

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session
January 9, 2023

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on January 9, 2023, 7:00 PM, at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Britni Burlingham, Mrs. Amanda Farrell, Mrs. Lea Hetherington, Mr. Shawn Matson, Mr. Steve Morvay, Mrs. Tara Pound, Dr. Andy Pushchak, and Mr. Jeremy Bloeser, attended. Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, Assistant to the Superintendent and Mrs. Vicki Bendig Business Administrator also attended. Mrs. Nicole Lee, and Dr. Kenneth Berlin, Superintendent were absent.

Roll Call

No visitors requested addressing the board.

Guest and Citizen
Comments

Mrs. Kelley gave the Superintendent's report which highlighted upcoming events such as the 2023-2024 Budget recommendation; PSBA recommended updates to our policies, the ESPA Local 2 Negotiations. Then she gave a presentation on the RCI Program at the Regional Skills Center noting some shortfalls of the program and offering other options and solutions for dual enrollment to our students. These changes would involve revising our current policy 124 Alternative Instruction Methods.

Superintendent's
Report

After discussion, it was recommended that a Policy Committee Meeting be scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and a first reading of Policy 124 be added to the regular board agenda for January 16, 2023.

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund: \$13,485,752.77; Capital Projects: \$488,494.28; Cafeteria: \$612,965.77 and a review the of Exhibit A1 Checks Already Written: \$645,662.43, Exhibit B1 Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$45,789.49; Exhibit C1 Capital Project Fund Bills Already Written: \$16,799.00 and Exhibit D SHS Activity Fund Report: \$85,901.78. A full report will be presented at the January 16, 2023 Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the following transfers:

Transfers

- Monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report as outlined in Exhibit E.
- \$9,642 from Unassigned Fund Balance to the Committed Fund for the sewer plant electrical upgrades.
- \$280,058 from the Committed Fund to Capital Projects for high school auditorium lighting and sound upgrades.
- \$15,500 from the Committed Fund to Capital Projects for balance of clocks/intercom.
- \$44,510 from the Committed Fund to Unassigned Fund balance for the purchase and installation of the baseball and softball scoreboards.
- \$44,674 from the Committed Fund to Unassigned Fund balance for the purchase of the district truck with plow.

This item to be placed on the January 16, 2023 agenda.

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 2023-2024 General Fund Budget. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2023 agenda.

Accelerated
Budget Opt-Out
Resolution

The Board discussed the IRS Mileage Rate of 65.5¢/mile for business travel effective January 1, 2023. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2023 agenda.

IRS Mileage Rate

The Board discussed the following items:

- The electrical upgrades for the sewer plant
- Security window upgrades for main office entrances in WAEC, WAMS, and DAO funds from unassigned fund balance.

Sewer Plant
Security Windows

These items to be placed on the January 16, 2023 agenda.

The Board discussed the following items:

- The additions of Joseph Achille and Jessica Perrin to the ESS Substitute List.
- The resignation of Andrew Callahan, WAMS Educational Support Aide effective December 8, 2022.
- The appointment of Kristin Edwards, Grade 6 Mathematics Teacher at Bachelors, Step 3. Effective January 17, 2023. *1 Pro-rated for the 2022-2023 school year*
- The MOA between Wattsburg Area School District and the Wattsburg Education Association.
- Tuition Reimbursements.
- The following leave requests:
 - Leave of Absence utilizing Family Medical Leave of Absence and paid time off for Julie McGaughey effective November 22, 2022.
 - Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Hillary Barboni effective January 20, 2023.
- The following conference requests:
 - Krista Wehan to attend the 2023 PDE Conference: Making a Difference March 1-3, 2023 In Hershey PA at an estimated cost of \$967.37. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Susan Peebles to attend the 2023 PDE Conference: Making a Difference March 1-3, 2023 In Hershey PA at an estimated cost of \$626.90. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Rebecca Kelley to attend the 2023 PDE Data Summit, March 26-29, 2023 in Hershey PA at an estimated cost of \$1,378.29. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Alyssa Forte, Kyle Forte, and Kevin Linza to attend REAL Essentials Foundations Certification Health Curriculum Training February 1 – 2, 2023 at Blasco Memorial Library at an estimated cost of \$1,569. Funds from Professional Development and Substitute accounts.
 - Eric Schultz to attend the PSBO Annual Conference March 14-17, 2023 in Pocono Manor, PA at an estimated cost of \$745.72. Funds from Maintenance Conference and Travel.
 - Michael Rimdzius and Chris Paris to attend Science Immersion Experience on February 2, 2023 at NW Tri-County IU5 at an estimated cost of \$157.08. Funds from substitute account.

ESS Substitutes

Resignation

Appointment

MOA WASD/WEA

Tuition
Reimbursement
Leave Requests

Conference
Requests

- Pam Burdick, Stephanie Boyd, Theresa Bricker, Erica Fox, Becca Kelley, Steve O'Donnell Chris Paris and Erica Young to attend the ISTE Conference on June 25-28, 2023 in Philadelphia, PA at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. Funds from Title IV.
- Matthew Harman and Josh Thayer to attend ISTE Conference on June 25-28, 2023 in Philadelphia, PA at an estimated cost of \$4,222.28. Funds from Non-Instructional, Non-Certificated Professional Development.

These items to be placed on the January 16, 2023 agenda.

The Board discussed the second reading of Policy 214 Grade Point Average and Course Weighting. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2023 agenda.

Policy Second
Reading

The Board discussed the transportation requests and ratification of field trips since the last meeting. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2023 agenda.

Transportation
Requests

The Board discussed Danielle Baker, Sara Barnett, Kevin Braner, Kimberly Braner, Andrea Moreno, Britany Robinson, Marcia Roth, Steven Roth, Courtney Shumac and Rachael Smith as additions to the WASD Volunteer List. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2023 agenda.

Volunteer List

The Board discussed the appointment of Elizabeth Diehl as National Honor Society Advisor August 30, 2022 through January 19, 2023 at Step 2+ and Samantha Wilkinson as National Honor Society Advisor effective January 20, 2023 at Step 1. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2023 agenda.

Extra-Curricular
Appointments

The Board discussed the Agreement for Services for Rachel's Challenge. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2023 agenda.

Rachel's Challenge

The Board discussed the surplus item. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2023 agenda.

Surplus Item

The Board discussed the district's contribution of \$5,868.33 towards the purchase of a Transition Center van from Humes Corry Ford costing a total of \$52,815 divided evenly among the nine member districts. This item to be placed on the January 16, 2023 agenda.

ECTS Van

There being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Burlingham the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary

