

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Work Session
June 10, 2024**

The meeting of the Board Work Session convened on June 10, 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, and Mr. Jeremy Bloeser attended. Dr. Kenneth Berlin, Superintendent; Mrs. Rebecca Kelley, Assistant to the Superintendent; Mrs. Vicki Bendig Business Administrator also attended. Mr. Brian Young was absent.

Roll Call

No visitors wished to address the board.

Guest and Citizen
Comments

Dr. Berlin shared commencement highlights and pictures as well as congratulated the Class of 2024.

Superintendent's
Report

He updated the Board on the state budget status and HB2370 – Cyber Charter tuition rates.

Mrs. Bendig gave the Treasurers' Reports of General Fund: \$8,348,644.54; Capital Projects: \$388,010.26; Cafeteria: \$698,854.55 and a review of Exhibit A1 Checks Already Written: \$63,537.86; Exhibit B1 Cafeteria Checks Already Written: \$700.49; Exhibit D SHS Activity Fund Report: \$78,500.27. A full report will be given at the June 20, 2024 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Board discussed the following:

- The monthly budget transfers.
- The adoption of the General Fund Budget for 2024 – 2025 fiscal year in the amount of \$30,387,841.
- The Real Property Tax Resolution.
- The Per Capita Tax Resolution.
- The Act 511 Per Capita Tax Resolution.
- The Earned Income Tax (Wage Tax) Resolution.
- The Realty Transfer Tax Resolution.
- The Local Services Tax Resolution.
- The Act 1 Exclusion Resolution - Homestead/Farmstead.

Monthly Transfer
Adoption of Budget

Real Property Tax
Per Capita Tax
Act 511 Per Capita
Earned Income Tax
Realty Transfer Tax
Local Services Tax
Homestead/
Farmstead

These items to be placed on the June 17, 2024 agenda.

The Board discussed the following:

- The Public-School Facilities Improvement Grant Resolution and application fee.

Public School
Facilities Grant

- The 2024-2025 Snow Removal Agreement between Nelson Trucking and the Wattsburg Area School District.

Snow Removal Agreement

These items to be placed on the June 17, 2024 agenda.

The Board discussed the following:

- The request for a voluntary deletion of Special Education (PDE Instructional Code 9227) from Bretton Smith's Pennsylvania Teacher Certificate.
- The following conference requests:
 - Hillary Barboni, Justin Grossman, Rob Englert, Lisa Jablonski, Chris Paris, Susan Peebles, Becca Kelley, Ken Berlin and administrator pending to attend the Knox Law Title IX Training on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 in Erie, PA 16507 at an estimated cost of \$3,000. Funds from Professional Development.
 - Jesse Williams to attend PSBA Board Delegate meeting November 2, 2024 in Mechanicsburg, PA at an estimated cost of \$572.76.
- The following appointments:
 - Tirzah Kurien as a Long-Term Elementary Substitute Teacher anticipated August 20, 2024 through January 17, 2025 at bachelors, step 1.
 - Christian D. Constantine, Lt. Col. (Ret), USAF as Senior Aerospace Instructor effective July 1, 2024 and the agreement between Colonel Constantine and WASD.
 - Veronica Lipinski as a Long-Term High School Substitute Teacher anticipated August 20, 2024 through June 6, 2025 at bachelors, step 3.
 - Hunter Wagner as a Long-Term Middle School Substitute Teacher anticipated August 20, 2024 through June 6, 2025 at bachelors, step 2.
- The following summer program appointments for June 17 – July 25, 2024 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
 - Jenna Wright, Special Education Teacher.
 - Amanda Green as Medical Assistant.
- The Superintendent's 2023-2024 Annual Performance Evaluation.
- The tuition reimbursements.
- The following resignation:
 - Kayla Ballew, Special Education Aide effective June 5, 2024.

Voluntary Deletion on Teacher Certificate

Conference Requests

Personnel Appointments

Summer Program Appointments

Superintendent's Annual Performance Tuition

Resignations

- Derek Peterman, Technology Education teacher effective June 10, 2024.
 - Krista Wehan, Supervisor of Special Education effective July 1, 2024.
 - Christopher Lynde as summer help maintenance retro effective to May 21, 2024. Summer Help
 - The following Leave Requests: Leave Requests
 - Family Medical Leave of Absence utilizing paid time off for Jeffrey Gifford beginning June 10, 2024.
 - Family Medical Leave of Absence utilizing paid time off for Christopher Paris beginning July 10, 2024.
 - Administration and Staff Travel Reimbursement for Attendance at Meetings. Administration and Staff Travel Reimbursement
- These items to be placed on the June 17, 2024 agenda.

The Board discussed the following:

- The Refocus Room Service Contracts with Sarah Reed for the 2024 – 2025 school year for Seneca High School and Wattsburg Area Middle School. Refocus Room Agreements
- The contract for Language Instructional Education Program Services (LIEP) between Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit and Wattsburg Area School District. LIEP Agreement
- The agreement between Sarah Reed and WASD to provide the district with mental health support and services. Mental Health Support Agreement
- The College in the High School Enrollment Agreement between Robert Morris University and the Wattsburg Area School District. College in High School Agreement
- The purchase of the 95 Phonemic Awareness and Phonics Core Library Interventions and professional development. 95 Phonemic Awareness

These items to be placed on the June 17, 2024 agenda.

The Board discussed the renewal of Sapphire Suite Software. This item to be placed on the June 17, 2024 agenda. Sapphire Suite Software Renewal

The Board discussed the weekly field trips for Extended School Year students for the summer of 2024 Extended School Year Program. This item to be placed on the June 17, 2024 agenda. Transportation Requests

The Board discussed the following:

- Steven Barnett and Courtney Wroblewski as additions to the WASD Volunteer List. Volunteer List
- Extra-Curricular appointments for the 2024-2025 school year. Extra-Curricular
- Fall athletic appointments for the 2024-2025 school year. Athletic Appts.
- Game help list for 2024-2025. Game Help List

These items to be placed on the June 17, 2024 agenda.

The Board discussed the Affiliation Agreement with Safe Harbor Behavioral Health of UPMC Hamot and Wattsburg Area School District for the 2024-2025 school year. This item to be placed on the June 20, 2024 agenda.

Safe Harbor
Behavioral Health
Agreement

The Board discussed the surplus items. This item to be placed on the June 17, 2024 agenda.

Surplus Items

During Board Correspondence and Dialogue, Dr. Pushchak thanked the administration for the effort put into planning graduation.

Board
Correspondence
&
Dialogue
Adjournment

There being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Morvay, seconded by Mrs. Lee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Signature on File
Vicki Bendig
Board Secretary