

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
February 14, 2011**

The meeting of the Regular Work Session was convened on February 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Susan Afton, Eric Duda, Kerry Duncan, Bruce McCall, Nancy McNally, Linda Smith, John Rzepka, Joseph Walko, and Kenneth Watkins were present. Nancy Sadaly and Tom Rinke were also present together with other interested persons. Steve Maksimuk was absent.

Roll Call

Mr. Maksimuk reviewed with the Board the Treasurer's Report for January 2011 and the list of General Fund, and Cafeteria bills. These items to be placed on the agenda for February 14, 2011.

Business  
Administrator's  
Report

Motion by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to suspend the rules per Policy 9341 to allow voting on action items. In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes:" Afton, Duda, Duncan, McCall, McNally, Rzepka, Smith, Watkins and Walko. Motion Carried

By-Laws  
Methods of Operation

The Board discussed the termination at the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year of the RCI Agreement between the Wattsburg Area School District and the School District of the City of Erie, which involves Wattsburg Area School District students attending Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Collegiate Academy  
Tuition

The Board discussed providing space for Safe Harbor Behavioral Health to establish an outpatient clinic in the Wattsburg Area School District at no cost to the district beginning upon approval from the state and continue through the 2011-2012 school year with the provision that this arrangement can be cancelled by either party with 30 days written notice. This agreement is contingent upon Safe Harbor Behavioral Health adding Wattsburg Area School District as additionally insured on their liability policy. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Safe Harbor  
Behavioral Health

The Board discussed the 2011-2012 adoption of the Operating Budget for the Erie County Area Vocational-Technical School, including Secondary Programs and Regional Career and Technical Center Adult Programs. The 2011-2012 General Fund Budget includes total expenditures of \$6,373,893 with total district secondary program contributions of \$3,815,770 noting a WASD contribution of \$312,279. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Erie County  
Technical School  
2011-2012 Budget

The Board discussed the Erie County Special Education Transition Program Operating Agreement. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Erie County Special  
Education Transition  
Program Operating  
Agreement

Motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve the Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$21,028,624. Also, to direct the Business Administrator to submit the preliminary budget (PDE 2028) to PDE and provide notice that the district intends to seek approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education for referendum exceptions allowed under the Act 1. In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, McCall, McNally, Rzepka, Smith and Walko. The following members voted "No": Duda, Duncan and Watkins. Motion carried.

Preliminary General  
Fund Budget for  
2011-2012  
School Year

The Board discussed the following Utilization of School Facility Requests:

- Girls Scouts of Western PA- Daisy Scouts use of the facilities at WAEC on February 23, 2011 for parents' organizational meeting and the use of the WAEC Cafeteria on Wednesdays, March 2, 2011 through May 25, 2011 for Daisy Troop Meetings.
- Use of a Life Skills Classroom at WAMS.
- Lake Erie Regiment Winter Guard the use of the WAEC Gymnasium on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> ; Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> , Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> , Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> , and Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2011 to hold their Winter Guard Teaching Weekend. No equipment needed but will need floor covered with vinyl covering. Rate: Not to exceed \$104/day.

This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Utilization of School  
Facilities

The Board discussed the following appointments:

- \_\_\_\_\_ and Jennifer Morris as Math Interventionists and Jennifer Decker and Carrie Kindel as Reading Interventionists at WAEC from February 22<sup>nd</sup>-March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the substitute pay rate of \$80 per day (funding provided by ABG).
- Beatrice Wroblewski's request to return to her previous position of Custodian Level III, Class B, 6 ½ hours per day, 210 days per year at an hourly rate of \$11.25 effective January 19, 2011. Her prior position was approved by the Board on December 20, 2010.
- Denise Hackenberg, Custodian Level III, Class B, 7 ½ hours per day, 235 days per year at the rate of \$11.25 per hour effective January 20, 2011.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Campus Wide Dining Room Aide, Class C position, 3 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$10.26 per hour, effective \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Campus Wide Custodian, Class B, 7 ½ hours per day, 235 days per year at the rate of \$11.25 per hour, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Appointments

The Board discussed the Tuition Reimbursements. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Tuition  
Reimbursements

The Board discussed Jason Figurski as an addition to the Teachers' Substitute List for the 2010-2011 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Additions to the  
Teachers' Substitute  
List for 2010-2011

The Board discussed the following Conference Requests:

- MaryKate O'Connell, Audrey Coletta, Ron Gibbons, Melissa Doolittle, Carol Bucklin, and Shelley Ochterski- Visit to Titusville School District's Early Childhood Learning Center, Titusville, PA, Wednesday, February 23, 2011. Cost: \$288.78. Funds from Professional Development.
- Kelli Pittner- Introduction to Snowshoeing presented by PA Bureau of State Parks, Presque Isle, Erie, PA Thursday, February 24, 2011. Cost: \$110.00. Funds from Instructional Account.
- Darlene McNulty and Jim Logan- Refresh, Recharge, and Rediscover your AP Program, Erie, PA Thursday, February 24, 2011. Cost: \$172.00. Funds from Instructional Accounts

Conference Requests

- Lori Dellamedaglia, Ann Gavazzi, Audrey Coletta, and Joni Swackhammer- Essential Readings on Struggling Learners, Edinboro, PA Thursday, February 24, 2011. Cost: \$510.00. Funds from Professional Development.
- Jeffrey Gifford- NW PA Athletic Field and Turf Conference, Meadville, PA, Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Cost: \$101.92. Funds from Maintenance.
- Karen Thomas- NOYCE Regional Conference, Greensboro, NC, Thursday March 24-Saturday, March 26, 2011 (needs half day on 3/23). Cost: \$266.00. Funds from Instructional Accounts.
- Janet Mullaney- Child Nutrition Direction's Retreat, State College, PA, Sunday, April 3, 2011 and Monday, April 4, 2011. Cost: 465.00. Funds from Nutritional/Food Services.

Conference Requests  
(continued)

This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

The Board discussed the additions to the Emergency Teachers' Substitute list for the 2010-2011 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Additions to the  
Emergency Teachers'  
Substitute List

The Board discussed the following Leaves:

Leaves

- Leave of Absence for Karla Kimmy, according to Article 12 of Local 1's Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement, effective January 28, 2011.
- Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Robin Dumas according to Local 2's Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement, effective February 9, 2011.

This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

The Board discussed the Second Reading of Policies 000's-100's. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Second Reading of  
Policies 000's-100's

The Board discussed the adoption of the School Calendar for the 2011-2012 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Adoption of School  
Calendar for  
2011-2012

The Board discussed authorizing the Administration to solicit bids for (1) 72-Passenger school bus and (2) two 24-Passenger cut away van school busses for the 2011-2012 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Solicit Bus Bids

The Board discussed the following Transportation Requests:

Transportation  
Requests

- Medal of Honor Class to travel to Strong Vincent High School to continue Medal of Honor coursework, historical research, and collaboration on Monday, March 7, 2011 at Strong Vincent High School, Erie, PA and to approve Medal of Honor Class to travel to East High School, Thursday, March 10, 2011 to attend the Medal of Honor Luncheon. Cost: \$205.00 Funds from Student Activities.
- AFJROTC students to attend ROTC Drill Competition at North Alleghany Intermediate High School, Pittsburgh, PA on Saturday, March 5, 2011. \$485.00 Funds from Student Activities.
- SHS Band students to travel to Regional Band at North East High School, North East, PA, Wednesday, March 23, to Saturday, March 26, 2011. Cost: \$510.00. Funds from Student Activities and Sub Accounts.
- Jeremiah Gibbons and Mr. Reid to travel to PMEAMENC National Competition All East Choir, Thursday, March 31, 2011 through Sunday, April 3, 2011. Cost: \$1,386.00. Funds from Student Activities and Sub Account.

- Autistic Support to travel to the Bank, Asbury Woods, and Papa Joes or Blasco Library and McDonalds, Wegmans, Erie, PA, Friday, April 1, 2011. Cost: \$105.00. Funds from IU5.
- Autistic Support to travel to the Erie Zoo or Library, Arbys, and Wegmans, Erie, PA, Friday, April 15, 2011. Cost: \$106.00. Funds from IU5.
- AFJROTC to travel to Field Day at an Air Force ROTC Unit at Kent State University on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Cost: \$361.00. Funds from Student Activities.
- Autistic Support to travel to the Post Office, Glenwood YMCA, Tim Horton's, and Wal-Mart, Erie, PA, Friday, April 29, 2011. Cost: \$105.00. Funds from IU5.
- Autistic Support to travel to Shade's Beach or Bowling, CiCi's Pizza and Wal-Mart, Erie, PA, Friday, May 6, 2011. Cost: \$114.00. Funds from IU5.
- Girls interested in Math/Science to travel to Penn State- Behrend, Erie, PA, Tuesday, May 5, 2011. Cost: \$ 360.00. Funds from Instructional Account and Sub Accounts.
- Marching Band students to travel to Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL, Wednesday, May 4, 2011 through Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Cost: \$600.00 per student. Funds from Fund Raising no cost to the District.
- Autistic Support to travel to McLane Church, Edinboro, PA, Friday, May 13, 2011. Cost: \$132.00. Funds from IU5.
- Autistic Support to travel to Lake Pleasant or Millcreek Mall, Chick-Fil-A, and Wegmans, Erie, PA, Friday, May 20, 2011. Cost: \$114.00. Funds from IU5.
- Autistic Support to travel to Asbury Woods and Papa Joes or Library and Chipotle, and Wal-Mart, Erie, PA, Thursday, May 23, 2011. Cost: \$131.00. Funds from IU5.
- Autistic Support to travel to Presque Isle and Sara's, Erie, PA, Friday, June 3, 2011. Cost: \$107.00. Funds from IU5.
- Sixth Grade students to travel to Waldameer Park, Erie, PA Wednesday, June 8, 2011. Cost: \$107.00. Funds from IU5.

Transportation Requests (Continued)

This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

The Board discussed the following Athletic/Extra-Curricular resignations:

- Matthew Calabrese-JV (First Assistant) Baseball Coach. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.
- Jeff Nichols- SHS Head Football Coach, Step 6, effective February 12, 2011.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations

This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

The Board discussed the following Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2010-2011 school year:

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments for 2010-2011

- Matthew Calabrese as Head Baseball Coach, Step 1. (This salary based on the 2009-2010 salary schedule. The 2010-2011 salary will be determined on the settlement of the WASD WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement).
- Chris Rupp as Baseball Coach, (First Assistant), Step 1. (This salary based on the 2009-2010 salary schedule. The 2010-2011 salary will be determined on the settlement of the WASD WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement).
- \_\_\_\_\_ as 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Intramural Position (80 hours). (This salary based on the 2009-2010 salary schedule. The 2010-2011 salary will be determined on the settlement of the WASD WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement).
- \_\_\_\_\_ as JV (First Assistant), Girls' Softball Coach. (This salary based on the 2009-2010 salary schedule. The 2010-2011 salary will be determined based on the settlement of the WASD WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement).

This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

The Board discussed the additions to the Volunteer Coach List for 2010-2011 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Additions to the Volunteer List for 2010-2011

The Board discussed the addition of Rusty Yapple and Christine McCall to the Game Help List for the 2010-2011 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 21, 2011.

Additions to Game Help List for 2010-2011

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 7:45pm



Stephen J. Maksimuk  
School Board Secretary