

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting of October 19, 2009

The Regular Board Meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, October 19, 2009 at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

President Joseph Walko called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Mr. Eric Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. John Rzepka, Mr. James Thompson, Mr. Kenneth Watkins, and Mr. Joseph Walko. Also in attendance were Mrs. Nancy Sadaly, Superintendent, Mr. Thomas Rinke, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Stephen Maksimuk, Business Administrator. The following members were absent: Mrs. Sue Afton, Mr. Scott Rose, and Mrs. Linda Smith.

Roll Call

Minutes of the September 21, 2009 Regular Board Meeting, minutes of the September 29, 2009 Special Board Meeting, and minutes of the October 12, 2009 Regular Work Session were reviewed. **Motion** by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve minutes. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried.

Minutes

In the Superintendent's Report, Mrs. Sadaly gave special thanks to Sonney's Photography for taking pictures during the Medal of Honor Program. She relayed to the Board that Mr. Mark Kuhar's presentation to the faculty, *Avoiding the Inappropriate Use of Technology* during the Act 80 days were well-received. Mrs. Sadaly gave special thanks to Mrs. Nolan for helping facilitate the Homecoming Events. Christa Pituch was named Homecoming Queen and Ryan Murphy was named the Homecoming King.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$2,675,084.98 as of September 30, 2009 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of September 30, 2009. Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be 81,707.11; Checks already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$1,092,316.77; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$104,750.45; Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$36,216.98, and Exhibit "B1" to be \$8.95. Mr. Maksimuk also noted cash in the SHS Activity Fund (Exhibit "D") to be \$66,132.47 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) (Exhibit "E") to be \$1,912.21. **Motion** for approval was made by Mr. Rzepka and seconded by Mr. Duda. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's
Reports,
Payment of Bills,
SHS Activity Fund/
Special Revenue
Report**

Mrs. Sadaly welcomed the new staff to the district and also the Foreign Exchange students. A short recess was called by Mr. Walko at 7:40 p.m. to honor the new staff and foreign exchange students with a reception serving cupcakes, coffee, and punch. At 8:00 p.m., the meeting resumed.

**Welcome
New Employees
And Foreign
Exchange Students**

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Elwin Rose, to retain the services of KLV Group, Real Estate Appraisals and Consulting Firm to facilitate an appraisal of Lake Erie Promotions Inc., doing business as Lake Erie Speedway and to authorize a \$5,000 retainer. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes: Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried.

**Retain Services
of Appraisal**

Motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the Per Capita Tax Exemptions in **Exhibit F**. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried.

Per Capital Tax Exemptions

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Duda, to approve the following Use of Facilities Requests:

Use of Facilities Requests

- To approve Lake Erie Regiment to use the facilities at WAEC, on the following dates for Winter Guard Teaching, \$104.00 each event (Funds from Lake Erie Regiment):

Sundays:

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| October 25, 2009 | December 13, 2009 |
| November 8, 2009 | December 20, 2009 |
| November 15, 2009 | December 27, 2009 |
| November 22, 2009 | January 3, 2010 |
| November 29, 2009 | January 10, 2010 |
| December 6, 2009 | January 17, 2009 |

Saturdays and Sundays:

January 23 and 24, 2010
January 30 and 31, 2010

- To approve Girl Scouts to use facilities at WAEC, Wednesday, October 28, 2009 for a Girl Scout Meeting (No Cost to District).
- To approve St. Boniface Church to use the facilities at WAEC for Mass, Saturday, October 31, 2009 and Sunday, November 1, 2009 and Saturday, November 7, 2009 and Sunday November 8, 2009, \$233.88 per weekend (Funds from St. Boniface Church).
- To approve District 10 PIAA to use facilities at SHS for a D-10 Volleyball Game, Tuesday, November 3, 2009 (No Cost to District).

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. Walko. The following member voted "No": Mr. Elwin Rose. Motion was carried.

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the following:

- To approve Mr. John McDonald of H&H Enterprises to repair bleachers as per proposal at a cost of \$6,343.00.
- To approve Mr. Jim Guarino of Guarino Enterprises to repair various potholes in the bus garage parking lot at a cost of \$2,000.00.
- To approve Paris Brothers Inc. to repair the concrete trench inside the bus garage as recommended by the Safety Committee at a cost of \$3,900.00.

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried.

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Duda, to authorize Mr. Eric Schultz, to find and purchase a truck for snow plowing not to exceed \$9,900.00. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried.

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the following Personnel items:

Personnel Items

- To approve a Family Medical Leave according to District Policy 4152.4 – Anticipated Disability/Medical Leave and a Leave of Absence according to Article 6 - Item H - Extended Disability of the Local 2 Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement for **Mrs. Sue Snippert**, effective October 29, 2009.
- To approve a Family Medical Leave for **Mrs. Heather Hedderman**, effective November 20, 2009 according to District Policy 4152.4 – Anticipated Disability/Medical Leave and WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.
- To approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for **Mrs. Shelly Magnusen**, WAMS Art Teacher, effective January 4, 2010 to April 28, 2010, according to District Policy 4152.4 – Anticipated Disability/Medical Leave and WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.
- To change the Substitute Housekeeping hourly rate from \$7.25 to 25¢ less than the rate of Local #2 Custodian Level III. Currently, this new Substitute Housekeeping rate would be \$10.54 per hour, effective October 20, 2009.
- To approve the following conference requests:
 - Ms. Sarah Beham**-IU-5 Building Contact Training, Edinboro, Tuesday, October 13, 2009, \$105.00 (Funds from Library, Grades 5-8).
 - Ms. Amie Dove**-Non-Violent Crisis Prevention Intervention, Edinboro, Tuesday, October 20, 2009 and Friday, October 23, 2009, \$110.00 (Funds from Staff Development).
 - Mrs. Audrey Coletta, Mrs. Emily Ewings, and Ms. Ann Gavazzi**-Improving PSSA Scores and Guided Reading Without Centers, Meadville, Wednesday, October 21, 2009, \$839.20 (Funds from Staff Development and Substitute Accounts).
 - Mrs. Audrey Coletta, Mrs. Shelley Ochterski, Mrs. Janice Sayers, Mrs. Judy Metzler, Mrs. Jan Pelensky, and Mrs. Carol Bucklin**-Success By 6 Symposium, Erie, Friday, October 23, 2009, \$240.00 (Funds from Substitute Account).
 - Mrs. Shelley Ochterski**-Early Childhood Education Summit, State College, Monday, October 26, 2009 through Wednesday, October 28, 2009, \$550.00 (Funds from Kindergarten Account).
 - Mrs. Heather Hedderman**-IMTS Liaison – Building Contact Training, Edinboro, Tuesday, October 27 2009, \$105.00 (Funds from Library, Grades K-4).
 - Mr. Jeff Gifford**-Flush Away High Energy Costs, Erie, Tuesday, October 27, 2009, \$113.00 (Funds from Maintenance).
 - Ms. Amie Dove and Kathleen Awasum**-Career Development, Edinboro, Wednesday, October 28, 2009, \$60.00 (Funds from Staff Development).
 - Ms. Lindsey Ross and Mr. Raymond Trejchel** -Supplementary Aides and Services Toll Kit Training, Edinboro, Monday, November 2, 2009, \$105.00 each (Funds from Special Education, Grade 9-12).
 - Mrs. Audrey Coletta and Mrs. Bobbi Hurd**-Improving Math Scores – PSSAs, Erie, Tuesday, November 3, 2009, \$296.65 (Funds from Staff Development).
 - Mrs. Rebecca Heitzenrater**-Non-Violent Crisis Basic Recertification, Edinboro, Wednesday, November 4, 2009, \$30.00 (Funds from Special Education, Grades 5-8).
 - Ms. Cecilia Polumbo**-Walk Like a Scientist, Edinboro, Thursday, November 12, 2009, \$80.00 (Funds from Science, Grades 9-12).
 - Mrs. Jean Eller**-2010 Educational Technology Conference, Columbus, Ohio, Monday, February 1, 2010, \$225.00 (Funds from Staff Development, Grade K).

**Personnel Items
Continued**

- To approve the resignation of **Mrs. Susan Martin** as Housekeeper, effective November 1, 2009.
- To approve additions to the Teachers' Substitute List as outlined in **Exhibit H**.
- To approve additions to the Emergency Teachers' Substitute List as outlined in **Exhibit I**.
- To approve additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List as outlined in **Exhibit J**.
- To approve the appointment of **Mrs. Sally Scalise** as WAEC, Level III Paraprofessional Aide, Class B Position, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year, at an hourly rate of \$9.85, effective October 20, 2009.

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried.

Motion by Mr. Elwin Rose, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to table revision of salary agreement for Transportation Supervisor. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried.

Mr. John Rzepka recommended that the following policies be further discussed at the next Policy Committee Meeting: First Reading of Policy 5127.1.3.1 – Students – Use of Medication – **Exhibit K**, and Revised Policy 5127.1.3.1 – Administrative Regulations – Dispensing Medication and Administering First Aid – **Exhibit L**.

Motion by Mr. Elwin Rose, seconded by Mr. Rzepka, to approve Mr. Reid and Select Chorus Students, Grades 6-12, to travel to Conneaut Lake High School, Friday, November 6, 2009 through Saturday, November 7, 2009, for a Vocal Competition, \$450.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts). In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried.

Principals' Special Reports were presented by Mrs. Lorei and Mr. Paris. Mrs. Sandy Metzler presented on the 7th/8th Grade Writing Assessment.

Mr. Schultz gave a Maintenance Report.

Mr. LaPlaca gave a Technology Report.

Mrs. Nunemaker thanked the Board for approving the housekeeping substitute raise.

Mrs. Knappenberger discussed the Gifted Audit Corrective Action Visit with Dr. Shirley Curl from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Motion by Mr. Elwin Rose, seconded by Mr. Rzepka, to approve the following Transportation Requests:

- To approve SHS Autistic Support Students to travel to WalMart, Dollar Tree, Giant Eagle, Bowling, and Taco Bell, Erie, Friday, October 23, 2009, \$98.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- To approve SHS PA History Class, Grade 12, to travel to Maritime Museum, Erie, Tuesday, November 3, 2009, \$325.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts).

**Transportation
Requests**

**Transportation
Requests
Continued**

- To approve SHS Autistic Support Students to travel to Therapeutic Horse Riding, Fairview, Subway, Burger King, Wendy's, McDonald's, Taco Bell, WalMart or Wegman's, Erie, Friday, October 30, 2009, Friday, November 6, 13, 2009, and 2009, December 4, 2009, \$98.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- To approve WAEC Autistic Support Students, Grades 1-5, to travel to Evans Skateland, Bob Evans, and Aldi's, Erie, Friday, November 6, 2009, \$113.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- To approve SHS Entrepreneurship and Business students, Grades 9-12, to travel to Gannon (Waldron Center) Erie, Friday, November 13, 2009, \$110.00 (Funds from Student Activities).
- To approve SHS Academic Sports League, Grades 9-12, to travel to Mercyhurst College, Erie, for first competition, Saturday, November 21, 2009, \$170.00 (Funds from ASL).
- To approve SHS Science Olympiad Team, Grades 9-12, to travel to Clarion University, for Science Olympiad competition, Thursday, March 25, 2010, \$485.00 – busing added on WAMS request (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts).
- To approve WAMS students, Grades 7-8, to travel to Clarion University, for Science Olympiad competition, Thursday, March 25, 2010, \$855.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts)

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Eric Duda, to approve the resignation of **Mr. Jesse Heubel** as WAMS 7/8th Grade Wrestling Coach – Intramurals – 80 Hours, effective October 19, 2009. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried.

**Athletic/
Extra-Curricular**

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Duda, to approve the following Extra-Curricular Appointments for 2009-2010 school year:

- To approve Ms. Kelli Pittner as SHS JV (First Assistant) Softball Coach, Step 1, at a salary of \$2,161.00 for the 2009-2010 school year (See Item 2 of Supt.'s Report.)
- To approve Ms. Lisa Wagner as WAMS 7th/8th Grade Volleyball Coach (Intramurals) – 80 Hours, at an hourly rate of \$20.61 for the 2009-2010 school year (See Item 2 of Supt.'s Report).
- To approve Mr. Jesse Heubel as SHS JV (First Assistant) Wrestling Coach, Step 2, at a salary of \$2,855.00 for the 2009-2010 school year (See Item 2 of Supt.'s Report).

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried.

Mr. Rzepka relayed that the negotiating committee will be recommending approval for Local 1's contract which will be on the agenda at the board meeting next month. There will be an Executive Session after the meeting tonight. Mr. Walko gave thanks to Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, and Susan Afton for their work on the negotiating committee.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Elwin Rose gave a report of his attendance at the Leadership Conference in Hershey the past week. He said that board members were honored for their service and that he received a plaque for 40 years of service as a board member in the District and that he also was on the board at I.U. #5 for 34 years. He gave special thanks to Mr. Kerry Duncan for accompanying him at this conference.

Mr. Rzepka addressed the board regarding concern of teachers out of their classrooms for various reasons. Mrs. Sandy Metzler mentioned that WAVE for the new teachers was after school this school year which should help. The Act 80 day covered curriculum and also did not take the teachers out of their classroom.

Miscellaneous

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Rzepka, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Adjournment



Stephen J. Maksimuk
School Board Secretary