

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of July 21, 2008

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, July 21, 2008 at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

Mr. Elwin Rose called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Linda Smith, Kenneth Watkins, John Rzepka, Sue Afton, Joseph Walko, Eric Duda, Scott Rose, James Thompson, and Elwin Rose. Also in attendance were Mr. Jay Badams, Superintendent, Mrs. Nancy Sadaly, Assistant to the Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Manager.

Roll Call

Minutes of the June 16, 2008 Regular Board Meeting, minutes of the June 23, 2008 Special Board meeting, and minutes of the July 14, 2008 Regular Work session were reviewed.

Minutes

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Duda. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted "Yes." Motion was carried unanimously.

At this point in time (7:34 p.m.) a recess was called and Ms. Sadaly gave a presentation on the Bullying Program. The meeting reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

Bullying Program

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount as of \$1,358,918.40 as of June 30, 2008 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of June 30, 2008.

Treasurer's
Reports/Payment of
Bills

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$70,733.81; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$614,891.62; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$637,866.67; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A3" to be \$452,653.33; Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$8,383.45, and Cafeteria Bills – Checks Already Written, Exhibit "B1" to be \$150.00

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Afton. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted "Yes": Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$55,778.48 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$506.80.

Seneca High School
Activity Fund/
Special Revenue
Report

Motion for approval was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mr. Watkins. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted "Yes." Motion was carried unanimously.

IRS Mileage Rate – **Motion:** To approve the IRS Mileage Rate to be changed from 50.5 cents to 58.5 cents effective July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Legal Advisement

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mrs. Afton. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Finance – Per Capita Tax Exemptions – **Exhibit F** – **Motion:** To approve Per Capita Tax Exemptions as outlined in **Exhibit F**.

Finance

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Watkins. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Finance (cont’d)

Utilization of School Facilities – **Motion:** To approve Erie County Fair Queens to use the facility at Seneca High School for Queen’s Speeches, Saturday, August 2, 2008, and to waive all fees.

Building and
Grounds

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Walko. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Driveway Pavement Repairs – **Motion:** To approve an agreement through the PA Education Joint Purchasing Council to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. for the driveway pavement repairs at a cost of \$128,130.00.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Duda. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Appointments – **Motion:** To approve Ms. Amanda Slomski as Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Teacher, effective August 22, 2008, at Step 3, Masters, at a salary of \$37,882.00; **Motion:** To approve Mr. Todd Talbot as Seneca High School Physics Teacher, effective August 22, 2008, at Step 1, at a salary of \$35,444.00; **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mr. Stephen Carter as the Seneca High School Business/Mathematics Teacher, at Step 3, at a salary of \$36,973.00, with benefits, effective August 22, 2008; **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mrs. Emily Ewings as Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Elementary Teacher, at Step 6, Masters, at a salary of \$41,422.00, with benefits, effective August 22, 2008; **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Hinman as Wattsburg Area Middle School Librarian, at Step 1, at a salary of \$35,444.00, with benefits, effective August 22, 2008; **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mrs. Christine Long as Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Elementary Teacher, at Step 2, at a salary of \$36,208.00, with benefits, effective August 22, 2008; **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Ms. Katy Pavkov as Wattsburg Area Middle School Elementary Teacher, at Step 1, at a salary of \$35,444.00, with benefits, effective August 22, 2008, and **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mr. Keith Miller for the position of Tutor for a tenth grade student in the home for up to 10 hours over a three-week period at a salary in accordance with the collective bargaining unit agreement.

Personnel

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. S. Rose. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Conference Requests – Mrs. MerriBeth Knappenberger – Cyclical Monitoring Training, Pittsburgh, Thursday, July 31, 2008, \$159.00 (Funds from Special Education, Grades K-12); Mrs. Jan Pelensky – PSEA Department of Pupil Services Annual Conference, State College, Wednesday, August 6, 2008 through Thursday, August 7, 2008, \$490.00 (Funds from Guidance, Grades K-4); Mrs. Glenda Patterson – ACCESS PA Participant and POWER Library Annual Training, Edinboro, Monday, September 8, 2008, \$103.00 (Funds from Library, Grades 9-12); Mrs. Glenda Patterson – IMTS Liaison Council, Edinboro, Wednesdays, September 24, 2008, November 19, 2008,

March 25, 2009, and May 13, 2009, \$103.00 (Funds from Library, Grades 9-12); **Motion:** Mr. Chad Porter – REL (Regional Education Laboratory) Director's Meeting, Washington, D.C., Thursday, July 24, 2008 through Friday, July 25, 2008 (All costs covered by National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance); **Motion:** Ms. Cecilia Polumbo – Governor's Institute of Environment and Ecology, Seven Springs, Sunday, July 27, 2008 through Friday, August 1, 2008, \$213.00 (Funds from Science, Grades 9-12); Mrs. Jan Pelensky, Mrs. Gina Rullo, Mr. Chad Porter, and Mrs. Merribeth Knappenberger – Chapter 14 and 711 Changes, Edinboro, Monday, August 4, 2008, \$105.00 (Funds from Special Education, Grades K-4); Mrs. Mary Rea – PSEA Department of Pupil Services Annual Conference, State College, Wednesday, August 6, 2008 through Thursday, August 7, 2008 (Cost included on Mrs. Pelensky's request); Mrs. Mary Beth Hengelbrok – LEARN, Edinboro, Tuesday, August 12, 2008, \$26.00 (Funds from CFF Coach Funds), and Mrs. Jennifer Malec – Reading Recovery Teacher Training, Warren, Ohio, Monday, August 11, 2008 through Friday, August 15, 2008, and every Tuesday from September 2, 2008 through June, 2009, \$13,935.00 (Funds from Literacy, Grade 1).

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. S. Rose. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted "Yes": Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approve Superintendent's Attendance at Meetings – **Motion:** To approve the Superintendent's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2008-2009 school year:

1. I.U. Advisory Meetings
2. Vo-Tech Professional Advisory Council Meetings
3. Mandatory PDE Meetings

Approve Assistant to the Superintendent's Attendance at Meetings – **Motion:** To approve the Assistant to the Superintendent's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2008-2009 school year:

1. Curriculum Meetings
2. Federal and Special Program Meetings
3. Mandatory PDE Meetings

Approve Principals' Attendance at Meetings – **Motion:** To approve Principals' attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2008-2009 school year:

1. School to Career Meetings for Seneca High School Principal
2. Erie County Principals' Meetings for all principals
3. Mandatory PDE Meetings

Approve Special Education Supervisor's Attendance at Meetings – **Motion:** To approve the Special Education Supervisor's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2008-2009 school year:

1. Special Education Supervisor Meetings
2. Mandatory PDE Meetings

Approve Business Administrator's Attendance at Meetings – **Motion:** To approve the Business Administrator's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2008-2009 school year:

1. Business Administrator Meetings
2. Mandatory PDE Meetings

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Duda. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted "Yes": Mr. Watkins, Mr.

Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Agreement for Maintenance and Plant Operations Supervisor – Exhibit G – Motion: To change the agreement for Mr. Eric Schultz, Maintenance and Plant Operations Supervisor, to a three year contract beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011 as outlined in **Exhibit G**.

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Duda. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Contract with Hamot Sport’s Medicine for an Athletic Trainer for the 2008-2009 School Year – Exhibit H – Motion: To approve a contract with Hamot Sport’s Medicine for an Athletic Trainer at a cost of \$29,000.00 for the 2008-2009 school year as outlined in **Exhibit H**.

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Rzepka. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Change in Salary for Mrs. Jennifer Malec – Motion: To approve Mrs. Jennifer Malec’s salary step to be changed from Step 2, Masters, at a salary of \$37,117.00, to Step 3, Masters, at a salary of \$37,882.00.

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. S. Rose. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approve Mr. Tom Podpora’s Attendance at Athletic Meetings – Motion: To approve Mr. Tom Podpora’s attendance at District 10 and Regional meetings for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. S. Rose. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Emergency Substitute Teacher Consortium for 2008-2009 – Exhibit P – Motion: To approve the resolution for our participation with the Northwest Tri-County I.U. #5 for the Emergency Substitute Teacher Consortium for 2008-2009 as outlined in **Exhibit P**.

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. S. Rose. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. E. Rose.

Resignation – Motion: To accept the resignation of Mrs. Jackie Wismer as Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Literacy Coach, effective July 18, 2008.

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Duda. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted “Yes.” Motion was carried unanimously.

Approve First Reading for Policy 1223 – Volunteer – Exhibit I – Motion: To Policy approve the First Reading for Policy 1223 – Volunteer – **Exhibit I**.

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Afton, seconded by Mrs. Smith. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approve First Reading for Policy 5122.10 – Bullying – Exhibit J – Motion: To approve the First Reading for Policy 5122.10 – Bullying – **Exhibit J.**

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Afton, seconded by Mr. Watkins. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approve First Reading for Policy 6135.1 – Computer-based Education – Exhibit K – Motion: To approve the First Reading for Policy 6135.1 – Computer-based Education – **Exhibit K.**

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Afton, seconded by Mr. Thompson. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approve Foreign Exchange Program – Motion: To approve AFS Intercultural Programs (formerly the American Field Service) as a Student Exchange Program for the District which has met policy guidelines.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mr. Watkins. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Foreign Exchange Student for 2008-2009 School Year – Motion: To approve foreign exchange student, Eva Matthiasdottir from Iceland to attend Seneca High School for the 2008-2009 school year and to reside with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cowser.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mr. Thompson. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Free Lunch Participation and Activity Fees Waived for 2008-2009 – Motion: To approve free lunch participation and activity fees waived for Eva Matthiasdottir, exchange student from Iceland for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mr. Thompson. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mrs. MerriBeth Knappenberger, the new Special Education Supervisor gave a brief report. Mr. Schultz reported on the Maintenance Department. Mr. LaPlaca reported on the Technology Department.

Transportation Requests – Motion: To approve Mrs. Metzler, Mrs. Dolly Zawistowski, and teachers from other districts from Teachers as Students Group to travel to Watson-Curtze Mansion, Erie, North East Railway Museum, Fort LeBoeuf Museums, Waterford, and Union City Museum, August 11, 2008, \$238.00 (Funds from PSEA).

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. Duda. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Policy (cont'd)

Curriculum

Principals' Special Reports

Transportation

Agreement Between Seneca High School and Mercyhurst College – Exhibit N –
Motion: To approve the agreement between Seneca High School and Mercyhurst College to allow Athletic Trainer students from Mercyhurst College to assist our Athletic Trainer as outlined in **Exhibit N**.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Walko. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Student Activities Fees and Athletic Contest Admission Fees for the 2008-2009 School Year –
Motion: To approve the Activity Fee of \$30.00 per student for Seneca High School students and \$20.00 per student for Wattsburg Area Middle School students for participation in applicable athletic and musical programs with a maximum of \$90.00 per family for the 2008-2009 school year and **Motion:** To approve the fees of \$1.00 for students, \$3.00 for adults, and \$15.00 for a 10-event pass for admission to applicable athletic contests for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Thompson. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. E. Rose. The following member voted “No”: Mr. S. Rose. Motion was carried.

Additions to the Volunteer Coaching List – Exhibit O –
Motion: To approve additions to the Volunteer Coaching List as outlined in **Exhibit O**.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments –
Motion: To approve Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2008-2009 School Year as follows:

Seneca High School Stage Director	Mr. Steven O’Donnell	Step 1	\$2,542.00
Seneca High School Girls Volleyball Coach	Ms. Lisa Wager	Step 1	\$2,364.00
Seneca High School Fall Dinner Theater	Mrs. Sharon Gdaniec	Step 6	\$2,480.00
Seneca High School Musical	Mrs. Sharon Gdaniec	Step 6	\$1,652.00
Seneca High School Head Cheerleading Advisor	Ms. Megan Michali	Step 6	\$2,313.00
Seneca High School Assistant Cheerleading Advisor	Ms. Margaret Wetmore	Step 1	\$ 889.00

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Walko. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Duda, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary

