

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session
MAY 8, 2023**

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on May 8, 2023 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. Dr. Kenneth Berlin, Superintendent; Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mrs. Vicki Bendig Business Administrator also attended.

Roll Call

During School Reports, Mrs. Garcia gave a presentation on READ180 /System 44 (Special Education) and the student growth at the middle school.

No guest or citizen requested addressing the Board.

Guest/Citizen
Comments

Dr. Berlin shared that he would have a brief report on May 15th regarding the state of the district and initiatives.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report of the General Fund: \$9,976,071.28; Capital Projects: \$495,814.93; Cafeteria: \$623,977.86 and Bill List: Exhibit A1 Checks Already Written: \$95,754.65; Exhibit B1 Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$457.75; Exhibit DSHS Activity Fund Report: \$82,152.39. A full report will be given at the May 15, 2023 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the appointment of the firm of MacDonald Illig with Mr. Mark Kuhar as the Labor Relations solicitor for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

School District
Labor Counsel

The Board discussed the appointment of the firm of Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall and Sennett with Ms. Christine McClure as the School District's solicitor for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

School District
Solicitor

The Board discussed the budget transfers. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Transfers

The Board discussed the appointment of Steven Morvay as WASD Treasurer and designated signatory for the 2023-2024 school year. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Treasurer

The Board discussed the appointment of Northwest Savings Bank as the WASD Depository for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Depository

The Board discussed the appointment of Berkheimer Associates as the current delinquent per capita collector for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Delinquent Per
Capita Collector

The Board discussed the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for 2023 – 2024 in the amount of \$28,727,719 to authorize the Secretary to post the following notice: The Board of Directors tentatively approved the proposed final budget for the Wattsburg Area School District for the fiscal year of 2023-2024 on May 15, 2023. A copy of the said budget in the amount of \$28,727,719 is open for inspection by the public on the District Website. Adoption of the final budget is scheduled for June 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m. at the Wattsburg Area School District Elementary Center. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Proposed Final
General Fund
Budget 2023-2024

The Board discussed the ESS Substitute additions. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

ESS Substitutes

The Board discussed an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Susan Huff retroactive to March 27, 2023. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Leave Request

The Board discussed following resignations:

- Barbara Burdick, elementary teacher for the purpose of retirement effective June 13, 2023.
- Richard Fenney, custodian effective March 25, 2023.
- Randy Gunther, middle school teacher for the purpose of retirement effective June 13, 2023.
- Valerie Dolph, cook/baker effective June 1, 2023.

Personnel
Resignations

This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

- Matthew Harman and Josh Thayer to attend Cyber Planning Workshop on May 16 17, 2023 in Edinboro, PA at an estimated cost of \$100. Funds from Professional Development.
- Debbie Nuhfer and Sara Land to attend PSERS Training for HR Staff on May 8, 2023 virtually at an estimated cost of \$39. Funds from Professional Development.

Conference
Requests

This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

The Board discussed the appointment of Suzanne Zuba as Educational Aide, Class B, 7 hours/day, 185 days/year effective August 29, 2023. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Personnel
Appointment

The Board discussed the approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between Wattsburg Area School District and the Wattsburg Educational Support Personnel Association. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

WASD/WESPA
MOA

During personnel discussion, Mr. Bloeser announced that prior to the work session, the board met in executive session with counsel to discuss in detail a proposed MOA between WASD and WEA. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

WASD/WEA
MOA

The Board discussed the first reading of policies:

- 800 Records Management
- 830 Security of Computerized Personal Information/Breach Notification

Policies First
Reading

- 830.1 Data Governance – Storage/Security
- This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

The Board discussed the second reading of 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
- 200 Enrollment of Students
- 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- 204 Attendance
- 217 Graduation
- 221 Dress and Grooming
- 233 Suspension and Expulsion
- 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability

Policies Second
Reading

Merge and replace the following with revised policy 251:

251 Homeless Students

255 Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

- 810 Transportation

This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

The board discussed rescinding policy 255 Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Rescind Policy

The Board discussed those seniors who meet all graduation requirements to receive a Seneca High School Diploma. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Graduating
Seniors

The Board discussed the academic services of LearnWell for a middle school student anticipated April 17 – June 9, 2023. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Academic Services

The Board discussed the transportation requests and ratification of field trips since the last board meeting. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Field Trip -
Transportation
Requests

The Board discussed Melinda Barnes, Elizabeth Bille, Ryan Gilfoyle, Stephanie Gilfoyle, Jessica Keffer, and Jacob Malec as additions to the WASD Volunteer List. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

WASD Volunteers

The Board discussed the appointment of Jack Corey as weightlifting coach for the 2022-2023 school year at step 2+. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Athletic
Appointment

The Board discussed the resignation of Noah Runser, 7th & 8th grade football coach effective May 3, 2023. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Athletic
Resignation

The Board discussed the surplus items. This item to be placed on the May 15, 2023 agenda.

Surplus Items

Mr. Morvay will have the April report for the Erie County Vocational Technical School next week.

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

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary