

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of January 15, 2006

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, January 15, 2007 at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

Mr. Elwin Rose called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Eric Duda, Kerry Duncan, David Hinz, Scott Rose, John Rzepka, Linda Smith, James Thompson, Joseph Walko, and Elwin Rose. Also in attendance were Mr. Frank Bova, Superintendent, Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Manager, and Dr. Lee Constantine, Assistant Superintendent.

Roll Call

Minutes of the December 18, 2006 Regular Board Meeting and minutes of the January 8, 2007 Work Session were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Mr. Vallimont gave a brief report. Mr. Bova gave a presentation.

Recognition of
Visitors

A short recess was held from 7:55 to 8:10 p.m.

Recess

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$4,823,970.27 as of December 31, 2006, and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$32,638.69 as of December 31, 2006.

Treasurer's
Reports

Motion for approval of the Treasurer's Reports was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mrs. Smith. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted "Yes." Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$115,414.87; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$791,927.46; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$130,442.56; Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$29,727.71, and Requisition – Reimbursement, Exhibit "C1" to be \$15,800.62

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills was made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. S. Rose. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hinz, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Walko, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$61,650.38 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$6,219.96.

Seneca High
School Activity
Fund/Special
Revenue Report

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

At 8:15 p.m. an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel matters. The meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Executive
Session

IRS Mileage Rate – IRS Mileage Rate changed from 44.5 cents to 48.5 cents, effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Legal Advisement

Approve Wording of Front End Referendum Question – **Motion:** To approve the wording of the Front End Referendum Question as recommended by the Tax Study Commission as follows:

“Do you favor imposing an additional .8% earned income tax? The revenue generated from the increased tax rate will be used to reduce taxes on qualified residential properties by \$360. The current earned income tax rate is 1%.”

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

Approve Public Hearing – **Motion:** To approve a Public Hearing on the Front End Referendum Question on February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center and the advertisement for that Public Hearing as required by SS Act 1 of 2006.

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

Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Budget for 2007-2008 School Year – **Exhibit F** – **Motion:** To approve the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$1,663,303.00 and a Wattsburg Area School District contribution of \$19,391.03 for Instructional media and Technology Services and \$8,091.61 for Educational Program Services.

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

Erie County Area Vocational-Technical School Budget for 2007-2008 School Year – **Exhibit G** – **Motion:** To approve the 2007-2008 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 2007-2008 General Fund Budget includes total expenditures of \$5,997,857.00 with total district Secondary Program contributions of \$234,207.00 as outlined in **Exhibit G**.

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

Renewal of Assistant Superintendent’s Contract – **Exhibit P** – **Motion:** To renew the contract of Dr. Rosalie Constantine as Assistant Superintendent for a three year term commencing July 31, 2007 and ending June 30, 2010 as outlined in **Exhibit P**.

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

Adoption of Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2007-2008 School Year – **Motion:** To tentatively approve the preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year in the amount of \$18,827,261.00 and to authorize the Secretary to post the following notice:

Finance (cont'd)

The Board of Directors tentatively approved the preliminary budget for the Wattsburg Area School District for the fiscal year 2007-2008 on January 15, 2007. A copy of said budget in the amount of \$18,827,261.00 is open for inspection by the public Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the District Administration Office, 10782 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509. Adoption of the preliminary budget is scheduled for February 12, 2007 at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

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

Per Capita Tax Exemptions – **Exhibit H** – **Motion:** To approve Per Capita Tax Exemptions for the 2006-2007 School Year as outlined in **Exhibit H**.

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

Utilization of School Facilities – **Motion:** To approve the Wattsburg Area Little League to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for a board work session on Monday, January 29, 2007 (No Cost to District) and **Motion:** To approve Emergycare/Butler County Community College to use facilities at Seneca High School for EMT Training, Monday, February 19, 2007 through Thursday, June 7, 2007 with building use fees waived

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

Appointments – **Motion:** To appoint Ms. Arete Calabrese as Seneca High School French Teacher, at Step 2, Masters, at a salary in accordance with the bargaining unit agreement, **Motion:** To appoint Melonie Lang as Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Dining Room Aide, Level II, Class C Position, 1 ½ hours per day, 180 days, at an hourly rate of \$8.82 per hour, and **Motion:** To appoint Ms. Mary White as District Wide Cafeteria Aide, Level III, Class C Position, 3 ¼ hours per day, 180 days per year, at an hourly rate of \$8.82 per hour.

Retirement – **Motion:** To accept the resignation letter announcing the retirement of Mr. Ron Derner, Social Studies Teacher at Wattsburg Area Middle School, to become effective January 26, 2007.

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

Additions to the Emergency Teachers' Substitute List – **Exhibit I** – **Motion:** To approve additions to the Emergency Teachers' Substitute List as outlined in **Exhibit I**.

Conference Requests – Mrs. Marty Dean – eStrategic Plan Workshop, Edinboro, Wednesday, January 10, 2007, \$22.00 (Funds from Administration – Strategic Plan), Mr. Rich Stoutamyer – Indicator 13: Present Education Levels and Measurable Goals Session: 9774, Edinboro, Tuesday, January 23, 2007, Friday, March 16, 2007, and Thursday, May 3, 2007, \$80.00 each session (Funds from L.S., Grades 9-12) (Act 48), and Mrs. Kristin Williams – What's New in Young Adult Literature (Grades 6-12), Coraopolis, Friday, March 2, 2007, \$305.00 (Funds from Library, Grades 5-8) (Act 48).

Building and
Grounds

Personnel

Tuition Reimbursement – **Exhibit J** – **Motion:** To approve the Tuition Reimbursement Stipends as outlined in **Exhibit J**.

Family Medical Leave – **Motion:** To approve a Family Medical Leave for Ms. Barb Maleski beginning December 18, 2006.

Additions to the Teachers' Substitute List for 2006-2007 School Year – **Exhibit K** – **Motion:** To approve additions to the Teachers' Substitute List for 2006-2007 School Year as outlined in **Exhibit K**.

Additions to the Service Personnel Substitute Lists for 2006-2007 School Year – **Exhibit L** – **Motion:** To approve additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2006-2007 School Year as outlined in **Exhibit L**.

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

Approval of Revised English as a Second Language (ESL) Curriculum – **Exhibit M** – **Motion:** To approve Revised English as a Second Language (ESL) Curriculum as outlined in **Exhibit M**.

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

Mr. Rinke reported on Seneca High School. Mr. McGarvey gave a brief report on Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mrs. Rullo reported on Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Barb Schock reported on the Transportation Department. Mary Beth Hengelbrok gave a brief report.

Approve Participation in the Northwest PA Regional Wide Area Network – **Exhibit N** – **Motion:** To approve participation in the Northwest PA Regional Wide Area Network at a cost not to exceed \$2,790 per month beginning July 1, 2008.

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

Transportation Requests - **Motion:** - To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School Grade 5 Science students to travel to Edinboro Planetarium and McDonald's, Edinboro, Tuesday, January 16, 2007, Wednesday, January 17, 2007, and Thursday, January 18, 2007, \$99.00 each day (Funds from WAMSAG) and **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School to travel to the following destinations for Sport's Day, Thursday, February 15, 2007 at a cost of \$991.00 for busing:

- Peak n' Peek Ski Resort for Skiing, Snowboarding, and Tubing
- Skateway Roller Rink
- North East Lanes
- Igloo Ice Arena
- McDonald's for Lunch
- Behrend College – Junker Hall
- (Funds from WAMSAG and Students)

Personnel (cont'd)

Curriculum

Principals' Special Reports

Technology

Transportation

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

Transportation
(cont’d)

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations – **Motion:** To accept the resignation of Mr. Steve Merritt as Seneca High School 1st Assistant Track and Field Coach effective January 3, 2007.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments – **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Cheryl Krider for the Wattsburg Area Middle School/Seneca High School Intramural Coordinator position at a stipend of \$200.00 for the 2006-07 school year. (Funds from Highmark Physical Fitness and Nutrition Grant).

Additions to the Volunteer Coaching List for 2006-2007 School Year – Exhibit O – **Motion:** To approve additions to the Volunteer Coaching List for 2006-07 school year as outlined in **Exhibit O**.

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

Mr. Rose appointed the same committee for Local #1.

Miscellaneous

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

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary

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