

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of February 18, 2008

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, February 18, 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, 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. Scott Rose arrived at 7:38 p.m.

Roll Call

Minutes of the January 21, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and minutes of the February 11, 2008 Regular Work session were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount as of \$4,384,317.80 of January 31, 2008 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of January 31, 2008.

Payment of Bills

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$58,713.31; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$391,410.99; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$157,145.27; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A3" to be \$534,174.93 ;Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$34,714.60; Requisition – Direct Payment to be \$3,383.62, and Requisition – Reimbursement to be \$8,263.99.

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$63,705.59 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$5,535.78.

Seneca High School Activity Fund/Special Revenue Report

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.

An Executive session was called at 7:42 p.m. The meeting re-adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Executive Session

Local Audit Report – **Motion:** To approve the Local Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 as prepared by Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, PC.

Finance

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

Mr. Duda requested the administration address audit recommendations at the August 2008 work session.

Utilization of School Facilities – **Motion:** To approve Lake Erie Regiment to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Friday, March 14, 2008, Saturday, March 15, 2008, and Sunday, March 16, 2008 for a Winter Guard Teaching Weekend, \$203.00 (Funds from Lake Erie Regiment), **Motion:** To approve Girl Scout Leaders to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for Leaders’ Meetings, Tuesdays, March 25, 2008, April 29, 2008, and May 27, 2008 (No Cost to the District), and **Motion:** To approve NPAECT (Northwest PA Association of Educational Communications and Technology) to use the facilities at Seneca High School and Wattsburg Area Middle School for Technology Sessions, Saturday, March 29, 2008 (Request for fees to be waived).

Building and
Grounds

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

Appointments – **Motion:** To appoint Ms. Lisa Davis as Custodian Level IV, Campus-wide Housekeeper – 2nd Shift, Class A Position, 8 hours per day, 260 days per year, at a rate of \$9.93 per hour, effective February 19, 2008; **Motion:** To appoint Ms. Susan Beeles as Custodian Level IV, Campus-wide Housekeeper – 2nd Shift, Class B Position, 6 ½ hours per day, 210 days per year, at a rate of \$9.93 per hour, effective February 19, 2008; **Motion:** To appoint Ms. Debra Firestone as Cafeteria Level III, Campus-wide Cafeteria Aide, Class C Position, 3 ¼ hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$9.06 per hour, effective February 19, 2008, and **Motion:** To appoint Ms. Lynne Herman as a Special Education Teacher to tutor one student in Cyber Services, after school, up to one hour per student each week in the home, at a salary in accordance with the bargaining unit agreement, effective February 11, 2008.

Personnel

Salary Increase for School Board Secretary – **Motion:** To approve a salary increase for Ms. Cheryl Nye, Wattsburg Area School District Board Secretary, in the amount of \$130.00 per month, effective March 2008 through the remainder of the term ending July 1, 2009.

Conference Requests – Ms. Mary Kate O’Connell – Reading Recovery “Behind the Glass” Lesson, Warren, Ohio, Tuesday, February 26, 2008, \$30.00 (Funds from Reading, Grade 1) (Act 48); Mr. Robert LaPlaca and Ms. Cindy Cass – Crystal Reports Training – Introduction and Advanced, Erie, Monday, March 3, 2008 through Friday, March 8, 2008, \$2,700.00 (Funds from Technology); Mr. Jeff Gifford – Northwest PA Athletic Field and Turf Conference, Meadville, Wednesday, March 19, 2008, \$87.00 (Funds from Maintenance), and Mr. Glenn Winkler – Wastewater Technologies, Meadville, Wednesday, March 19, 2008, \$113.00 (Funds from Sewer Plant Account).

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

Additions to the Teachers’ Substitute List – **Exhibit G** – **Motion:** To approve additions to the Teachers’ Substitute List as outlined in **Exhibit G**.

Additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List – **Exhibit H** – **Motion:** To approve additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List as outlined in **Exhibit H**.

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

Approval of Act 80 Days for the 2007-08 School Year – **Motion:** To approve Act 80 Days for the 2007-08 school year for parent conferences, staff development, and dismissal at start of school year of a partial group of kindergarten students.

Wednesday, August 29, 2007 and Thursday, August 30, 2007		Kindergarten
Wednesday, December 12, 2007	½ day	WAEC
Thursday, December 13, 2007	½ day	WAEC
Friday, December 14, 2007	½ day	WAEC
Tuesday, January 22, 2008	½ day	SHS/WAMS
Thursday, March 13, 2008	Whole day	WAEC
Friday, March 14, 2008	Whole day	WAEC
Wednesday, April 23, 2008	Whole Day	SHS/WAMS/ WAEC

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

Student Activities Requests – **Motion:** To approve Mr. James Caspar and Seneca High School and Wattsburg Area Middle School Grades 7 – 9 Band students to travel to Corry High School for Jr. District Band, Friday, April 11, 2008 through Saturday, April 12, 2008, \$369.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts); **Motion:** To approve Mr. James Caspar and Seneca High School Grade 10 – 12 Band students to travel to Hershey for the PMEA All State Conference, Wednesday, April 16, 2008 through Saturday, April 19, 2008, \$1,363.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts); **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Cheryl Krider and two Business students to travel to the Ambassador Conference Center, Erie, to attend the Women in Leadership Development (W.I.L.D.) Conference, 2008 to participate in an essay contest, Thursday, March 13, 2008, \$167.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts), and **Motion:** To approve two additional Seneca High School students to travel to St. Boniface School for the PMEA Songfest, Friday, March 14, 2008, \$54.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account).

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

HALT! A School-Based Bullying Prevention Program – **Exhibit I** – **Motion:** To approve participation in the HALT! A School-Based Bullying Prevention Program Grant as outlined in **Exhibit I**.

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Afton. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted “Yes.” Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Rinke gave a guidance report. Mr. McGarvey reported on Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mrs. Rullo gave a report on Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Mr. Schultz reported on the Maintenance Department. Mrs. Mullaney gave a brief report on the cafeteria, and Robert LaPlacca gave an update on the Technology Department.

Principals’
Special Reports

A Technology Committee meeting was scheduled for March 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Technology

Transportation Requests – **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Grade 2, to travel to Tinseltown, Erie, Monday, March 17, 2008, \$1,198.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Concert Band, Grades 9-12, to travel to

Transportation

Harbor Creek High School for Bands in the Round, Tuesday, March 18, 2008, \$91.00 (Funds from Band Account); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Mrs. McNally's and Mrs. Turner's Grade 5 students, to travel to Edinboro Planetarium, Taco Bell/Dairy Queen, Edinboro, Monday, April 14, 2008, \$100.00 (Funds from WAMSAG); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Mrs. Shaffer's and Mrs. Tonks' Grade 5 students, to travel to Edinboro Planetarium, Taco Bell/Dairy Queen, Edinboro, Tuesday, April 15, 2008, \$100.00 (Funds from WAMSAG); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Mrs. Ward's and Mrs. Hoffman's Grade 5 students, to travel to Edinboro Planetarium, Taco Bell/Dairy Queen, Edinboro, Wednesday, April 16, 2008, \$100.00 (Funds from WAMSAG); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Grade 6 students, to travel to Waldameer Park and Water World, Tuesday, June 3, 2008, \$1,930.00 (Funds from WAMSAG and students), and **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Grade 5 students, to travel to Town of Dry Gulch, Findley Lake, New York, Tuesday, June 3, 2008, \$1,263.00 (Funds from WAMSAG).

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

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

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

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

Declare Piano as Surplus – **Motion:** To declare the old piano at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center as surplus.

Miscellaneous

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

Mr. S. Rose commended the Middle School staff in regards to his son.

Board
Correspondence and
Dialogue

Mr. S. Rose also commended Mrs. Mullaney and Mr. Schultz and their staff regarding the fundraiser that was held for Sam Burns.

Mr. E. Rose relayed that an Executive session would be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

Executive Session

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

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary

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