

Wellsboro Area School District  
Board of Education  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
May 5, 2020

Called to Order by Vice-President Tracy Doughtie at 6:35 PM in the Old Music Room, Administration Office, 227 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA, via Zoom Meeting.

Roll Call of Members: Mr. Lee Stocks, Mr. John Hoover, Mrs. Tracy Doughtie, and Mr. Matt Feil. Absent from the meeting were Mrs. Linda West, Mr. Wayne Hackett, Mr. Chris Gastrock, Mrs. Susan Judlin and Mr. David Messineo.

Present were the following: Dr. Brenda Freeman, Superintendent; Mrs. Laura Perry, Business Manager/Board Secretary; Administrators: Mr. Steven Adams, Mr. Robert Kreger, Mr. Ben Miller, Mr. Jeremy Byrd, Mr. Daren Bryant, and Mr. Bryant Murphy; Press present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette); and faculty and community members.

Laura Perry, Board Secretary, read into the minutes the Notice of Work Session.

Mrs. Perry reviewed the agenda item regarding 2020/2021 KPN Bid Supplies for art supplies, computer and copy paper, totaling \$ 40,208.48 that will appear on the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, board agenda for consideration of approval.

Dr. Freeman, Superintendent, discussed the following:

- Receipt of \$1,000 donation from First Citizens Community Bank as a pass-through donation for the WASD Student and Family Food program. These funds will be forwarded onto Brett Kennedy.
- A full overview of the Pennsylvania response to COVID-19 pandemic, including all topics included within the Act 13 law. As a part of the law, school districts were permitted to renegotiate the payments to transportation contractors for the days that students were not provided services. The parties have agreed on a reduced payment of 85% of daily formulas calculated through the state reimbursement formula. Formal Memorandum of Understandings between the WASD and its transportation contractors will be included on the May 12, 2020 agenda for board consideration.
- Board appoints to the PSBA Delegate Assembly. –The delegates represent the entire entity in receiving reports from the PSBA President, CEO and Treasurer; election results for PSBA leadership; consider proposals recommended by PSBA Platform Committee and adopt the legislative platform for the coming year; and consider and act upon any proposed changes to the PSBA Bylaws. Mrs. Doughtie expressed her interest in being a voting delegate.

Mrs. Doughtie, representing the Programs and Policy Committee, provided the Directors with an update on the meeting that was held on April 23, 2020. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2020 at 6 PM. Mrs. Doughtie confirmed that the minutes from the meeting will be forthcoming.

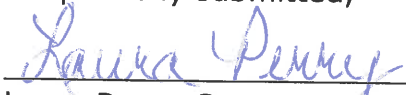
Dr. Freeman provided the Directors with an update on the most recent Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting, held on April 28, 2020, as follows:

- Considered a 6 Year Phased Plan on completing upgrades/renovations for the Rock L Butler Middle School.
- Administration not recommending the district borrow money at this time due to the unstable economic environment.
- The Board may wish to consider the following for the 2020/2021 School Year through its Capital Project Fund:
  - Painting
  - 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade roof replacement
  - 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade locker replacement

Public Comment - None at this time.

The work session adjourned at 7:02 PM and immediately rolled into a Budget and Finance Committee meeting for the purpose of discussing the development and updates to the 2020/2021 General Fund and Capital Project Budgets.

Respectfully submitted,



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Laura Perry, Secretary to the Board  
Board Secretary  
Wellsboro Area School District