

# WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Regular Meeting of April 20, 2009

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, April 20, 2009 at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

Mr. Joseph Walko called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Kenneth Watkins, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, James Thompson, and Joseph Walko. Also in attendance were Mrs. Nancy Sadaly, Acting Superintendent, Mr. Thomas Rinke, Acting Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Administrator. Mrs. Linda Smith, Mr. John Rzepka, Mrs. Sue Afton, and Mr. Eric Duda were absent.

#### Roll Call

Minutes of the March 16, 2009 Regular Board Meeting and minutes of the April 13, 2009 Regular Work session were reviewed.

#### Minutes

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

Mrs. Sadaly relayed that the school was well represented at the recent NJROTC banquet.

#### Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Sadaly extended her congratulations to Amy Vallimont who will be graduating from college this week.

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$51,318.54; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$1,126,785.91; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$100,952.36; Checks Already written, Exhibit "A3" to be \$225.00, and Cafeteria bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$36,271.40.

#### General Fund Bills

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$75,188.63 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$2,546.65.

#### Seneca High School Activity Fund/ Special Revenue Report

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Scott Rose, seconded by Mr. Thompson. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted "Yes": Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Scott Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$1,867,036.34 as of March 31, 2009 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of March 31, 2009.

#### Treasurer's Reports

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Scott Rose, seconded by Mr. Watkins. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted "Yes": Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Scott Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

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. Walko, seconded by Mr. S. Rose. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted "Yes": Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Thompson, Mr. E. Rose, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Utilization of School Facilities – Motion: To approve Girl Scouts to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for a ceremony, Friday, June 5, 2009 (No Cost to the District), **Motion:** To approve Adult Recreation Volleyball to use the facilities at

#### Building and Grounds

Building and Grounds (cont'd)

Wattsburg Area Middle School, Wednesdays, September 16, 2009 through May 19, 2010 (Schedule subject to change depending upon availability of use – school activities receive first preference) (No Cost to District), and **Motion:** To approve the Wattsburg Fire Department to use the campus grounds and parking lots for an Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course; Note: Date to be determined on a Sunday (No Cost to the District).

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

Appointments – **Motion:** To approve Amy Taylor-Coughlin as Wattsburg Area Elementary After School Grade 4 Special Education Math and Reading Tutor beginning the week of April 20, 2009 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year on Wednesdays for 1 ½ hours per week, **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Ms. Susan Michels as District Wide Cafeteria Aide, Level III, Class C Position, 3 ¼ hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$9.45 per hour, effective April 21, 2009, and **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Cheryl Krider as Seneca High School Instructional Coach, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year (2 year grant-funded position dependent on receiving anticipated Stimulus Funding).

Personnel

Internship for School Psychologist – **Motion:** To approve a paid School Psychologist Internship for the 2009-2010 school year.

Conference Requests – Ms. Elizabeth Oslak – Celebrate the Family, Cambridge Springs, Friday, April 24, 2009 (No Cost to the District); Mrs. Nancy Sadaly, Mr. Porter, Mr. Doug McGarvey, and Mr., Keith Miller – The New Look and Feel of the PSSA Reports and Reporting Site, Edinboro, Tuesday, April 28, 2009, \$25.00 (Funds from Principals' Account); Ms. Lesa Kimball and Mrs. Susan Johnson – PSERS Workshop, Edinboro, Tuesday, May 5, 2009, \$25.00 (Funds from Business Office Account); Mrs. Gina Rullo – Facilitating Communication Between Medical Necessity Evaluators and Schools in Erie County, Erie, Thursday, May 7, 2009 (No Cost to District); Ms. Elizabeth Oslak – ADHD and Processing Disorders, Erie, Wednesday, May 13, 2009, \$214.00 (Funds from Guidance, Grades 9-12); Ms. Michelle Pisano ADHD and Processing Disorders, Erie, Wednesday, May 13, 2009, \$264.00 (Funds from Processing – L. Support, Grades K-4, and Substitute Accounts); Mr. Todd Talbot – Science Lab Safety, Edinboro, Wednesday, April 22, 2009, \$40.00 (Funds from Science, Grades 9-12); Mrs. Mary Beth Hengelbrok, Mr. Keith Miller, and Mrs. Cheryl Krider – Penn Literacy Network (PLN) 1 Crucial Reading and Writing in Support of Learning – Secondary Level, Edinboro, Wednesday, April 22, 2009, Monday, April 27, 2009, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, Thursday, May 21, 2009, Tuesday, May 26, 2009, \$475.00 (Funds from PIIC (PA Institute for Instructional Coaching) and Substitute Accounts), and Mrs. Shelley Ochterski – Standards Task Force Revision Committee, Harrisburg, Thursday, May 14, 2009, \$165.00 (Funds from Title I).

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

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

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

**Retirement – Motion:** To accept, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Rosemarie Damon, Nurse’s Aide at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, effective at the end of 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. Thompson, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. S. Rose, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

**School Attendance – Motion:** To approve the attendance of Kelsey Pierce-Moffett at Seneca High School, to complete senior year, tuition waived.

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. Watkins, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Approve Elementary Emotional Support Classroom – Motion:** To approve the change of the Therapeutic Alternative Education Program at the Wattsburg Elementary Center to a Special Education Emotional Support classroom.

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. E. Rose, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Student Activities – Motion:** To approve two Seneca High School Band Students, Grade 11, to travel to State Police Troop E, Lawrence Park, for a performance, Monday, May 4, 2009 (No Cost to the District) and **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Grade 8 students, to travel to Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio, Friday, June 5, 2009, \$3,965.00 for transportation -\$70.00 per student (Funds from students).

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. Watkins, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Staff employed in the Title I Reading Program gave a report. Mr. LaPlaca gave a brief report.

**Transportation Requests – Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mrs. Holland’s Kindergarten class, to travel to WJET-TV, Erie, to view a live weather forecast, Monday, April 27, 2009, \$46.00 (Funds from Link to Learning – Mini Grant/Science); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mrs. Sayers’ Kindergarten class to travel to WJET-TV, Erie, to view a live weather forecast, Tuesday, April 28, 2009, \$46.00 (Funds from Link to Learning – Mini Grant/Science); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mrs. Eller’s Kindergarten class, to travel to WJET-TV, Erie, to view a live weather forecast, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, \$46.00 (Funds from Link to Learning - Mini Grant/Science); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Ms. Sierota’s Kindergarten class, to travel to WJET-TV, Erie, to view a live weather forecast, Thursday, April 30, 2009, \$46.00 (Funds from Link to Learning – Mini Grant/Science); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Mrs. Gregory and Mr. Logan’s Grade 6 students, to travel to Edinboro University Pogue Student Center, Edinboro, Thursday, April 30, 2009, \$150.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account); **Motion:** To approve four Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to Wegman’s, Claytopia, and Pizza Hut, Erie, Friday, May 1, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mrs. Metzler’s Kindergarten class, to travel to WJET-TV, Erie, to view a live weather forecast, Tuesday, May 5, 2009, \$46.00 (Funds from Link to Learning – Mini Grant/Science); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mrs. Ochterski’s Kindergarten class, to travel to WJET-TV, Erie, to view a live weather

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Principals’ Special Reports

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forecast, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, \$46.00 (Funds from Link to Learning – Mini Grant/Science); **Motion:** To approve St. Boniface School, Grades 3-4 students, to travel to Erie Blind Center, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, \$80.00 (Funds from St. Boniface School); **Motion:** To approve four Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to Target, Claytopia, Arby's Restaurant, and Tom Ridge Center, Erie, Friday, May 8, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Your Employability Skills (YES), Grade 12 students, to travel to the Warren Company, Erie, Tuesday, May 12, 2009, \$80.00 (Funds from School-to-Career Grant); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School GECAC Educational Talent Search, Grade 9-11 students, to travel to Penn State Behrend and McDonald's, Erie, Tuesday, May 12, 2009, \$85.00 (Funds from GECAC); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School Grade 6 students, to travel to St. Patrick's and St. Peter's Cathedral, Erie, Friday, May 15, 2009, \$898.00 (Funds from Students, Teachers, and Student Activities Account for Transportation); **Motion:** To approve four Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to Legman's Asbury Woods, and/or Walmart, and Papa Joe's West, Erie, Friday, May 15, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Academic Sports League (ASL), Grades 9-12 students, to travel to Bayfront Convention Center for an Awards Luncheon, Monday, May 18, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from ASL Account); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, One Grade 4 Class, to travel to Watson-Curtze Mansion and Erie Planetarium, Erie, Monday, May 18, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, One Grade 4 Class, to travel to Drake Well Museum, Titusville, Monday, May 18, 2009, \$179.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, One Grade 4 Class, to travel to Erie Firefighters Historical Museum and Museum of GE History, Erie, Monday, May 18, 2009, \$124.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, One Grade 4 Class, to travel to Erie County History Center and Erie Maritime Museum, Erie, Monday, May 18, 2009, \$95.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, One Grade 4 Class, to travel to Union City Historical Museum and Wattsburg Area Museum, Monday, May 18, 2009, \$150.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve three Seneca High School PA High School Computer Fair – Regional Winners to Travel to Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, Monday, May 18, 2009 through Wednesday, May 20, 2009, \$736.00 (\$300.00 from I.U. #5 and balance from Student Activities Account); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, One Grade 4 Class, to travel to Tom Ridge Environmental Center and Presque Isle State Park, Erie, Wednesday, May 20, 2009, \$1,030.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Grades 5-8 students, to travel to Erie Sea Wolves game, Erie, Wednesday, May 20, 2009, \$4,300.00 (Funds from Students (\$7.00 each) and Wattsburg Area Middle School Activities Account); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Your Employability Skills (YES) class, Grade 12 students, to travel to Career Link and Northwest Regional Technology Institute (NRTI), Erie, Thursday, May 21, 2009, \$80.00 (Funds from School-to-Career Grant); **Motion:** To approve four Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to Erie Zoo or Mall/Library, Wegman's, and McDonald's, Erie, Friday, May 22, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Business Academies – AP Economics – FBLA, Grade 11-12 students, to travel to Hershey Park, Hershey, PA, to participate in seminars/activities, Thursday, May 28, 2009, \$2,480.00 (Funds from Students, Project 720 for Transportation, and Substitute Accounts); **Motion:** To approve four Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to Target, Presque Isle/Tom Ridge or Blasco Library, Sara's or McDonald's, Erie, Friday, May 29, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Choir, Grades 9-12 students, to travel to

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Wattsburg Area Elementary Center and St. Boniface School, date to be determined, \$60.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account), and **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Human Services Academy, Grades 9-12, to travel to Erie Police Station, Erie, Tuesday, April 28, 2009, \$90.00 (Funds from School to Career Grant).

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

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments – **Motion:** To approve Ms. Gina Cass as Assistant Band Director for the 2009-2010 school year at Step 1 at a salary of \$1,780.00 and **Motion:** To approve Mr. Bomin Kang as Seneca High School Track and Field Pole Vaulting Coach for 2008-2009 at an hourly rate of \$19.90 for 45 hours (pro-rated).

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

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

Approve Seneca High School Walkie Talkies and Adaptors as Surplus – **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Walkie Talkies and Adaptors as surplus.

Miscellaneous

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

Mr. Walko stated that the Hornby School Restoration Society will be holding a celebration at Hornby School on May 16<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend.

Board  
Correspondence and  
Dialogue

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. E. Rose, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye  
School Board Secretary