

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of January 21, 2008

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, January 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, Ms. Nancy Sadaly, Assistant to the Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Manager.

Roll Call

Minutes of the December 17, 2007 Regular Board Meeting, minutes of the January 14, 2008 Special Board Meeting, and minutes of the January 14, 2008 Regular Work Session were reviewed.

Minutes

Motion to approve all minutes, with a change on the first item under "Miscellaneous" in the December 17, 2007 Regular Board Meeting minutes, from piano to organ, was made by Mrs. Afton, seconded by Mr. Thompson. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted "Yes." Motion was carried unanimously.

Ms. Betsy Greggs and Ms. Renee Majchzak addressed the Board with an offer to students who are interested, to participate in a religious education program at Calvary Christian Center. The students would be bused through special funding and attend the program once per month approximately 1.5 hours. The pro's and con's were discussed. This will be voted on at a later date.

Recognition of
Visitors

Mr. Badams relayed that a visitor who received the Medal of Honor will be here on 1/22/08 to address the 8th grade students enrolled in the Medal of Honor Curriculum Program.

Superintendent's
Report

Mr. Badams relayed his congratulations on the success of the District 10 All Stars.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount as of \$5,289,850.88 of December 31, 2007 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of November 30, 2007.

Treasurer's Reports/
Payment of Bills

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$109,656.94; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$383,678.96; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$179,199.49; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A3" to be \$499,868.71, and Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$26,001.39.

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. 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 \$63,912.29 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$8,892.84.

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.

Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Budget for 2008-2009 School Year – Exhibit F – Motion: To approve the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget for the 2008-2009 school year in the amount of \$46,569,816.00 and a Wattsburg Area School District contribution of \$26,812.91 for School Improvement Services (See **Exhibit F**).

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

Amend Student’s Disciplinary Adjudication – Motion: To amend a student’s disciplinary adjudication to allow the student to return to Seneca High School for the Second Semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

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. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, and Mr. E. Rose. The following members present voted “No”: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Afton. Motion was carried.

Technical Professional Support Agreement at Seneca High School – Exhibit G – Motion: To enter into a Technical Professional Support Agreement with Building Controls and Services, Inc. for Seneca High School for a period of five years, commencing on January 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2012 as outlined in **Exhibit G**

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mrs. Afton. 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.

Agreement with Penelec Regarding Public Outdoor Lighting – Exhibit H – Motion: To approve the agreement with Penelec regarding public outdoor lighting as outlined in **Exhibit H**.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mrs. Afton. 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.

Utilization of School Facilities – Motion: To approve Mrs. Michelle Gee to use the facilities at Seneca High School, Saturday, January 26, 2008, for an IMPACT Volleyball Course Certification (No Cost to District); **Motion:** To approve the Girl Scouts to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, for meetings, Mondays on the following dates:

- February 11 and February 25, 2008
- March 3, March 17, and March 31, 2008
- April 14 and April 28, 2008
- May 12 and May 19, 2008

(No Cost to District); **Motion:** To approve the Wattsburg Area Little League to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, for baseball/softball registration, for the following dates:

- Saturday, February 9, 2008
- Tuesday, February 12, 2008 or Thursday, February 14, 2008
- Wednesday, February 13, 2008
- Saturday, February 23, 2008

Legal Advisement

Building and
Grounds

(No Cost to District); **Motion:** To approve the Girl Scouts to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, for “Thinking Day Activities,” Friday, February 15, 2008 (No Cost to District); **Motion:** To approve the Girl Scouts Leaders Meetings to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, for Leaders Meetings on Tuesdays for the following dates:

March 25, 2008

April 29, 2008

May 27, 2008; **Motion:** To approve the Wattsburg Area Little League to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, for Little League pictures, Tuesday, April 29, 2008 (No Cost to the District), and **Motion:** To approve the Tiger Scouts to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for meetings on Wednesdays as follows:

January 30, 2008

February 27, 2008

March 27, 2008

April 23, 2008

May 28, 2008.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Rzepka, 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.

Appointments – **Motion:** To appoint Mrs. Karen Kinney as District-wide Cafeteria Level III Aide, Class C Positions, 3 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$9.06 per hour, **Motion:** To appoint Mrs. Beverley Korn as District-wide Cafeteria Level II Cook/Baker, Class B Position, 6 ½ hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$9.24 per hour; **Motion:** To appoint Mr. David Applebee as District-wide Maintenance/Housekeeping Support, Custodian Level II and IV, Class A Position, 8 hours per day, 260 days per year, to provide maintenance support at a rate of \$11.39 per hour and housekeeping support at a rate of \$9.93 per hour; To appoint Mr. Mike Grove and Mr. Rick Stoutamyer as Seneca High School Math Tutors for an after school tutoring program beginning Wednesdays, January 23, 2008 and ending March 26, 2008, at a salary in accordance with the bargaining unit agreement, and **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Donna Banks and Mr. Rick Stoutamyer as Seneca High School Reading Tutors for an after school tutoring program beginning Mondays, January 28, 2008 and ending March 25, 2008, and Tuesdays, February 19, 2008 and March 25, 2008, at a salary in accordance with the bargaining unit agreement.

Conference Requests – Ms. Lesa Kimball – IU PIMS Meeting, Edinboro, Thursday, January 24, 2008, \$23.00 (Funds from Business Office); Mr. Robert LaPlaca, Mrs. Beth Bille, Mr. Chris Boyd, and Ms. Madelyn Simmons – PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference – PETE&C, Hershey, Sunday, February 10, 2008 through Tuesday, February 12, 2008, \$2,766.00 (Funds from Technology, Grades 9-12) (Act 48); Mr. Glenn Winkler – Wastewater Analysis, Linesville, Thursday, February 14, 2008, \$247.00 (Funds from Maintenance); Mrs. Marty Dean – Mistake-free Grammar and Proofreading, Erie, Tuesday, March 25, 2008, \$121.00 (Funds from Administration); Board Members – Ready, Set, Govern! The Board’s Role in Promoting Student Growth and Achievement, Edinboro, Tuesday, March 25, 2008, \$112.00 each (Funds from Board Member Account); Board Members – Ready, Set, Govern! It’s the Law, Edinboro, Tuesday, April 22, 2008, \$112.00 each (Funds from Board Member Account); Mrs. Betty Jones – IU PIMS Meeting, Edinboro, Thursday, January 24, 2008, \$23.00 (Funds from Administration); Mrs. Janet Mullaney and Mrs. Lisa Zarger – Family Fitness Education Training Grow Healthy Families, Edinboro, Monday, January 28, 2008, \$253.00 (Funds

Building and
Grounds (cont’d)

Personnel

from Wellness, Grades K-12) (Act 48), and **Motion:** Mr. Jay Badams, Mrs. Nancy Sadaly, Mr. James Tonks, Mr. Tim Malinowski, and Mr. Chad Porter – 2008 PSSA Administration Training Session, Edinboro, Tuesday, March 4, 2008, \$23.00 (Funds from Administration) (Act 48).

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

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

Employee Termination – Motion: To terminate the employment of regular, full-time custodian, Ms. Susan Beeles because of her leave of absence in excess of the maximum leave permitted in the applicable collective bargaining agreement effective this date.

Additions to the Teachers' Substitute List for 2007-2008 – Exhibit K – **Motion:** To approve additions to the Teachers' Substitute List for the 2007-2008 school year as outlined in **Exhibit K**.

Additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List for 2007-2008 – Exhibit L – **Motion:** To approve additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2007-2008 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”: 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.

Student Activities Request – Motion: To approve up to six Wattsburg Area Middle School Grade 6 Choir students to travel to St. Boniface for a PMEA Choral Performance, Friday, March 14, 2008, \$260.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts).

Motion for approval was made by Mr. S. Rose, 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.

Mrs. McGaughey reported on the Discovery Program.

Mr. Porter reported on Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Mr. Podpora gave a report on Seneca High School and Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mrs. Mullaney gave a brief report regarding the cafeteria. Barb Schock gave an update on the Transportation Department. Mr. Schultz reported on the Maintenance Department. Mr. LaPlaca gave an update on the Technology Department. Mr. Vallimont commended the Pilot Program between Wattsburg Area School District and Gannon University.

Custodial and Maintenance Training Workshop – Motion: To approve 25 to 30 housekeeping and maintenance staff to attend the Custodial and Maintenance Training Workshop on March 20, 2008 at Allegheny College (Funding from Maintenance and Housekeeping).

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Watkins. 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.

Personnel (cont'd)

Curriculum

Principals' Special Reports

Building and Grounds

Award School Bus Bids – **Motion:** To award three (3) 2009 72-passenger school buses to Bluebird Bus sales of Pittsburgh at a unit cost of \$73,845.00 for a total of \$221,535.00.

Transportation

Transportation Requests – **Motion:** To approve the Academic Sports League to travel to Collegiate Academy, Erie, Friday, February 1, 2008 and Saturday, February 2, 2008, \$455.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Account) and **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Grade 11 Engineering Academy students to travel to General Electric, Erie, Monday, February 25, 2008, \$120.00 (Funds from Career Account).

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

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments for 2007-2008 – **Exhibit M** – **Motion:** To approve Athletic Appointments for 2007-2008 at a salary in accordance with the bargaining unit agreement as outlined in **Exhibit M**.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

Additions to Volunteer Coaching List for 2007-2008 – **Exhibit N** – **Motion:** To approve additions to the Volunteer Coaching List for 2007-2008 as outlined in **Exhibit N**.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Rzepka, 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.

Mrs. Sadaly relayed that January is “National School Board Directors Recognition Month.” She recognized the Board members for their hard work and dedication. She stated that at the conclusion of the meeting a short reception would be held in honor of the Board members and everyone was invited to attend.

Board
Correspondence and
Dialogue

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the meeting adjourned at 8:44p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary