

# WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Regular Meeting of November 17, 2008

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, November 17, 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: Sue Afton, Eric Duda, John Rzepka, Linda Smith, James Thompson, Joseph Walko, Kenneth Watkins, and Mr. E. Rose. Also in attendance were Mr. Jay Badams, Superintendent, Ms. Nancy Sadaly, Assistant to the Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Manager. Scott Rose was absent.

Roll Call

Minutes of the October 20, 2008 Regular Board Meeting, minutes of the October 27, 2008 Special Board Meeting, and minutes of the November 18, 2008 Regular Work Session were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount as of \$4,521,934.39 as of October 31, 2008 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of October 31, 2008.

Treasurer's  
Reports/Payment  
of Bills

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$193,382.72; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$765,443.68; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$323,322.32, and Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$45,363.36.

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted budgetary transfers in the amount of \$267,046.00.

Budgetary  
Transfers

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$57,057.58 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$1,680.00.

Seneca High School  
Activity Account/  
Special Revenue  
Report

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

Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Local 2 Regarding Cafeteria Managers – Exhibit F – Motion: To approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Local 2 regarding Cafeteria Managers – **Exhibit F.**

Legal Advisement

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

Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Local 2 Regarding Life Insurance – Exhibit G – Motion: To approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Local 2 Regarding Life Insurance – **Exhibit G.**

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

Approve Memorandum of Agreement with Local 2 Regarding Retro Hospitalization – Exhibit H – Motion: To approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Local 2 Regarding Retro Hospitalization – **Exhibit H.**

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

Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Wattsburg Area School District and the Wattsburg Educational Support Personnel Association Local #2 – Motion: To ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Wattsburg Area School District and the Wattsburg Educational Support Personnel Association Local #2, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011.

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

Appointment of the School Dentist for the 2008-2009 School Year – Motion: To approve the School Dentist as Dr. Kurt Johnson at \$4.00 per exam for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion to table the above was made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Thompson. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted “Yes.” Motion was carried unanimously.

Per Capita Tax Exemptions – Exhibit I – Motion: To approve Per Capita Tax Exemptions – **Exhibit I.**

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

2008-09 Budget Reopening – Exhibit J – Motion: To reopen the 2008-2009 General Fund Budget for the purpose of additional revenues and expenditures attributed below and as outlined in **Exhibit J.**

- Project 720 - \$58,022
- Basic Instructional Subsidy - \$74,219
- Charter School Reimbursement - \$34,034

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

Inactive Student Activity Accounts – Motion: To transfer the balances in the following Seneca High School Activity Fund Accounts to the Seneca High School Activity Fund Student Body Account.

Legal Advisement  
(cont’d)

Finance

<u>Activity Fund</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Class of 1993	\$ 28.66
Class of 1996	\$670.05
Class of 1997	\$130.05
Class of 1999	\$ .82
Class of 2000	\$ 52.18
Class of 2002	\$ 11.69
Gun Club	\$ 84.16
JPG Career Association	\$ 49.23
S.A.D.D.	\$347.03
Soccer Club	\$ 51.41
Spanish Club	\$ 5.21
United Nations Club	\$ 17.90
WILD Club	<u>\$1,365.83</u>
Total	\$2,814.22

Finance (cont'd)

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

Utilization of School Facilities – **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Little League to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Middle School for meetings, Mondays, December 8, 2008, January 12 and 26, 2009, and February 9, 2009 (No Cost to District) and **Motion:** To approve Mr. David Pound to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for Bible Study, 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., on the following dates:

Building and Grounds

- Tuesday, December 9 and 16, 2008
- Tuesday, January 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2009
- Tuesday, February 3 and 10, 2009
- Wednesday, February 18, 2009
- Tuesday, February 24, 2009 (No Cost to District).

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

Appointments – **Motion:** To approve Isaac Stuart as Campus Wide Special Needs Aide for 2008-2009 school year, Class B position, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year, at \$9.45 per hour, effective November 18, 2008; **Motion:** To approve William Sheeder as Campus Wide One-to-One Behavioral Aide for 2008-2009 school year, Class B position, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year, at \$10.88 per hour, effective November 18, 2008; **Motion:** To approve Ms. Michelle Earley as Campus Wide Special Needs Aide, Level III, Class B position, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year, at \$9.45 per hour, effective November 18, 2008, and **Motion:** To approve Mr. Chris Boyd as Wattsburg Area Middle School 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Tutor for 2008-2009 school year.

Personnel

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

Conference Requests – Mr. Chad Porter, Mrs. Jan Pelensky, Mrs. Theresa Himes, Mr. Vincen DiMichele, Mr. Thomas Podpora, and Mrs. Sheri Hoffman – HALT – Center of

Excellence for Bullying Prevention, Edinboro, Wednesday, December 3, 2008, \$273.00 (Funds from All, Grades K-8), Mr. Curt Spicher – AAHPERD (American Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance) National Convention, Tampa, FL, Tuesday, March 31, 2009 through Saturday, April 4, 2009, \$565.00 (Funds from Health and Physical Education, Grades 5-8), and Mrs. Mary Hengelbrok – PETE and C Conference, Hershey, Sunday, February 8, 2009 through Thursday, February 12, 2009, \$665.00 (Funds from Technology).

Personnel  
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Additions to the Emergency Teachers' Substitute List – Exhibit K – Motion: To approve additions to the Emergency Teachers' Substitute List for the 2008-2009 school year as outlined in **Exhibit K**.

Additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List – Exhibit L – Motion: To approve additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2008-2009 school year as outlined in **Exhibit L**.

Family Medical Leaves – Motion: To approve a Family Medical Leave for Mrs. Jen Duryea effective November 20, 2008 upon the usage of all sick and personal days according to policy guidelines and **Motion:** To approve a Family Medical Leave for Mrs. Susan Stankowski effective upon the usage of all sick and personal days according to policy guidelines.

Medical Leave – Motion: To approve a Medical Leave for Ms. Crystal Walberg effective December 5, 2008 according to guidelines of the Local 2 collective bargaining unit agreement.

Section 125 – Exhibit M – Motion: To amend the Local 2 Section 125 Adoption agreement as outlined in **Exhibit M**.

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

Approve First Reading of the Revision of Policy 1100.2 - Public Records – Motion: To approve the First Reading of the Revision of Policy 1100.2 – Public Records.

Policy

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

Student Activities Requests – Motion: To approve Mr. Caspar and up to three Seneca High School Band students, Grades 10-12, to travel to Conneaut Lake High School, Conneaut Lake, PA, Wednesday, January 28, 2009 through Saturday, January 31, 2009, \$875.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts), **Motion:** To approve Mr. Caspar and up to two Seneca High School Band students, Grades 10-12, to travel to Saegertown High School, Saegertown, PA, Wednesday, March 4, 2009 through Saturday, March 7, 2009, \$800.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts), and **Motion:** To approve Mr. Caspar and Seneca High School Band students, Grades 10-12, to travel to Valley Forge, PA, Wednesday, April 22, 2009 through Saturday, April 25, 2009, \$1,500.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts).

Curriculum

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

Transition Program at ECTS – **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area School District’s participation in the Transition Program at the Erie County Technical School Skill Center. Cost not to exceed \$14,000.00.

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

Mr. Porter reported on Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Mr. Rinke gave a brief report on Seneca High School. Mr. Podpora reported on Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mrs. Mullaney gave an update on the Cafeteria. Barb Schock reported on the Transportation Department. Mr. Schultz gave a brief report on the Maintenance Department. Mr. LaPlaca gave an update on the Technology Department. Mr. Barnicki gave a brief report.

Principals’  
Special Reports

Transportation Requests – **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Business Academy students, Grades 11-12, to travel to Gannon University, Erie, Friday, November 21, 2008, \$270.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Social Skills class, Grades 9-12, to travel to OCY Christmas Party Setup and Golden Corral, Wednesday, December 3, 2008, \$316.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Academic Sports League, Grades 9-12, to travel to Penn State Behrend for a competition, Saturday, December 6, 2008, \$282.00 (Funds from Academic Sports League Account); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Autistic Support, Grades K-5 students, to travel to Dollar Tree, McDonald’s, and Millcreek Mall, Erie, Tuesday, December 9, 2008, \$90.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Student Ambassadors, Grade 11-12, to travel to Edinboro University, Edinboro, Wednesday, December 10, 2008, \$145.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Autistic Support, Grades K-5 students, to travel to Wendy’s and Aldi’s, Erie, Friday, December 19, 2008, \$95.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve St. Boniface School, Grades 3-8, to travel to Hirt Theater/Blasco Library, Friday, December 19, 2008, \$135.00 (Funds from St. Boniface School); **Motion:** To approve AFJROTC students to travel to Soldier’s and Sailor’s Home, Friday, December 19, 2008, \$240.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account), and **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Grade 4 students to travel to Jerry Uht Park, Erie, Wednesday, May 13, 2009, \$940.00 (Funds from PTO).

Transportation

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

Resignations – **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Mr. Mike Woods as Seneca High School First Assistant JV Baseball Coach, effective October 28, 2008.

Athletic/Extra-  
Curricular

Additions to the Game Help List – **Motion:** To approve the addition of Mr. David Frank to the Game Help List for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Approve Wattsburg Area Middle School Piano as Surplus – **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School Piano as surplus.

Miscellaneous

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

It was relayed the Reorganization meeting will be held Monday, December 1, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

Reorganization Meeting

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye  
School Board Secretary