

WELLSBORO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 3, 2022

Called to Order by President Christopher Gastrock at 6:30 PM in the Old Music Room, Administration Office, 227 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA

II. Roll Call of Members: Mrs. Linda West; Mr. Lee Stocks; Mrs. Tracy Doughtie; Mr. Chris Gastrock; Mr. Albert Bieber; Mrs. Rebecca Charles; Mr. John Hoover; Mrs. Maegan McConnell;

Present were the following: Mr. Robert Kreger, Administrator in Charge; Linda Gamble, Acting Board Secretary; Mr. Benjamin Miller, Middle School Assistant Principal; Amy Coots, Principal of Academic Affairs; Jeremy Byrd, High School Principal; Todd Outman, High School Assistant Principal; Mr. Michael Wolff; Press present: Natalie Kennedy (Wellsboro Gazette); Faculty and community members;

III. Linda Gamble, Acting Board Secretary, read into the minutes the Notice of Work Session;

IV. Presentation – Rock L. Butler Middle School FBLA Students; students were: Karter Campbell, Reese Charles and Olivia Gage; the Board was shown a video by Denise Route, Middle School Business, Computer, Information Technology Teacher, regarding the National Conference being held in Chicago, Illinois on June 28 – July 3, 2022. Three of our FBLA (Middle School) student placed first in the competition. They were seeking funds from the District for the trip. The students handed out a breakdown of costs of the trip. They were requesting help from the District in the amount of \$5,095. President Gastrock told them that the District would help with the funding.

V. Discussion – Career Technical Education Program Health Occupations – Amy Coots, Principal of Academic Affairs; The Board was shown a power-point entitled: Career Technical Education Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences. Amy Coots, Principal of Academic Affairs, provided a presentation on Career Technical Education's (CTE) program of study in Health Professions and related Clinical Sciences. 2021 Northern Tier Workforce Development Area data was shared on health occupations along with projections on health care workforce shortages. The data shows that health care is one of the highest priority job career clusters in our region. This data supports the need for a program of study to be considered at Wellsboro Area School district in health care. Pennsylvania's Department of Education has established CTE programs of study in health care. The CIP 51.9999, Health Occupations aligns to the workforce needs in our area. This program prepares individuals to apply knowledge and skills in the health occupations. Instruction is provided in the basic skills in a variety of areas associated with health occupations such as health and medical services, pharmaceutical and medical instruments and supplies. Instruction includes but is not limited to foundations of health (medical terminology); anatomy and physiology; legal, ethical and economic aspects of health care; clinical laboratory procedures; basic health occupational skills, aseptic

techniques; OSHA regulations; and infection control. Clinical education is an integral part of the program. The PDE competency task list was shared that serves as the defined, require curriculum components. A potential Occupational Advisory (OAC) on health professions was provided.

VI. Discussion – 2022-2023 WASD Budget Presentation. Alanna Huck, Superintendent, spoke with regards to the budget through a power-point entitled “Wellsboro Area School District 2022-23 Preliminary Budget as of May 3, 2022. The District currently has a \$485,591 deficit in the preliminary budget, but the good news is the budget is still evolving and administrators are not planning a tax increase. This was presented in a pre-recorded Power-Point. The preliminary budget sets revenues at \$27,786,829, a decrease of about \$300,000 from the 2021-22 budget revenues of \$28,040,749. Expenditures also fell slightly to \$28,272,420 for the 2022-23 proposal versus \$28,524,434 in 2021-22. The totals leave a \$485,591 deficit, a figure that will go “completely away” if the District receives the additional \$1 million in basic education funding proposed in Gov. Wolf’s budget. However, the final amount could change depending on the final budget passed by the legislature. The District’s preliminary final budget includes less than half of that additional \$1 million. The budget does include two new teaching positions, and is based on a 0% tax increase. It does not include any funding for the high school roof which was identified as needing replacement earlier this year.

VII. Discussion – Acting Board Secretary Linda Gamble’s rate of pay per month for being Board Secretary was proposed at \$416.67 per month. This is based on an annual \$5,000 stipend for being Board Secretary, divided by 12 months. Gamble was approved at the March 8, 2022 meeting for Acting Board Secretary. This will appear on the May 10th Agenda.

VIII. Board Committee Reports - President Gastrock commented that a proposed Final Budget will be on the May 10th Agenda for Board Approval. He also commented that a Public Relations Committee Meeting will be held on May 10, 2022 at 5:30 PM in the Old Music Room. There will also be a Programs & Policy Committee Meeting held on May 24, 2022 at 3:45 PM in the Old Music Room. President Gastrock commented that a Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting will be held sometime in May 2022.

IX. Public Comment – Joy Childs asked the Board to pay attention to details of several things developing in the High School such as the Connect 4 Club. Eric Baldwin also spoke to the Board.

X. Adjournment – The Work Session was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda K. Gamble
Acting Board Secretary