

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session
October 9, 2023

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on October 9, 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

No guest/citizens requested addressing the Board.

Guest and
Citizen
Comments

Dr. Berlin shared he would give his report at the October 16, 2023 Board meeting.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report balances of the General Fund: \$10,360,008.86; Capital Projects: \$506,508.57; and Cafeteria: \$630,538.39 and a review the of Exhibit A1 Checks Already Written: \$368,228.34; Exhibit B1 Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$973.21; Exhibit C1 Capital Project Fund Bills: \$186,591.87 and Exhibit D SHS Activity Fund Report: \$66,666.37. A full report will be given at the October 16, 2023 meeting. Mrs. Hetherington questioned if the Activity Fund Balance difference from last month was due to the Homecoming Carnival and Dance. Mrs. Bendig confirmed that was the difference.

Treasurer's
Report

The Board discussed the transfers. This item to be placed on the October 16, 2023 agenda.

Transfers

The Board discussed the following items:

- Mary Dubek and Krista Rooney as an addition to the ESS Substitute List.
- Diana Twaroski as an addition to the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2023-2024 school year.
- The following appointments:
 - Lisa Gottschling as custodian, class B, 7 hours/day, 210 days/year effective October 9, 2023.
 - Wendy Werner as cook, class B, 5.50 hours/day, 180 days/year effective October 16, 2023.

ESS Substitutes

Service
Substitute

Appointments

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following leave requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extended Bereavement Leave of one day for Patricia Gomersall. ○ Leave of Absence utilizing Family Medical Leave of Absence and paid time off for Krista Wehan beginning October 4, 2023. 	Leave Requests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following conference requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mary Rea to attend the 2023 Professional Immunization Seminar on October 27, 2023 in Erie, PA at an estimated cost of \$67.86. Funds from Professional Development. ○ Elizabeth Smith to attend 2023 Professional Immunization Seminar on October 27, 2027 in Erie, PA at an estimated cost of \$160. Funds from Professional Development and Substitute. 	Conference Requests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Vincent Medical Group as the school physician at the rate of \$15.00 per physical exam effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. 	School Physician
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Richard Brozewicz, DDS as the school dentist at the rate of \$5.00 per exam effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. 	School Dentist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSBA to complete a Compensation Plan Study. <p>These items to be placed on the October 16, 2023 agenda.</p>	PSBA Compensation Study
<p>The Board discussed amending the 2023-2024 school calendar to move the snow make-up day from May 24, 2023 to April 8, 2024. This item to be placed on the October 16, 2023 agenda.</p>	Revise School Calendar
<p>The Board discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions to the WASD volunteer list. • The resignation of Owen Jefferson, wrestling coach effective September 29, 2023. • The following extra-curricular appointments for 2023-2024 school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Susan Nolan as Student Assistance Program Case Manager at Step 1. ○ Leah Bootes as WAMS Newspaper Advisor at Step 1. <p>This item to be placed on the October 16, 2023 agenda.</p>	Volunteer List Athletic Resignation Extra-Curricular Appointments
<p>Dr. Berlin shared an update on the support of girls' wrestling team. Currently the girls are wrestling with the boys and the boys' team coaches. PIAA does not currently have an organized girls' program. A "happy medium" needs to be found to support girls' wrestling.</p>	

Mr. Morvay shared he will give his report on the Erie County Technical School September Board meeting at the October 16, 2023 meeting.

ECTS

Dr. Pushchak shared he will have a brief report on Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit meeting at the October 16, 2023 meeting.

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Mrs. Miller of the Nutrition Group shared purple smoothies with the Board so they could sample a treat the students will be offered for National School Lunch Week.

Board
Correspondence
and
Dialogue

Mrs. Pound shared the signs in front of the high school are "super cool."

Mrs. Burlingham shared that the homecoming events were fun and good for the community to share in.

There being no further business, upon motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Hetherington, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary