



10.5.21 WORK SESSION

10/05/2021 [06:30 PM]

OCTOBER 5, 2021 - WASD WORK SESSION

1. Call to Order

Minutes

The WASD Work Session was Called to Order by President Gastrock at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call of Members: Mrs. Dougtie, Mrs. Charles, Mr. Feil, Mr. Gastrock, Mr. Hacket, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Messineo, Mr. Stocks, and Mrs. West. All members present.

2. Discussion - Update on Pre-Construction Meeting (Middle School) - Dr. Freeman

Minutes

The district hosted a pre-construction meeting on Friday, October 1, 2021 for Phase 1 of the Rock L. Butler Middle School renovation project. Phase 1 includes completion of the bathrooms. Dr. Freeman shared that materials may not be readily available but the district will be working closely with the contractors to ensure that materials are onsite prior to the renovations commencing so that there are no gaps in work completion. Renovation work will begin in November, 2021, with the middle lavatories being completed first, the lavatories in the new section completed next, and the last lavatories being in the older section of the building. Dr. Freeman stated that the contractors have begun submitting paperwork (clearances) to the administration office and felt that the process is off to a good start.

3. Presentation/Update - Wellsboro Online Academy - Dr. Ben Largey

Minutes

Dr. Ben Largey provided a power point presentation to the Directors regarding the history, current status and future initiatives of the Wellsboro Online Academy. A copy of the presentation is attached.

4. Discussion - CSIU E-Rate Services - Laura Perry

Minutes

Mrs. Perry reviewed with the Directors a proposal from C.S.I.U. to contract professional services for E*Rate filings through the Federal Communications Commission in anticipation of a large grant being received by the district based on the efforts of Mr. Mike Wolff, Network Administrator.

Mrs. Perry stated that there is no current staff which possesses the required skill set to remain in compliance with E*Rate filings and failure to submit timely applications and reports would place the funding in jeopardy. C.S.I.U. offers E*Rate filing services and has proposed a 5-year term agreement, with an annual fee of \$6,000 or a shorter term agreement with annual increases. The administration is recommending the Directors to consider this item on their October 11, 2021, agenda.

Dr. Freeman publicly congratulated Mr. Wolff on his efforts to secure these grant funds and stated that she is unaware of any other area school districts who submitted the grant application.

5. Discussion - WASD Updated COVID Dashboard

Minutes

Mrs. Doughtie and Dr. Freeman provided an update and overview of the district's updated COVID Dashboard. The district's COVID dashboard can be located at the following URL:

<https://www.wellsborosd.org/covid-19-dashboard/>. The updated COVID dashboard provides for "live" data based on the district's medical employees updates and provides for data for the percentage of cases by student, employees, building and district-wide. The data is on a 10-day rolling average. Dr. Freeman publicly thanked Mr. Kreger for his support and guidance in implementing the changes. She stated the district is trying diligently to keep parents and community members updated and informed on COVID within the district.

Mrs. Doughtie shared that parents have asked if there is a possibility of sharing information when a student within their child's classroom has been identified as COVID positive. Dr. Freeman stated this is a very sensitive issue and has been discussed amongst Superintendents within the area school districts. She stated that parents are being notified if their child(ren) has been identified as a close contact. If a parent does not receive notification from the district, they should assume that their child(ren) have not been identified as a close contact. Dr. Freeman stated that the time management required to complete contact tracing and to notify parents is demanding and that notifying parents when there is no close contact is time prohibitive.

6. Facebook - Updates/Highlights - Mrs. Doughtie

Minutes

Mrs. Doughtie commented that there appear to be many district Facebook accounts and suggested that the platforms be consolidated by district staff. Dr. Freeman confirmed that the district has only one official Facebook account and it is managed by Mr. Ed Weaver and/or Mr. Mike Wolff. The other "related" district Facebook pages are off-shoots of the district's and is created by individuals outside of district employees, such as Parent-Teacher groups.

Mrs. Doughtie shared her thoughts that the district should be showcasing positive news from across the district, including classroom projects and student success stories.

Mr. Messineo added to the discussion by stating High School students could manage the platform as a part of a media class and/or student activity club.

Mrs. Charles cautioned that administrative oversight needs to be in place to ensure that no student pictures are included within media posts without parental consent.

7. Live Streaming of Events - Mrs. Doughtie

Minutes

Mrs. Doughtie introduced the topic of the district's intent on live streaming of events.

Dr. Freeman stated that there are limited individuals who wish to help with the live streaming of events due to various reasons but she also stated that people are burnt-out. A couple students have expressed interest in assisting and will be paid a minimal wage for their assistance. She commented that getting volunteers to film and/or announce is difficult. She stated that one of her goals is to work with Mrs. Amy Coots and guidance counselors to create a class to teach students how to use the video and sound equipment. She solicited feedback from anyone that wishes to participate in filming or announcing to contact the district. As a new class is implemented, she advised the Directors that there will need to be an investment of funds for hardware, including cameras and recording hard drives. Discussion continued on the district partnering with existing booster clubs and possibly selling advertisement space to area businesses to offset the expense.

Mr. Gastrock inquired as to why parents can't be asked to work the equipment. Responses included that it is often difficult to have parents assist with working the concession stand and also that the individuals need to be trained on how to use the equipment properly.

8. October 11, 2021 - Agenda Review - Dr. Freeman

Minutes

Dr. Freeman reviewed items received to date for consideration by the Directors at their regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, October 11, 2021.

9. Public Comment

Minutes

Mr. Al Beiber inquired as to the requirement of wearing a mask when attending a school board meeting. Dr. Freeman confirmed that masks must be worn within all district buildings.

10. Adjournment

Minutes

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.



