

Wellsboro Area School District
Board of Education
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 2, 2021

Called to Order by President Susan Judlin at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium, Administration Office, 227 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA, via Zoom Meeting.

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

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, Mr. Bryan Murphy, and Mr. Tim Hanner.

Auditor Presentation – Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, FYE 06/30/20

Mr. Jeremy Smith, Mr. Keith Carrington, and Mr. David DiTanna provided the directors with an update of the Financial Statements and audit process for the 2019/20 Fiscal Year. Audit highlights included verification of GAAP compliance, no instances of non-compliance to Internal Controls and verified Title 1 and Food Service Fund had been selected for the Single Audits.

Course Weighting – Mr. David Messineo

Mr. Messineo provided an update on the request from the Board of Education to the Administration to propose a recommendation for course weighting within the Wellsboro Area School District. Information was presented by Mr. Byrd and Mr. Miller as to how course weighting could look and stated that more information is needed to review the criteria for determining honors, A/P and dual enrollment courses so that it is clear to all stakeholders. The Directors and the Administrators agreed that more time is needed to gather more information, to evaluate best practices by other districts, and that the process needs to be thoughtful and not rushed. More information will be presented later.

PSBA Policy Review – Dr. Freeman

Dr. Freeman provided an update on the policy review through PSBA for policies #318-413. She reiterated that policies that had been included within the series of 300/400/500 are now combined in series 300. Discussion included the reason that the district utilizes PSBA for policy review and recommendation. The reasons shared were that PSBA provides for a legal review and that to complete the process in-house was laborious in nature.

2021/22 BLaST IU #17 Budget – Dr. Freeman

The Directors will see the approval of the 2021/22 IU Budget on the agenda for consideration next week at their voting board meeting. Dr Freeman explained that each member district is responsibility to adopt or deny the proposed IU Budget each year.

Building and Grounds Committee Update – Mr. Gastrock

Mr. Gastrock provided an update to the board that the district is moving forward with getting legal bids for the 5th grade hallway at the Middle School. Mr. Sam Scarantino, Quad 3, has been consulted for providing guidance on prevailing wages and bidding timeline. He expects to hear back from Mr. Scarantino within the next few weeks.

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Dr. Freeman added that Quad 3 is putting together a workable project, including guidance on project oversight in the form of a Clerk of the Works and bid specification development.

Mrs. Judlin inquired as to whether Mr. Scarantino will be defining phasing priorities. Dr. Freeman confirmed that Mr. Scarantino will ensure any work completed does not compromise any future renovations.

Mr. Kreger confirmed with current enrollment, the building is at capacity and that he will be recommending minor renovations, such as wall removal.

Mr. Gastrock stated that the district will be seeking pricing to include A/C as a part of the actual bid process.

I-Ready Math – Mr. Ben Miller

Mr. Miller recommends the renewing of the contract with I-Ready Math as the K-8 comprehensive math plan. He discussed the inclusion of "Ready Classroom" within the new platform that survey results from the faculty demonstrate that this component of the program answers most concerns identified by the faculty. Dr. Freeman added that there is a remote learning component as well that will allow parents to view the lessons being taught.

Teacher Equity Plan for 2020/21 – Dr. Freeman

Dr. Freeman explained that the Teacher Equity Plan for 2020/21 will be completed by Mr. Adams, Federal Program Coordinator, for compliance and is a part of the Title program platform.

Good of the Order – Dr. Freeman

A reminder was announced that on February 23, 2021 the "Setting Board Goals" will be held with the Directors through PSBA guidance.

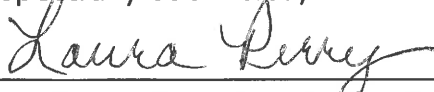
Board Discussion

Mrs. Doughtie expressed her interest in involving teachers in the weighted course discussions. Mr. Hoover thanked Mrs. Perry for the work throughout the audit.

A Budget and Finance Committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, 2/18/21, at 6 PM.

The work session adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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