

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of February 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, February 16, 2009 at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

Mr. Joseph Walko called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Linda Smith, John Rzepka, Sue Afton, Elwin Rose, Eric Duda, Scott Rose, James Thompson, and Joseph Walko. Also in attendance were Ms. Nancy Sadaly, Acting Superintendent, Mr. Thomas Rinke, Acting Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Manager. Kenneth Watkins was absent.

Roll Call

Mr. Walko called and Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for purposes of discussing litigation on the property assessment case. The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Executive Session

Minutes of the January 26, 2009 Regular Work Board meeting, and minutes of the February 9, 2009 Regular Work session were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Mrs. Metzler asked that the Board consider tabling the approval of the school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year due to the fact that there have been many questions raised regarding the scheduled days off for students.

Recognition of Visitors

Mrs. Sadaly stated that the PSSA testing for writing has almost been completed.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$3,576,641.80 as of January 31, 2009 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of January 31, 2009.

Treasurer's Reports/Payment of Bills

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$53,573.00, Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$598,392.21, General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$144,131.53, and Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$28,708.63.

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$62,933.47 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$2,440.37.

Seneca High School Activity Fund/Special Revenue Report

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

Erie County Area Vocational-Technical School Budget for 2009-2010 School Year – Exhibit F – Motion: To approve the 2009-2010 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 2009-2010 General Fund

Legal Advisment

Budget includes total expenditures of \$6,194,950.00 with total district secondary program contributions of \$3,597,016.00, as outlined in **Exhibit F**.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Duda, 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. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, Mr. E. Rose, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approve School Physician for 2008-2009 School Year – **Motion:** To approve the School Physician as Saint Vincent Medical Group at \$14.50 per physical exam for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Mr. Maksimuk mentioned that there will be Webcast on the Governor’s Budget at 9:00 a.m. on 2/26/09. All are invited to attend.

Utilization of School Facilities – **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Boys’ Basketball Team to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for a Banquet on Sunday, March 8, 2009 (No Cost to the District); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Little League to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, for Baseball Open Gym – Minors (9 and 10 year olds) for practice on Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. from March 2, 2009 through April 22, 2009 (No Cost to District); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Little League to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area School District in any available gymnasium, for Baseball Open Gym – Majors (11 and 12 year olds) for practice on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (time may vary depending upon availability) from March 2, 2009 through April 22, 2009 (No Cost to the District), and **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Little League to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area School District in any available gymnasium, for Softball Open Gym for practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. (time may vary depending upon availability) from March 3, 2009 through April 16, 2009 (No Cost to the District).

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

Resignations – **Motion:** To accept the resignation of Ms. Lynne Herman as Special Education Teacher to tutor students in Cyber Services after school, effective February 3, 2009.

Appointments – **Motion:** To approve Ms. Donna Sherrange as Special Education Teacher to tutor students in Cyber Services after school up to two hours per student each week in the home at a salary per the bargaining unit agreement; **Motion:** To approve Ms. Robin Stiffler as Campus 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 February 17, 2009; **Motion:** To approve Ms. Laura Holmes as Campus Wide Cafeteria Aide, Level III, Class C Position, 4 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$9.45 per hour, effective February 17, 2009, and **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mrs. Sharon Lorei as Career Academy Activities Assistant at Seneca High School for up to five hours per week under Project 720 Grant funds for the 2008-2009 school year.

Legal Advisement
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Finance

Building and Grounds

Personnel

Conference Requests – Mr. Vincent DiMichele – NAMI – Reactive Attachment Disorder, Erie, Thursday, February 26, 2009 (No Cost to District); Ms. Donna Banks, Ms. Melissa Doolittle, Mrs. Sonja Meehan – NAMI – Reactive Attachment Disorder, Erie, Thursday, February 26, 2009, \$240.00 (Funds from Substitute Account); Mr. Randy Gunther, Mr. Curt Spicher, Mr. Rob Hart, and Mr. Tate Warren – Nike Coach of the Year Clinic, Pittsburgh, Friday, February 27, 2009 through Sunday, March 1, 2009, \$320.00 (Funds from Substitute Account); Mrs. Stephanie Welser and Mr. Jacob Malec – CPI Full Certification Training (Crisis Prevention), Edinboro, Wednesday, March 4, 2009 and Thursday, March 5, 2009, \$490.00 (Funds from TEEP, Grades K-4); Mr. Jeff Gifford – Northwest PA Athletic Field, Turf, Golf and Ornamentals Conference, Meadville, Tuesday, March 17, 2009, \$95.00 (Funds from Maintenance Account); Mrs. Lisa Zarger – PA Association of School Nurses and Practitioners Annual Education Conference, State College, Saturday, March 21, 2009, \$200.00 (Funds from Nursing Services, Grades 5-12); Mr. Vincent DiMichele – Understanding and Treatment of Self Injuries, Erie, Thursday, May 7, 2009 (No Cost to District), and Mr. Tim Malinowski – Cyber Liaison Meeting, Edinboro, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, \$27.00 (Funds from Guidance, Grades 9-12).

Personnel
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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**.

Student Information Systems (SIS) Specialist – **Motion:** To approve Ms. Lesa A. Kimball as Student Information Systems (SIS) Specialist, effective February 17, 2009 at a salary of \$30,702.00 prorated.

Family Medical Leave – **Motion:** To approve a Family Medical Leave for Mrs. Sally Trayer, effective February 20, 2009.

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

Data Processing Secretary – **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Susan M. Johnson as Data Processing Secretary, effective February 17, 2009 at a salary of \$29,300.00 prorated.

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

Approve the First Reading of Policy 5122.11 – Positive Behavior Support Policy for Students Receiving Special Education Services – **Exhibit I** – **Motion:** To approve the first Reading of Policy 5122.11 – Positive Behavior Support Policy for Students Receiving Special Education Services as outlined in **Exhibit I**.

Policy

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

Mrs. Afton relayed that a Policy Committee meeting will be held on March 23, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Adoption of School Calendar for 2009-2010 – Exhibit J – Motion: To approve the adoption of the School Calendar for the 2009-2010 school year as outlined in **Exhibit J**.

Motion to table the above was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mr. Rzepka. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted “Yes.” Motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Section 1502 Holidays for 2009-2010 – Motion: To approve the following Section 1502 holidays for the 2009-2010 school year:

- December 24, 2009
- December 28, 2009
- December 29, 2009
- December 30, 2009
- December 31, 2009

Motion to table the above was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mr. Rzepka. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted “Yes.” Motion was carried unanimously.

Student Activities Request – Motion: To approve Seneca High School Band students to travel to West Lake Middle School, Erie, for Jr. District Band Performance, Friday, March 27 through Saturday, March 28, 2009, \$300.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts).

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

An Executive Session was held from 8:20 to 8:25 to discuss the Senior Class Banquet.

Approval of Senior Class Banquet – Motion: To approve The Class of 2009 to attend their Senior Class Banquet at the Victorian Princess Cruise Ship on Saturday, May 30, 2009.

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

Mrs. Knappenberger gave a presentation on the results of the Special Education Survey. A written report was submitted by Seneca High School. Mr. LaPlaca reported on the Technology Department. Barb Schock gave a brief report. Mrs. Mullaney reported on the cafeteria. Mrs. Metzler gave a brief report.

Motion: To approve Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to St. Boniface Church and Country Superette every Tuesday beginning February 17, 2009, \$47.00 each Tuesday (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to Salvation Army, WalMart, and Library at Millcreek Mall, Thursday, March 5, 2009, \$90.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to Wegman’s, Blasco Library, and Trolley Ride to McDonald’s, Friday, March 13, 2009, \$105.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Grade 10 Career Academies students to travel to Erie Insurance, St. Vincent Health Systems, Eriez Magnetics, and City Hall, Tuesday, March 24, 2009, \$370.00 (Funds from I.U. Regional Career Education Partnership for Transportation and Sub Account for Substitutes; **Motion:** To approve Seneca High

Curriculum

Executive Session

Curriculum

Principals’
Special Reports

Transportation

School Autistic Support students to travel to Dollar Tree, WalMart, and Edinboro Borough Building, Friday, March 27, 2009, \$115.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to Wegman's, Asbury Woods, and Papa Joe's, Erie, Friday, March 27, 2009, \$120.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School Grade 7 students, to travel to Great Lakes Science Center, Cleveland, Ohio, Friday, April 3, 2009, \$1,882.00 (Funds from Students and Student Activities Account); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Grade 3 to travel to Warner Theater and Old Country Buffet, Erie, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, \$1,330.00 (Funds from PTO), and **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School College Bound Seniors to travel to Ambassador Suites for program that offers keys to college success, Monday, May 4, 2009, \$110.00 (Funds for Transportation from Regional Career Education Partnership and Sub Account for Substitutes).

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

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations – **Motion:** To accept the resignation of Mr. Brian Jones as Seneca High School Pole Vault Coach – Intramurals, effective January 30, 2009.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

Additions to the Volunteer Coach List for 2008-2009 – **Exhibit K** – **Motion:** To approve additions to the Volunteer Coach List for 2008-2009 as outlined in **Exhibit K**.

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

Mr. E. Rose announced that the Northwest Tri-County I.U. meeting scheduled meeting for January has been rescheduled for February.

Northwest Tri-County I.U. #5

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. S. Rose, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary

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