

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session
April 10, 2023

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on April 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Jeremy Bloeser announced the Board will meeting following this evening's work session to discuss negotiations with WESPA #2.

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; Mrs. Vicki Bendig, Business Administrator also attended.

Roll Call

No citizen or guest requested addressing the Board.

Guest and Citizen
Comments

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report of General Fund: \$10,482,039.28; Capital Projects: \$493,875.07; Cafeteria: \$597,568.00 and a review of Exhibit A1 Checks Already Written: \$80,333.39; Exhibit B1 Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$879.15; and Exhibit D SHS Activity Fund Report: \$85,479.11. A full report will be given at the April 17, 2023 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Bi-Annual Review. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

Health & Safety
Plan Review

The Board discussed the following transfers:

- Monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report as outlined.
- Transfer from Unassigned Fund Balance to Committed Funds in the amount of \$50,000 for wrestling mats.
- Transfer from Unassigned Fund Balance to Committed Funds in the amount of \$162,000 for future paving and concrete projects.

Transfers

This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

The Board discussed the renewal agreement with The Nutrition Group for food service management for the 2023-2024 school year. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

The Nutrition
Group Agreement

The Board discussed Brianna Fies and Emma McDermott as additions to the ESS Substitute List. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

ESS Substitute List

The Board discussed Susan Sherwood (retro to April 3, 2023) as an addition to the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2022-2023 school year. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

Service Personnel
Substitute List

The Board discussed the resignations of Jennifer Manno, Special Education Aide effective April 4, 2023 and Raymond Trejchel, Special Ed Teacher for the purpose of retirement effective June 13, 2023. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

Personnel
Resignations

The Board discussed the Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Betsy Walker effective March 30, through June 12, 2023. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

Leave Request

The Board discussed the following appointments:

Personnel
Appointments

- Andrew Foster as Educational Support Aide, Class B, 7 hours/day, 180 days/year retro to April 3, 2023.
- William Chilcott as Custodian, Class A, 8 hours/day, 260 days/year effective March 22, 2023.
- Sharon Gibbs as Custodian, Class B, Level I, 7 hours/day, 210 days/year effective April 3, 2023.
- Joseph DiRaimo as District School Police Officer effective July 1, 2023 and approve the agreement between Joseph DiRaimo and Wattsburg Area School District.
- Lynn Orton as Long-Term Substitute Life Skills Support Teacher at the elementary center at Masters, Step 1 anticipated May 1, 2023 through June 12, 2023 [Approved Emergency Permit].
- Lynn Orton as Life Skills Support Teacher at the elementary center at Masters, Step 11 effective August 23, 2023 contingent upon her obtaining Special Education PK-12 certification from PDE prior to August 23, 2023.

This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

Conference
Requests

- Jessica Mathis to attend A/CAPA Spring 2023 on April 12-13, 2023 at an estimated cost of \$100. Funds from Professional Development.
- Elizabeth Smith to attend the 2023 Drug Diversion in Healthcare on May 11-12, 2023 in Titusville, PA at an estimated cost of \$221.13. Funds from Professional Development.

This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

The Board discussed the Summer Remediation Appointments (June 19 – July 21, 2023):

Summer
Remediation

- SHS
 - Math 9-12 – Susan Nolan
 - Science 9-12 – Sarah McCall
 - Special Education 9-12 – Jenna Wright, Elizabeth Linza
 - English Language Arts –
 - Social Studies – Megan Shindledecker
- Medical Assistant
 - Amanda Green

This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

The Board discussed the following Special Education Extended School Year appointments:

Extended School
Year
Appointments

- Teachers

- Pam Carson
- Elizabeth Garcia
- Victoria Pawlak
- Special Education Aides
 - Kayla Ballew
 - Cara Connolly
 - Rebecca Heitzenrater
 - Kelly Niskanen-Carey
- Medical Assistant
 - Melissa Pence

This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

The Board discussed the first reading of the following policies:

First Reading
Policies

- 011 Principles for Governance and Leadership
- 137 Home Education Programs
- 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
- 137.2 Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students
- 137.3 Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students
- 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability
- Delete and replace the following with revised policy 251:
 - 251 Homeless Students
 - 255 Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care
- 200 Enrollment of Students
- 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- 204 Attendance
- 217 Graduation
- 221 Dress and Grooming
- 233 Suspension and Expulsion
- 810 Transportation

This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

The Board discussed The Language Instructional Education Program Services contract between Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit and Wattsburg Area School District. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

LIEP
Service Contract

The Board discussed the IU5 Consultative Language Instruction Supervisory Services Agreement. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

LIEP Supervisory
Services
Agreement

The Board discussed the academic services of LearnWell for a high school student anticipated March 23 through June 30, 2023. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

LearnWell
Agreement

The Board discussed the Wattsburg Area School District Special Education Plan effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

Special Education
Plan

The Board discussed the transportation requests and ratification of field trips since the last meeting. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

Transportation
Requests

The Board discussed the additions to the volunteer list. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

Volunteer List

The Board discussed the resignation of Shawn Miller as 1st Assistant Wrestling Coach effective March 22, 2023. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

Athletic
Resignation

The Board discussed the athletic appointment of Faith Bartlett as Track & Field 2nd Assistant Coach (7 & 8) for the 2022-2023 season at Step 2+. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

Athletic
Appointments

The Board discussed the Kidder Media Agreement for the 2023-2024 newsletter production. This item is to be placed on the April 17, 2023 agenda.

Kidder Media
Agreement

There being no further business, upon motion by Dr. Pushchak seconded by Mrs. Lee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary