

WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 2, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Board Room
Administration Office

- I. 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: Mr. Eric Baldwin; Mr. Jerry Curreri; Mr. Scotty Brown; Mr. Christopher Gastrock; Mr. Albert Bieber; Mr. Glen Reese; Mrs. Maegan McConnell; Mrs. Linda West.
- III. Updates from Administration – Mr. Ben Miller reported to have had a great start to the school year. He reported that 5th grade open house had about a 75% attendance rate. He said to have been making sure the school website has been up to date and announced the first school dance will be September 19th, outside. Mr. Drew Kyle reported to have had a great start to the school year and a great turnout for open house. Mr. Steve Adams reported that Mr. Boyce has been a great addition to the staff and school. He announced the open house for the school project house would be held on September 21st. He commented that LeChase had been very cooperative with students coming back to school and the new teachers were doing great. Mr. Boyce reported the students to be very polite and that he has experienced a great start to the school year. Mrs. Karen Farrer reported on the 1st day presentation, with a great turnout. She also spoke about teacher and para professional interviews and Indicator 14 monitoring was wrapping up. She reported to have had a meet and greet with the county and to be participating in an upcoming Access training. Mrs. Amy Coots gave compliment to “Adam” our presenter for the first day of in service. She reported to have submitted for Title I, II and IV, as well as Perkins. Mrs. Coots reported that CATS program approval is ongoing. Mr. Ryan Griffin reported the tech’s to be busy with school starting. He also reported to be actively working on the parent information system. Finally, he reported the email problem between Gmail and Microsoft had been resolved.
- IV. Construction update – Mrs. Sottolano gave the construction update. She reported the roof has been inspected and the siding to be next in line for inspection. There is a change order for 2B stone for under the sidewalk. She reported the projected end date to be September 21st and the snow guards still have to be installed on the roof.
- V. Update on termination of N.F.H.S. Contract – Mrs. Sottolano reported to the board the video contract would cost 10K to void.
- VI. Discussion on budget impasse – Mrs. Sottolano spoke to the board about having further discussion if the budget had not passed by the October meetings.

- VII. Discussion regarding change in Art credit – Mrs. Sottolano spoke of changing the language in the course catalogue from “Intro to Art” to an Art or Music elective.
- VIII. Discussion of New Teacher Induction Plan - 2 year Mentor assignment – Mrs. Sottolano reported the state of Pennsylvania had changed this to a 2 year plan.
- IX. Review of September 9, 2025 Board Agenda – Mrs. Sottolano reviewed the September 9 Board Agenda.
- X. Updates/Questions/Concerns from Board Members – Mrs. Linda West asked if the bathroom in the office at the middle school was properly vented yet. She also asked if the public was able to pay their real estate taxes online yet. Mr. Gastrock asked if it was possible to restructure how many hours a day construction students would have to work on a project such as the “house project”.
- XI. Public Comment – Mrs. Mary Anne Heston commented that it was nice to see the High School and Middle School band members at Relay for Life.
- XII. Adjournment – The Work Session was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Heather Gastrock
Board Secretary