

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 19, 2024

The Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education held their Regular Board meeting at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on February 19, 2024. President Jeremy Bloeser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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; Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mrs. Vicki Bendig Business Administrator and Attorney Jennifer Gornall, Solicitor also attended.

Roll Call

Motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the agenda and addendum as presented. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Agenda

Motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Lee to approve the meeting minutes of the January 15, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, the February 12, 2024 Work Session and the January 15, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Brumagin noted there were two items on the work session agenda that did not have supporting exhibits prior to the Regular Board meeting. Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

Danny Carter addressed the Board regarding tax exemption for volunteer firefighters.

Guest and Citizen Comments

There is no school report this evening.

School Report

Dr. Berlin thanked Mrs. Kelley for the Curriculum Committee report and her efforts in guiding our teachers through assessments, data collection and ongoing review and improvement of the District's curriculum. Dr. Berlin also recognized Mrs. Burlingham for her presentation during the professional development day held last week., Mrs. Burlingham is the coordinator of foster care and advanced casework at the Erie County Office of Children and Youth (OCY). She provided a session to the faculty on the work of OCY so they have a better understanding of the services available to students.

Superintendent's Report

Motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Morvay to approve the following reports, payments, and invoices as presented:

- Revenue & Expenditure Reports
 - [General Fund:](#) \$12,269,646.94
 - [YTD Budget to Actual Report](#)
 - [Capital Projects:](#) \$381,377.34
 - [Cafeteria:](#) \$678,637.90
 - [Cafeteria Profit/Loss:](#) \$17,610.15
- Checks and Invoices

Business Administrator's Report

- [Exhibit A1](#) Checks Already Written: \$143,726.47
- [Exhibit A2](#) Checks Already Written: \$16,274.45
- [Exhibit A3](#) General Fund Bills: \$845,211.16
- [Exhibit B1](#) Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$25.00
- [Exhibit B2](#) Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$43,422.41
- [Exhibit B3](#) Cafeteria Bills: \$1,135.96
- [Exhibit D](#) SHS Activity Fund Report: \$67,714.13

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

Motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Burlingham to approve the Monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report as outlined in [Exhibit E](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Transfers

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

- Dayle Anderson, Meg Blake, Cheyanne Blackford, Christian Constantine, Gabriella Keebler, Mackenzie Kulik and Theodore Makoske as additions to the ESS Substitute List
- Deslyn Carroll as an addition to the Service Substitute list retro to February 5, 2024.
- The following leave requests:
 - Suzanne Zuba utilizing Family Medical Leave of Absence-Like Leave beginning January 16, 2024.
 - Andrew Foster utilizing Family Medical Leave of Absence -Like Leave beginning January 17, 2024.
 - Susan Huff utilizing Family Medical Leave of Absence and paid time off beginning February 12, 2024.
 - Kara Barczyk utilizing Family Medical Leave of Absence and paid time off beginning February 1, 2024.
 - Erica Young utilizing Family Medical Leave of Absence, FMLA-like Leave of Absence concurrent with a Childbirth Leave of Absence beginning February 8, 2024 through January 21, 2025.
 - Theresa Bricker utilizing Family Medical Leave of Absence and paid time off beginning March 25, 2024.
- Tuition reimbursements as outlined in [Exhibit F](#).
- The following conference requests:
 - Laura Vogle and Ashley Adamus to attend the IXL Live in Cleveland, OH on March 12, 2024, at an estimated cost of \$430. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Julie McGaughey to attend Gifted Networking in Edinboro, PA on February 23, 2024, at an estimated cost of \$29.75. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Becca Kelley, Hillary Barboni, and Chris Paris to attend IXL Live in Cleveland, OH on March 13, 2024, at an estimated cost of \$375. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Steve Carter to attend the 56th Annual Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Conference March 19-22, 2024,

ESS Substitute List

Service Substitute List

Leave Requests

Tuition Reimbursement Conference Requests

in Hershey, PA at an estimated cost of \$1,000. Funds from Professional Development.

- o Heather Hedderman to attend Solar Eclipse Phenomena Focused Professional Development in Edinboro, PA on March 6, 2024, at an estimated cost of \$120. Funds from substitute account.

- The resignation of Sophia Worner, Special Education Aide effective February 13, 2024.

**Personnel
Resignation**

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

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

- The agreement between Sarah Reed and WASD to provide the district with mental health support and services as outlined in [Exhibit G](#).
- Homebound instruction for a WAMS student anticipated February 2 through February 19, 2024.

**Therapeutic
Social-Emotional
Classroom
Agreement
Homebound
Instruction**

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

Motion by Mr. Brumagin, seconded by Mr. Morvay to approve the transportation requests and ratification of field trips since last meeting as outlined in [attachment 1](#). Motion approved by a voice vote with no opposition. Motion carried.

Transportation

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

- Peggy Abbott, Krystal Ayers, Megan Brink, Amanda Bryan, Aaron Lewis, Jillann Matson, Christina Musolff, Jaimee Snippert, Ashley Wilczynski, and Sara Zimmerman as additions to the WASD Volunteer List.
- James Miller as Extra-Effort After School Math Tutor Grades 7-8 effective January 9, 2024.
- Elizabeth Donikowski as Unified Bocce Head Coach at step 1.

Volunteer List

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

**Extra-Curricular
Appointment
Athletic
Appointment**

Mr. Morvay shared the following items from the ECTS JOC meeting in January:

- Expansion of the 2nd health assistant and cosmetology classes and a new security class have been approved by the Joint Operating Committee. Ongoing discussion on additional programming is also continuing.
- Building and Grounds assessment will be done.
- Perkins review completed. No findings.
- Renovations are nearly completed, all moves expected to be done at the end of this month.
- Looking at a "Grand Opening" in August.
- Approximately 800 students currently attending ECTS – 80% capacity.
- 70%+ participation in all labs except precision machining (57%).
- Skills USA was recently attended by tech students, and many are moving on to the state Skills competition.
- Overall, the budget looks like a 3.5% increase for static items and a 9% increase overall with the additional programs.

**Erie County
Vocational
Technical School**

**Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate Unit**

Dr. Pushchak shared that the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit January report was sent out following the meeting in January.

- The IU is attempting to fill vacant positions.
- The Early Intervention Department is gearing up to servicing 1,200 students this spring prior to enrolling in kindergarten.
- Providing consulting services for two local school districts in search of Superintendents.

During Board correspondence and dialogue, Mr. Morvay shared that prior to this meeting, there was a Curriculum Committee meeting. Rebecca Kelley and the staff provided a presentation with data on the district's assessments.

**Board
Correspondence
and Dialogue**

Mrs. Burlingham thanked the district for allowing her and other OCY staff to share their profession and to collaborate with the district staff. This was an opportunity to clear up misconceptions about the department of OCY and the department of Child Welfare, so people have a better understanding of what they do.

Ongoing conversation regarding the phrasing of meeting minutes followed.

Mr. Brumagin questioned if we allowed enrollment into the district by tuition. Additionally, regarding the budget, he asked that recommendations be brought to the board on resources needed to support staff and faculty that will support student achievement.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Burlingham, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
School Board Secretary