

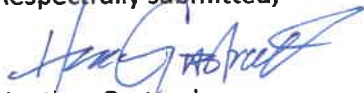
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 3, 2024 – 6:30 PM
Board Room Administration Office

- I. Called to order by President Christopher Gastrock at 6:49 PM, in the Old Music Room, Administration Office 227 Nichols Street, Wellsboro, PA.
- II. Roll Call of Members: Mrs. Linda West; Mr. Eric Baldwin; Mr. Jerry Curreri; Mr. Daniel Nowak; Mr. Scotty Brown; Mr. Albert Bieber; Mr. Glen Reese; Mrs. Maegan McConnell; Mr. Christopher Gastrock.
- III. PFM Financial Associates – Mrs. Jamie Doyle gave a presentation with provided handout.
- IV. Updates from Administration: Each administrator submitted a paper with their update for the month. In addition, Mrs. Karen Farrer spoke about an upcoming Transition Conference which provides training and opportunities for students. Mrs. Alanna Huck also reported that abatement of the middle school has been completed.
- V. Middle School Project Update: Mrs. Alanna Huck gave the update for the middle school project.
- VI. EI Associates – High School Envelope Improvements: Mrs. Alanna Huck gave the presentation for EI Associates.
- VII. Dress Code Discussion: Mrs. Christopher Gastrock led the discussion regarding the dress code. Mr. Mathew Stevens spoke against the dress code change and stated he believed it was too strict. Mrs. Brianne Coolidge spoke against the dress code change and believed it to be causing a divide between parents, students, and teachers. Mrs. Mary Butler spoke against the dress code change. Mrs. Bethany Huck spoke about her daughter being dress coded and stated being against the current policy. Ms. Emilee Reese, current student, spoke against the dress code policy and stated she believes it to be hard to find clothing to meet the current policy rules. Mrs. Christine Connell spoke against the current policy and believes it to be very hard for students who are tall to find clothing that adheres to the current policy. Mr. Rob Neyhard, spoke about his daughters being dress coded and spoke against the current policy. Mr. Kyle Stevens spoke about attending previous meetings and asked why the new dress code is being enforced so strictly. Ms. Rachel Weaver spoke against the current policy and believes it to be unfair. Ms. Hailey Stevens asked the board for consideration in changing the current policy. Mr. Steve Reed also asked for consideration in changing the current policy. Ms. Stacey Smith spoke against the current dress code policy. Mr. Dusty Zeyn spoke against the current dress code policy and believes it puts stress on the teachers. Mrs. Nicole Aufiero, spoke of her experience in school and believes the current dress code will make girls feel insecure and uncomfortable. Mrs. Kelly McConaghy, asked the board to also address athletic uniforms. Mr. Mathew Stevens asked the board for a second crossing guard at the courthouse location and possibly for an updated stop sign. Mr. Derick Coolidge asked what prompted the new dress code and for it to be enforced so strictly. Mr. Scotty Brown stated it to be disrespectful to the administration for the public to come down on them so hard and recommended the public to come to different committee meetings where these topics are discussed for several months before being put into

action. Mrs. Joy Childs responded that she did not believe the public meant to be disrespectful to the administration.

- VIII. Review of September 10, 2024 Board Agenda: Mrs. Alanna Huck presented and reviewed the September 10th Board Agenda.
- IX. Updates/Questions/Concerns from Board Members: Mr. Gastrock stated that he was happy the stadium bathrooms have been completed. He also gave thanks to the custodial and maintenance staff for getting the schools ready for the first day of school.
- X. Public Comment: Addressed in the dress code discussion.
- XI. Adjournment: The Work Session was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Gastrock
Board Secretary