

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session
March 11, 2024

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on March 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mr. Bloeser announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the work session and would meet following the meeting to discuss personnel.

Mr. Gregory Brumagin, 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. Mrs. Britni Burlingham was absent.

Roll Call

There were no citizen/guest requests to address the Board.

Citizen Comments

The elementary center will have a presentation at the March 18th meeting.

School Report

Dr. Berlin shared he would have a report at the March 18th meeting.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Reports of General Fund: \$12,069,068.80 Capital Projects: \$382,960.17; Cafeteria: \$770,188.15 and a review Exhibit A1 Checks Already Written: \$54,131.51; Exhibit B1 Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$1,191.41; Exhibit D SHS Activity Fund Report: \$67,287.24. A full report will be given at the March 18, 2024 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the following:

- Monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report.
- The 2024-2025 General Fund Operating Budget for the Erie County Area Vocational-Technical School in Secondary Programs and Regional Career and Technical Center Adult programs as presented for adoption. The 2024-2025 General Fund Budget includes total expenditures of \$7,553,428 with total district contributions of \$4,878,654 and the Wattsburg Area School District contribution of \$401,063. A copy of the ECTS budget is available for review.
- The Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$70,091,220 and to further approve Wattsburg Area School District's contribution to the School Improvement School Improvement Services (Fund 020) budgets of the Intermediate Unit for the 2024-2025 fiscal year in the amount of \$38,585.37 and \$232,560 to the Special Education Services Consortium (Fund 23). A copy of the IU5 budget is available for review.

Budget vs. Actual
2024-2025 ECTS
Operating Budget

2024-2025 IU5
Operating Budget

These items are to be placed on the March 18, 2024 agenda.

The Board discussed the Classroom Lease Agreement between Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 and WASD for rental of WAEC space during the 2024-2025 school year. This item is to be placed on the March 18, 2024 agenda.

Classroom Lease
IIU 5/WASD

The Board discussed the following:

- Christian Dombrowiak and Lindsay Suydan as additions to the ESS Substitute List. ESS Sub List
- Mercede Myers as an addition to the Service Substitute List Service Sub List
- The following resignations: Resignations
 - Brooke Gibbs, special education aide effective February 20, 2024.
 - Andrew Foster, educational aide effective February 20, 2024.
 - Keagan Yonkers, Autistic Support teacher effective March 22, 2024.
 - Valerie Zampogna, Social Studies Teacher, for the purpose of retirement effective June 10, 2024.
 - Mercede Myers, custodian effective March 23, 2024.
- The following appointments: Appointments
 - Jamie Trayer as a special education aide, class B, 7 hours/day, 180 days/year effective March 4, 2024.
 - Sarah Wasson as special education aide, class B, 7 hours/day, 180 days/year effective March 5, 2024.
 - Michelle Hewell as special education aide, class B, 7 hours/day, 180 days/year effective March 14, 2024.
- The Compensation Agreements and Job Descriptions for the following employees effective July 1, 2024: Compensation Agreements/Job Descriptions
 - Administrator – Hillary Barboni, Steve Carter, Robert Englert, Eric Schultz, Justin Grossman, Lisa Jablonski, Rebecca Kelley, Christopher Paris, Susan Peebles, and Krista Wehan.
 - Information Technology Staff – Callan Coolidge, Matt Harmon, and Joshua Thayer
 - Student Services Staff – Sherry Beckwith and Theresa Williams.
 - Manager – Todd Landis, Pam Pudlick.
 - Confidential Staff – Rachel Graham, Susan Huff, Sara Land, Jessica Mathis, and Debra Nuhfer.
 - Aerospace Instructor – Raymond Oshop
- Kindergarten Bootcamp Appointments with teacher prep on August 1, 2024 and Bootcamp August 5-15, 2024 Kindergarten Bootcamp
 - Ariel Bartlett ○ Pam Burdick ○ Michelle McAvoy
 - Emma McDermott ○ Haley ○ Emily Stratton
 - Ottaway
 - Emma Murzynski (Speech/Language)
 - Kayla Trapp (Medical Assistant)
- Extended School Year July 16 – August 8, 2024. Extended School Year Teachers
 - Lynn Orton – Life Skills Teacher – WAEC
 - Elizabeth Donikowski – Life Skills Teacher – Secondary
 - Pam Carson – In Home ESY Teacher
- Pam Burdick to attend IXL Live on March 12, 2024 in Cleveland, OH at an estimated cost of \$215. Funds from Professional Development. Conference Request

- The following leave requests:
 - An unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence Like Leave for Mercede Myers effective February 20, 2024 through February 25, 2024.
 - An Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence utilizing unpaid time off for Shelley Behr beginning February 26, 2024.

Leave Requests

These items are to be placed on the March 18, 2024 agenda.

The Board discussed the Wattsburg Area School District Comprehensive School Plan for 2024-2027. This item is to be placed on the March 18, 2024 agenda.

Comprehensive
School Plan

The Board discussed the transportation requests and ratification of field trips since the last meeting. This item is to be placed on the March 18, 2024 agenda.

Transportation
Field Trip Requests

The Board discussed the following;

- Danny Carter, Katrina Hoover, Kerrie Parkhurst, and Danielle Szklenski as additions to the WASD Volunteer List.
- Emily Stratton as WAEC SAP Case Worker at Step 1, effective March 1, 2024.

Volunteer List

Extra-Curricular
Appointment

These items are to be placed on the March 18, 2024 agenda.

The Board discussed the following:

- The agreement for Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth between Bethesda Lutheran Services and Wattsburg Area School District for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Surplus items as outlined.

Bethesda Services
Agreement

Surplus Items

These items are to be placed on the March 18, 2024 agenda.

Mr. Morvay shared he will have a report on the Erie County Technical School JOC meeting at the March 18, 2024 meeting.

Erie County
Technical School

Dr. Pushchak shared there will be no Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit report next week as he was absent due to illness.

Northwest Tri-
County
Intermediate Unit

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, the board continued the ongoing conversation regarding phrasing of meeting minutes.

Board
Correspondence
and Dialogue

There being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Mrs. Lee, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary