

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 4, 2023

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Regular Board meeting at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on December 4, 2023.

President Jeremy Bloeser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Gregory Brumagin, Mrs. Britni Burlingham, Mrs. Lea Hetherington, Mrs. Nicole Lee, Mr. Steve Morvay, Dr. Andy Pushchak, Mr. Jesse Williams, Mr. Brian Young, and Mr. Jeremy Bloeser attended. Dr. Kenneth Berlin, Superintendent; and Mrs. Vicki Bendig, Business Administrator, also attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Mrs. Sherri Herman addressed the board with personnel concerns. Mr. Bloeser shared that the Board does not hear personnel issues and asked if she had talked with the principal. Mrs. Herman indicated that she had spoken with the principal. Dr. Berlin said to Mrs. Herman that the next step is for him to address personnel matters and that he would call her tomorrow. Mrs. Herman concluded her comments.

Guest/Citizen Comments

Mr. Bloeser opened the floor for nominations for temporary board president. Mrs. Burlingham nominated Mr. Morvay and Mrs. Hetherington seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Nomination approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Mr. Morvay was elected temporary president.

Temporary Board President

Mr. Morvay read the Certificates of Election for the newly/reelected Board members: Jeremy Bloeser(1,524), Gregory Brumagin (1,914), Andy Pushchak(1,729), Jesse Williams(1,535), and Brian Young(1,717).

Reading of Certificate of Election

Mr. Morvay administered the oath of office to Mr. Bloeser, Mr. Brumagin, Dr. Pushchak, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Young.

Oath of Office

Mr. Morvay opened the floor for nominations for the permanent board president. Mrs. Hetherington nominated Mr. Bloeser as permanent president. Seconded by Mrs. Burlingham. There were no other nominations. In a recorded roll call vote, the following voted for Mr. Bloeser: Mrs. Hetherington, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Morvay, Dr. Pushchak, Mr. Williams, Mr. Young, Mr. Bloeser, Mr. Brumagin, and Mrs. Burlingham. Mr. Bloeser was elected permanent board president.

Permanent President

Mr. Bloeser opened the floor for nominations for the permanent vice-president. Mrs. Burlingham nominated Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Hetherington. There were no other nominations. Nomination approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Mr. Morvay was elected vice-president.

Permanent Vice-President

Mr. Bloeser opened the floor for nominations for the Board Treasurer. Mrs. Lee nominated Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Burlingham. There were no other nominations. Nomination approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Dr. Pushchak was elected as board treasurer.

Board Treasurer

Motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Lee that all meetings Work/Study and Regular Board begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, 10780 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509 as follows:

Work Sessions

January 9, 2023	May 8, 2023	October 9, 2023
February 13, 2023	June 12, 2023	November 13, 2023
March 13, 2023	August 14, 2023	
April 10, 2023	September 11, 2023	

Regular Business Meetings

January 16, 2023	May 15, 2023	October 16, 2023
February 20, 2023	June 19, 2023	November 20, 2023
March 20, 2023	August 21, 2023	December 4, 2023 (following organization meeting)
April 17, 2023	September 18, 2023	

And the Board Organization Meeting on December 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Committee meetings on Mondays as requested by the committee chairperson at a time and place designated by the President of the Board. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Dr. Pushchak to appoint Mrs. Lee as the Assistant Board Secretary for the WASD beginning December 4, 2023 through the next School Board Reorganization Meeting on December 2, 2024. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Hetherington, seconded by Mrs. Lee to appoint the Wattsburg Area School District TCC delegates as follows: Primary voting delegate: Vicki Bendig; Mr. Young as First alternate voting delegate, and Mr. Morvay as Second alternate voting delegate. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Hetherington to appoint Debra Nuhfer as Board Recording Secretary for the WASD beginning December 4, 2023 through the next School Board Reorganization Meeting on December 2, 2024. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the December 4, 2023 Regular Board Meeting agenda as presented. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

**Setting of Dates
Time and Place of
Work Sessions,
Regular Meetings,
and Committee
Meetings**

**Assistant Board
Secretary**

**Erie County Tax
Claim Commission
Delegates**

Recording Secretary

Agenda

Meeting Minutes

There is no Superintendent's Report this evening. Dr. Berlin welcomed new and re-elected Board members. He shared that he looks forward to working together. Mr. Bloeser and Mr. Morvay also shared those sentiments.

Superintendent's Report

Motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the following reports, payments, and invoices as presented:

Business Administrator's Report

- Revenue & Expenditure Reports
 - [General Fund](#): \$13,238,848.01
 - [Capital Projects](#): \$377,982.37
 - [Cafeteria Fund](#): \$603,198.78
- Checks and Invoices
 - [Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$24,222.91
 - [Exhibit A2](#) Checks Already Written: \$196,498.40
 - [Exhibit B1](#) Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$1,256.17
 - [Exhibit D](#) SHS Activity Fund Report: \$67,816.49

Mrs. Bendig explained that due to the timing of the December 4, 2023 meeting, the full reports will be given at the January meeting. Also, Exhibit A2 should actually be Exhibit A3 (between November Board meeting and this evening's Board meeting. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

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

ESS Substitute List

- Tiffany Burek as an addition to the ESS Substitute List.
- Tuition reimbursements as outlined in [Exhibit E](#).
- Sarah Sheehan as Special Education Aide, Class B, 7 hours/day, 180 days year anticipated effective December 11, 2023.
- The following conference requests:
 - Krista Wehan and Susan Peebles to attend the PA Department of Education/Bureau of Special Education: Making a Difference February 28 – March 1, 2024 in Hershey, PA at an estimated cost of \$2,609.63. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Jessica Mathis to attend PDE Data Summit March 10-13, 2024 in Hershey, PA at an estimated cost of \$986.15. Funds from Professional Development.

Tuition Reimbursement Appointment

Conference Requests

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

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

Transportation Requests

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

- Logan Kibbe as an addition to the WASD Volunteer List.
- The following extra-curricular resignations:
 - Kyle Forte as SAP Case Manager effective November 30, 2023.

Volunteer List

Extra-Curricular Resignations

- Steven O'Donnell as Stage Director effective December 1, 2023.
- Olivia Dombkowski as Extra Effort After-School ELA Tutor 7-8 for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Zoe Murphy as Temporary Girls' Basketball 1st Assistant Coach for the 2023-2024 school year at Step 1.
- Bethany Cage, Heather Kibbe, and Vickie Senita as additions to the Game Help List for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Extra-Curricular
Appointment**

**Athletic
Appointment
Game Help List**

Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition.

Mr. Morvay expressed that the resignation of Mr. O'Donnell was approved with regret. He added that we are disappointed to see him resign and appreciate the contributions Mr. O'Donnell makes to the district.

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Dr. Pushchak welcomed the new board members and shared he is looking forward to working with them. Mrs. Burlingham also shared that she is looking forward to developing together as a board.

**Board
Correspondence
and Dialogue**

Mr. Bloeser expressed thanks to the board members for supporting him and entrusting him with the Board President position.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Lee, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
School Board Secretary