

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session
February 12, 2024

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on February 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School. 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 also attended.

Roll Call

Danny Carter addressed the Board on tax credit for volunteer firefighters.

Guest and Citizen
Comments

School Reports and Dr. Berlin's Superintendent's report will be given at the February 19, 2024, meeting.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report with the General Fund balance of \$12,269,646.94; Capital Projects: \$381,377.34; and the Cafeteria Fund balance of \$678,637.90 and Checks Already Written Exhibit A1 in the amount of \$143,726.47; Cafeteria Checks Already Written Exhibit B1 in the amount of \$25.00 and SHS Activity Fund Report Exhibit D in the amount of \$67,714.13. A full report will be given at the February 19, 2024, meeting.

Business
Administrator's
Report

The Board discussed financial transfers. Item to be placed on the February 19, 2024, agenda.

Financial
Transfers

The Board discussed the following:

- ESS Substitute additions of Dayle Anderson, Meg Blake, Cheyanne Blackford, Christian Constantine, Gabriella Keebler, and Mackenzie Kulik.
- The addition of Deslyn Carroll 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.

ESS Substitute
Additions

Service Substitute
Addition

Leave Requests

- The following personnel appointments:
 - Jennifer Morris as a long-term elementary substitute teacher anticipated January 19 through June 7, 2024, at Bachelors, Step 1 and the salary of \$43,925.
 - Cassidy Hall as a long-term elementary substitute teacher anticipated January 17 through June 7, 2024, at Bachelors, Step 1 and the salary of \$43,925.
 - Danielle Noyer as a cafeteria aide, Class B, 3.50 hours/day, 180 days/year effective March 19, 2024.

Personnel
Appointments

- Tuition Reimbursement Requests.

Tuition
Reimbursement

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

Conference
Requests

Items to be placed on the February 19, 2024, agenda.

The Board discussed the Therapeutic Social-Emotional Classroom Agreement between Sarah Reed and WASD to provide the district with mental health support and services. Item to be placed on the February 19, 2024, agenda.

Therapeutic
Social-Emotional
Agreement

The Board discussed transportation requests and ratification of field trips since the last meeting. Item to be placed on the February 19, 2024, agenda.

Transportation
Requests

The Board discussed the following:

- Peggy Abbott, Krystal Ayers, 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. For the 2023-2024 season.

WASD Volunteers

Extra-Curricular
Appointment
Athletic
Appointment

Items to be placed on the February 19, 2024, agenda.

Mr. Morvay will give the Erie County Vocational Technical School Report at the February 19, 2024, meeting.

Erie County
Technical School

Dr. Pushchak will provide a brief report on the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit meeting at the February 19, 2024, meeting.

Northwest Tri-
County IU

During the Board Correspondence, Mr. Williams shared that 3rd and 4th grade will have a visit by a popular children's book author and complimented the staff responsible for organizing this opportunity.

Mr. Brumagin asked when the board could discuss public comment guidelines and the wording of meeting minutes. Mr. Bloeser responded, and a board discussion on these topics followed.

There being no further business, upon motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mrs. Hetherington, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary