

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session
May 13, 2024

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on May 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Wattsburg Area Elementary School. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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. Mr. Gregory Brumagin was absent.

Roll Call

Mr. Bloeser announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the work session this evening to discuss our annual Safety and Security Plan.

Mr. Cosby, band/music teacher addressed the Board regarding the potential of a group from Drum Corps International (DCI) utilizing the campus requesting the board consider amending the cost as it is a fantastic opportunity for our students and community.

Guest and Citizen
Comments

Mr. Aaron Chilcott had questions about a situation going on in the school restrooms. Dr. Berlin will follow up with Mr. Chilcott regarding these questions.

No report this evening.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurer's Report and a review the of Checks Already Written General Fund: \$10,227,498.84; Capital Projects: \$386,301.74; Cafeteria: \$687,099.58 and Exhibit A1, Checks Already Written: \$69,711.48; Exhibit B1, Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$179.17; and Exhibit D, SHS Activity Fund Report: \$89,442.98. A full report will be given at the May 20, 2024 Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the appointment of the firm of MacDonald Illig with Atty. Mark Kuhar as the Labor Relations solicitor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and The appointment of Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall and Sennett with Atty. Jennifer Gornall as the School District's solicitor for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. These items to be placed on the May 20, 2024 agenda.

2024-2025 School
District Labor
Counsel
and
Solicitor

The Board discussed the following items:

- Monthly budgetary transfer from the budget vs. actual report
- The Sponsor-to-Sponsor Agreement with the YMCA Erie.
- Andy Pushchak as the WASD Treasurer and designated signatory for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- Northwest Savings Bank as the WASD Depository for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- Berkheimer Associates as the current delinquent per capita collector for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- Agreement with The Nutrition Group for food service management for the 2024-2025 school year with the option to renew for four additional years.

Transfers
Sponsor-to-Sponsor
Treasurer

WASD Depository

Delinquent Per
Capita
Food Service
Management

These items to be placed on the May 20, 2024 agenda.

The Board discussed the following items:

- The use of Seneca High School auditorium, classrooms, commons, and media center by Pennsylvania Music Educators Association for the PMEA Jr. District Band on April 4-5, 2025 at no cost to the requestor.
- Agreement between YMCA and WASD for the YMCA Child Care Program.
- To award bids for paving and concrete projects: Campus Paving to Cross Paving \$174,803.20 and Campus Concrete projects TBD at Bid Opening on May 14, 2024.

Facility Use

YMCA Agreement
Bid Awards

These items to be placed on the May 20, 2024 agenda.

The Board discussed the following:

- Allisynn Bengel as additions to the ESS Substitute List.
- Maggie Curtis as an addition to the Service Substitute List
- The following resignations:
 - Crystal Ayers, WAEC Support Aide, effective May 17, 2024.
 - Kari Dahlstrand, Cafeteria Aide, effective May 10, 2024.
 - Maggie Curtis, WAEC Support Aide, effective May 11, 2024.
 - Justine Brink, high school English teacher, effective June 9, 2024.
 - Donna Banks, Grade 7 English teacher, for the purpose of retirement effective July 31, 2024.
 - Karen Bayhurst, Guidance Dept. Secretary, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2024.
- Elizabeth Garcia as Extended School Year Autistic Support Teacher July 16 – August 8, 2024.
- Stephanie Boyd to attend K-12 SAP Online, June 25-27, 2024 at an estimated cost of \$325.00. Funds from Professional Development.
- Summer school appointments (June 17 – July 25, 2024) as follows:
 - High School
 - Sara McCall – Science
 - Susan Nolan – Mathematics
 - Christopher Langer-Williams – English Language Arts
 - Middle School
 - Donna Banks – 7/8 English Language Arts
 - Pam Burdick – 5/6 Math
 - Anna Chimera – 5/6 English Language Arts
 - Gretchen Ruprecht - 5/6 English Language Arts
 - Jennifer Turner – 5/6 Mathematics
- Lynn Orton for Kindergarten Bootcamp on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, August 1-18, 2024.
- the following summer help appointments at \$12.42/hour effective June 7, 2024:
 - Maintenance
 - Christopher Lynde
 - Mackenzie Jones
 - Nicholas Vanhooser
 - Information Technology
 - Gavin Bendig
 - Madison Morvay

ESS Substitute List
Service Substitute
Resignations

ESY Autistic Support
Teacher
Conference Request

Summer School
Appointments

Kindergarten
Boot Camp
Summer Help
Appointments

- The following appointments:
 - Sylvia Applebee as Custodian, Class B, 7 hours/day, 210 days/year retro-active to May 6, 2024.
 - Joseph DiRaimo as District School Police Officer effective July 1, 2024 and approve the agreement between Joseph DiRaimo and Wattsburg Area School District.
 - Jennifer Morris as a Long-Term Elementary Substitute Teacher anticipated August 20, 2024 through January 17, 2025 at Bachelors, Step 2.
 - Erica Hawes as Autistic Support Teacher, Type 1 Certification with Educational Obligation effective August 20, 2024 at Bachelors, Step 2.
 - Jack Corey as Long-Term Substitute High School Business Teacher anticipated August 20, 2024 through June 6, 2025 at Bachelors, Step 2.
 - Laura Pushchak as a long-term district daily floating substitute for the 2024-2025 school year at Masters +15, Step 3.
 - _____ as Middle School Learning Support Teacher effective August 20, 2024 at ____, Step __.
 - _____ as Middle School Social Studies Teacher effective August 20, 2024 at ____. Step __.
 - _____ as Primary Subject Area Teacher effective August 20, 2024 at ____, Step __.

Personnel
Appointments

- Tuition reimbursements.

These items to be placed on the May 20, 2024 agenda.

Tuition
Reimbursements

The Board discussed the second reading of policies:

- 200. Enrollment of Students
- 202. Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- 217. Graduation
- 252. Student Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources
- 254. Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- 810. Transportation
- 815. Employee Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources
- 819. Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

Second Reading
Policies

This item to be placed on the May 20, 2024 agenda.

The Board discussed the following items:

- The 2024 Junior/Senior Prom at Mound Grove on May 11, 2024.
- The Senior Banquet on May 23, 2024 at Eastway Lanes.
- Seniors who meet all graduation requirements to receive a Seneca High School diploma.
- Seneca High School Textbooks
 - Business:
 - *Entrepreneurship Fundamentals McGraw Hill* (ISBN978-1-26-660679-3) copyright 2024
 - *Marketing Fundamentals* McGraw Hill (ISBN 978-1-26-660641-0) copyright 2024

Prom 2024
Senior Banquet
2024 Graduates

Textbooks for High
School

- History:
 - *Experience History: Interpreting America's Past*, 9th edition, AP edition (ISBN: 1259541800). Copyright 2018.
 - *US History 101 Book*. (ISBN: 1440586489) Copyright 2015.

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The Board discussed the transportation requests. This item to be placed on the May 20, 2024 agenda.

Transportation
Requests

The Board discussed the WASD Volunteer List. This item to be placed on the May 20, 2024 agenda.

Volunteer List

The Board discussed the following:

- Kidder Media agreement for the 2024-2025 newsletter production. Dr. Berlin presented cost statistics for the newsletter and alternative options. Kidder provides start to finish production. Board members discussed the newsletter, zip code saturation, and options available. This item to be placed on the May 20, 2024 agenda.
- Surplus items.
- Board member Jesse Williams volunteered to serve as WASD delegate to attend the 2024 PSBA Assembly scheduled for November 2, 2024.

Kidder Media
Agreement

These items to be placed on the May 20, 2024 agenda.

Surplus Items
WASD/PSBA
Assembly
Delegate

Erie County Technical School Joint Operating Committee report will be given at the May 20, 2024 meeting.

ECTS Perkins Advisory Board Review and meeting will be held on May 17, 2024. The Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Report will be given at the May 20, 2024 meeting.

There being no further business, upon motion by Dr. Pushchak, seconded by Mr. Young, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Adjournment

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary