Technical School at the June 20, 2022 meeting.

ECTS

Dr. Pushchak will report on the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit at the June 20, 2022 meeting.

Northwest  
 Tri-County IU

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Dr. Pushchak highlighted the Leadership Class's Car show. The event was very successful, and fun had by all who attended. Commencement was also nice and well run. Mr. Berlin recognized the extra effort Mr. Englert, Mr. O'Donnell, and Mrs. Young put into leading the commencement due to Mr. Miller being ill. Mr. Bloeser thanked Zach Shumac for his willingness to make the improvements to the cross-country trails.

Board  
 Correspondence  
 and Dialogue

There being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Lee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File  
 Vicki Bendig  
 Board Secretary