

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Work Session**  
**March 13, 2023**

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on March 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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; Mrs. Vicki Bendig Business Administrator also attended. Mrs. Britni Burlingham was absent.

Roll Call

Danny Carter addressed the Board concerning the baseball and softball programs and storage for the equipment.

Guest and Citizen  
Comments

Dr. Berlin introduced Mrs. Wehan who went over highlights of the Special Education Plan. The plan is posted on the district website for public viewing and will be voted on in April.

Superintendent's  
Report

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report with the General Fund: \$12,087,094.91; Capital Projects: \$491,950.20; Cafeteria: \$606,750.95 and the bill list Exhibit A1 Checks Already Written: \$63,148.66; Exhibit B1 Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$1,436.80; and Exhibit D SHS Activity Fund Report: \$93,387.34. A full report will be given at the March 20, 2023 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the following transfers:

- Monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report.
- \$126,100 from the committed fund for Nora Flooring to the committed fund for Tarkett flooring for the cafeterias.

Transfers

This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

The Board discussed the Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$66,989,275 and to further approve Wattsburg Area School District's contribution to the School Improvement School Improvement Services (Fund 020) budgets of the Intermediate Unit for the 2023-2024 fiscal year in the amount of \$31,330.58 and \$239,230 to the Special Education Services Consortium (Fund 23). This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Intermediate Unit  
2023-2024  
General Operating  
Budget

The Board discussed an Equipment Lease Schedule and Finance Agreement with LEAF Capital Funding, LLC for staff laptops with delivery and first payment after July 1, 2023. This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

LEAF Equipment  
Lease

The Board discussed the purchase of flooring for the elementary and high school cafeteria floors. This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Cafeteria Flooring

The Board discussed the additions to the ESS and Service Personnel substitute lists. These items to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Substitutes

The Board discussed the resignations of:

- David Applebee, custodian, for the purpose of retirement effective March 18, 2023.
- Brittany Giannelli, custodian, effective March 3, 2023
- Karly Long, art teacher, effective March 9, 2023.
- Emily Sonney, education support aide, effective March 23, 2023.

This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Personnel  
Resignations

The Board discussed the following leave requests:

- FMLA -Like Leave for Laura Holmes beginning April 4, 2023.
- Intermittent Family Medical Leave for Sara Land beginning April 26, 2023.
- Intermittent Family Medical Leave for Rachel Merry beginning February 24, 2023.

This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Leave Requests

The Board discussed Emma Kowalski as Speech Pathology for Kindergarten Bootcamp on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays August 1-18, 2023. This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Kindergarten  
Bootcamp  
Appointment

The Board discussed Cheryl Krider to attend Financial Literacy Event on April 18, 2023 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$120. This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Conference  
Request

The Board discussed the following Dual Credit Affiliation Agreements:

- Mercyhurst University
- Penn State University
- PennWest University

These items to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Dual Credit  
Affiliations

The Board discussed the Integrated Science Course at the high school beginning the 2023-2024 school year. This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Integrated Science

The Board discussed the science sequence at the high school beginning the 2023-2024 school year. This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Science Sequence

The Board discussed the transportation/field trip requests. This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Transportation  
Requests

The Board discussed a parent transportation agreement effective February 17, 2023 for the 2022-2023 school year at the current IRS rate of 65.5¢/mile. This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Parent  
Transportation  
Agreement

The Board discussed the volunteer list additions. This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Volunteer List

The Board discussed the appointment of Dana Miller as 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Cross Country coach at Step 2. This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Coaching  
Appointment

The Board discussed the agreement for Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth between Bethesda Lutheran Services and Wattsburg Area School District for the 2023-204 school year. This item to be placed on the March 20, 2023 agenda.

Bethesda  
Agreement

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Mr. Matson shared that Barber National Institute OVR and students with special needs do work in the community and wondered if we had thought about checking into this to assist in filling custodial positions. He also that we could possibly enclose the back of bleachers or have a roll-down door on the dugouts to provide storage.

Board  
Correspondence  
and  
Dialogue

Dr. Pushchak shared that he attended Seneca's musical Mamma Mia over the weekend, and it was very well done.

There being no further business, upon motion by Dr. Puschak seconded by Mrs. Farrell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File  
Vicki Bendig  
Board Secretary