

Wellsboro Area School District  
Board of Education  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
September 1, 2020

Called to Order by President Tracy Doughtie at 6:30 PM in the Old Music Room, Administration Office, 227 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA, via Zoom Meeting.

Roll Call of Members: Mrs. Linda West, Mr. Lee Stocks, Mr. Wayne Hackett, Mr. Matthew Feil, and Mrs. Judlin. Absent from the meeting were Mr. John Hoover, Mrs. Tracy Doughtie, Mr. Chris Gastrock 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. Mr. Todd Outman, Dr. Ben Largey, and Mr. Tim Hanner

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

Dr. Freeman, Superintendent, discussed the opening of the 2020/2021 Academic School year. Dr. Freeman stated she had an opportunity to visit each school and was very impressed by the mask wearing and social distancing practices being utilized. She stated the beginning of the school year was a success and that allowing the faculty additional time before the arrival of students was warranted and allowed for readiness plans. She ended her report by stating it was a great decision to have the availability of in-person instruction 5-days per week.

Dr. Freeman introduced the discussion of the district's Online Academy and the need for additional supports needed that will allow the district to better respond to our remote and online learners. She introduced Dr. Ben Largey who provided a presentation on the Online Academy's background, purpose of the program and concerns that he receives from families as to the drawbacks of the program. Dr. Freeman and Dr. Largey proposed adding a professional staff position for the 2020/21 school year, Head Teacher, to implement additional supports and a district-wide contact for families for WOLA questions and concerns.

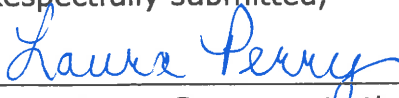
Mrs. Perry covered the topics of a revised Job Description for Administrative Assistant – Child Accounting and the proposed 2020/21 Term Sheet for Extra-Curricular rates. Both of these items will be added to the September 8, 2020 agenda for board consideration.

The proposed agenda for the September 8, 2020, meeting was reviewed for information received prior to this evening's meeting. The draft agenda is subject to change.

Public Comment - None at this time.

The work session adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Laura Perry, Secretary to the Board  
Board Secretary  
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