

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 20, 2023

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Regular Board meeting at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on February 20, 2023

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; Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, Assistant to the Superintendent; and Attorney Christine McClure, Solicitor also attended.

Roll Call

Motion by Dr. Pushchak seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the agenda and addendum as presented. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Agenda

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Burlingham to approve the meeting minutes of January 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and the February 13, 2023 Work Session and Finance Committee Meeting. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

No citizens requested addressing the Board.

Guest and Citizen Comments

Dr. Berlin introduced Mr. Calabrese who introduced Ms. Lauren Zamperini, Grade 3 Social Studies Teacher. Ms. Zamperini along with student, Kenzie Lee shared that students in Grade 3 are studying different topographical and cultural regions through a variety of activities. During class, they utilize games such as Simon Says and taste test foods from the different regions. The students also use related Science and Art to emphasize their subjects such as making salt dough landmarks.

School Report

In February, students celebrated Disney Day where the students could dress as their favorite Disney character. They learned about Walt Disney and used "purchasing items" such as souvenirs in their Math lessons to learn about consumer math. The day also featured a virtual Disney Field Trip. Mr. Calabrese also shared that Ms. Zamperini was awarded the Golden Apple recently.

Dr. Berlin presented his Technology Initiative Study to the Board sharing findings from his dissertation. This encompassed the past 9 years of technology growth and development within the district. He highlighted what we are doing to integrate technology when teaching to engage students, and how it impacts writing, reading math, and science achievement. He shared the benefits and challenges of 1:1 technology as well as next steps to continue to

Superintendent's Report

improve teacher and student use of technology as an integral part of daily learning at WASD.

Dr. Pushchak complimented Dr. Berlin for choosing an area for his dissertation that benefits our students and for his focus on this subject.

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Dr. Pushchak to approve the following reports, payments, and invoices as presented:

- Revenue & Expenditure Reports
 - [General Fund](#): \$12,320,525.96
 - [YTD Budget to Actual Report](#)
 - [Capital Projects](#): \$490,268.93
 - [Cafeteria](#): \$696,076.87
 - [Cafeteria Profit/Loss](#): \$27,358.89
- Checks and Invoices
 - [Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$86,856.98
 - [Exhibit A2](#) Checks Already Written: \$15,084.30
 - [Exhibit A3](#) General Fund Bills: \$518,224.87
 - [Exhibit B1](#) Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$332.05
 - [Exhibit B2](#) Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$36,100.31
 - [Exhibit B3](#) Cafeteria Bills: \$50,009.12
 - [Exhibit C3](#) Capital Project Fund Bills: \$40,120.00
 - [Exhibit D](#) SHS Activity Fund Report: \$90,346.51

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

Motion by Mr. Moray, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the following transfers:

- Monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report as outlined in Exhibit E.
- \$17,297.02 from the Committed Fund to Unassigned Fund Balance for the purchase of steel white boards.
- \$26,186.84 from the Committed Fund to Unassigned Fund Balance for the purchase of the laser engraver for the high school.
- \$10,500 from the Committed Fund to Unassigned Fund Balance for the Concession Stand HVAC work.
- \$2,495.28 from the Committed Fund to Unassigned Fund Balance for the roof work for the vent and blower in the high school CAD lab.
- \$15,503 from the Committed Fund to Capital Projects for high school auditorium lighting and sound upgrades.
- \$293,312.60 from the Committed Fund to Capital Projects for carpet replacement at WAEC.

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

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Dr. Pushchak to approve the Local Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 as prepared by Buffamante, Whipple, Buttafaro, P.C. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Business
Administrator's
Report**

Transfers

Local Audit Report

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the [2023-2024 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 2023-2024 General Fund Budget includes total expenditures of \$6,922,485 with total district contributions of \$4,720,743 and the Wattsburg Area School District contribution of \$392,543. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**ECTS 2023-2024
General Fund
Budget**

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the Budgetary Amendment as outlined in [attachment 1](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Budgetary
Amendment**

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mrs. Burlingham to approve the contract with Mid-American Natural Resources, LLC beginning March 2023 through August 2024 as outlined in [Exhibit F](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Mid-American
Natural Resources
Agreement**

Motion by Mr. Matson, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the replacement of carpeting in the elementary center at an estimated cost of \$293,312.60 as outlined in [Exhibit G](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Carpet Replacement
WAEC**

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

- Gregory Barnett, Gerald Hemmis, Andrea Moreno, Mle Shofestall, Joshua Tomicek, Ronald Waldinger, Rebecca Whitney, and Alexa Yoder as additions to the ESS Substitute List .
- The addition of BreeAnna Byers to the Service Substitute List.
- The following leave requests:
 - Extended Bereavement Leave of 3 days for Emily Graves.
 - FMLA-Like Leave for Bonnie Allen effective February 22, 2023.
- Travel and conference meal reimbursement at actual cost up to \$40 per day.
- The following conference requests:
 - Alissa Pyle to attend PASAP Conference February 26-28, 2023 in State College, PA at an estimated cost of \$736.53. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Becca Kelley to attend PAFPC Annual Conference, April 16-19, 2023 in Pocono Manor, PA at an estimated cost of \$1,938.24. Funds from Title.
 - Rob Englert to attend 5 Tools for Translating PA STEEL Standards into Instruction, June 19 – 22, 2023 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$114.76. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Sarah McCall to attend 5 Tools for Translating PA STEEL Standards into Instruction, June 19 – 22, 2023 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$687.54. Funds from Professional Development.

ESS Substitute List

Service Substitute

Leave Requests

**Travel & Conference
Meal Cost**

**Conference
Requests**

- Tim Schweitzer to attend 5 Tools for Translating PA STEEL Standards into Instruction, June 19 – 22, 2023 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$520.78. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Pam Burdick, Jennifer Turner and Chris Paris to attend 5 Tools for Translating PA STEEL Standards into Instruction, June 19 – 22, and August 14-16, 2023 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$2,623.60. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Jack Corey, Seth Hembree, Eric Albrecht, Walter Chevalier, David Tome, Jerome Adamus to attend Glazier Football Clinic, February 24-26 in Pittsburgh, PA at an estimated cost of \$1,152.88. Funds from Professional Development
 - Accept the following resignations:
 - Adam Linger, custodian effective January 26, 2023.
 - BreeAnna Byers, special education aide effective January 30, 2023.
 - The revised Special Education Aide Job Description as outlined in [Exhibit H](#)
 - The following appointments for Kindergarten Bootcamp on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays August 1-18, 2023:
 - Michelle McAvoy
 - Pam Burdick
 - Haley Ottaway
 - Emily Stratton
 - Elizabeth Garcia – Special Education
 - Shelley Behr
 - Amanda Green - Nurse
 - The appointment of Shirley Avila as Cafeteria Aide, class C, 3.50 hours/day, 180 days/year anticipated start date February 23, 2023.
- Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Resignations

Job Description

**Kindergarten Boot
Camp**

Appointment

Motion by Mrs. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Matson to approve the second reading of Policy 124 Alternative Instruction Methods as outlined in [Exhibit I.](#) Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Policy 124
Second Reading**

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

- The College In High School Enrollment Agreement between Robert Morris University and Wattsburg Area School District as outlined in [Exhibit J.](#)
- The Senior Banquet for the Class of 2023 from 5:00 – 8:30 PM on May 19, 2023 at the Ambassador Conference Center, Erie, PA.
- The Renewal of the IXL Learning Agreement March 31, 2023 through June 30, 2026 as outlined in [attachment 2.](#)

**Robert Morris
University
Agreement**

Senior Banquet

**IXL Learning
Agreement**

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

Motion by Mrs. Hetherington, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the renewal Eidex Focus Subscriber License Agreement from February 20, 2023 to February 19, 2026 as outlined in [Exhibit K.](#) Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Eidex Focus
Subscription**

Motion by Mrs. Burlingham, seconded by Dr. Pushchak to approve the transportation requests and ratification of field trips since last meeting as outlined in [Exhibit L](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Transportation Requests

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

- Rebecca Brumagin, Bryan Lee, Jackie Parmenter, Stephanie Weed, and Branden Williams as additions to the WASD Volunteer List
- Accept the following athletic resignations:
 - Branden Williams, Head Track and Field Coach effective January 18, 2023.
 - Dana Miller, Head Cross-Country Coach effective January 20, 2023.
 - Faith Bartlett, 1st Assistant Cross Country Coach effective January 24, 2023.
- The following coaching appointments:
 - Randi Cage, Head Cross-Country Coach at step 2+
 - Dana Miller, Track & Field First Assistant Coach at step 2+
 - Elizabeth Bille, 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball Coach at step 1.
 - Kimberly Paris, Track & Field Head Coach at step 1.

Volunteer List

Athletic Resignations

Athletic Appointments

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

Motion by Mrs. Pound, seconded by Mrs. Farrell to approve the appointment of Laura Pushchak as a Rainbow Facilitator at Step 1 for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion approved by a voice vote with one abstention (Dr. Pushchak). Motion carried.

Extra-Curricular Appointment

Motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Hetherington to approve the Letter of Agreement between The Meadows Psychiatric Center and Wattsburg Area School District for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school year as outlined in [attachment 3](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

The Meadows Agreement

Mr. Morvay updated the Board on happenings at the Erie County Technical School. Two SHS students (insert names) were listed on the exemplary student list; The audit was clean with no modifications; Covid monies were moved to create a Capitol Reserve Fund; There was a Q & A with Director Candidates; There is talk about expanding the curriculum to add a RV Technician; Currently there are 777 student and the school is at 85% capacity. Next meeting is Thursday, February 23, 2023.

Erie County Technical School

Dr. Pushchak shared that in the board members' folders this evening is the IU5 Preliminary Budget for 2023-2024. Dr. Pushchak shared that the IU has a 67-million-dollar budget and that one million come from school. He also shared that the board members were emailed the IU State Mandates which outlines 176 Mandates that we are responsible to comply with.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Mrs. Farrell seconded by Mrs. Lee, meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Adjournment

Signature on File

Nicole Lee

Assistant Board Secretary