

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of March 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, March 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, Kenneth Watkins, John Rzepka, Sue Afton, Elwin Rose, Eric Duda, Scott Rose, James Thompson, and Joseph Walko. Also in attendance were Mrs. Nancy Sadaly, Acting Superintendent, Mr. Thomas Rinke, Acting Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Administrator.

Roll Call

Minutes of the February 16, 2009 Regular Work Board meeting and minutes of the March 9, 2009 Regular Work session were reviewed.

Minutes

Motion for approval 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.

Darlene Todd, a parent, commended the bus drivers on their excellent driving in the bad weather in an effort to get the students to school.

Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Vallimont gave a brief report.

Mrs. Sadaly relayed that due to the excellent teamwork of staff, the play presentation, the recent Medal of Honor conference, and the beginning of the PSSA testing was a great success.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$2,712,535.35 as of February 28, 2009 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of February 28, 2009.

Treasurer's Reports/Payment of Bills

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$126,162.97, Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$423,032.80, General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$114,695.58; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A3" to be \$603,401.52, and Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$35,411.10.

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

Seneca High School Activity Fund/
Special Revenue Report

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$59,401.14 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$2,846.37.

Mr. Maksimuk gave a brief update on the budget for next school year.

Budget Update

Local Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008 – **Motion:** To approve Local Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 as prepared by Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C. (local auditors).

Finance

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

Finance (cont’d)

Erie County Tax Claim Bureau – Exhibit F – Motion: To approve the Delinquent Tax Resolution.

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

Utilization of School Facilities – Motion: To approve the Wattsburg Area Little League to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for Little League pictures, Wednesday, May 20, 2009 (No cost to District) and **Motion:** To approve Wrestling Club to use the facilities at Seneca High School Thursday, April 2, 2009 for a Banquet (No Cost to District).

Building and Grounds

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

Human Resources/Payroll Secretary – To appoint ____ as Human Resources/Payroll Secretary at a salary of \$26,400.00, effective ____.

Personnel

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

Resignations – Motion: To accept the resignation of Mrs. Sally Trayer, Campus Wide Housekeeper, effective March 15, 2009.

Salary Stipend – Motion: To approve a salary stipend of \$2,000.00 to Mr. Thomas Podpora for Acting Seneca High School Assistant Principal, of which \$1,000.00 to be paid on March 20, 2009 and \$1,000.00 to be paid on June 26, 2009.

Conference Requests – Mr. Don Pearce, Mrs. Jennifer Turner, Mr. Michael Ellicott, and Ms. Michelle Leone – MAGPI (Mid-Atlantic Gigapop in Philadelphia for Internet2) Training, Edinboro, Friday, March 27, 2009, \$160.00 (Funds from Staff Development); Mrs. Kristina Ohrn, Mr. James Logan, Ms. Donna Banks, Ms. Lindsey Ross, and Ms. Gretchen Ruprecht – LEARN Language Arts Academy, Edinboro, Monday, March 30, 2009, \$400.00 (Funds from Staff Development); Mrs. Kristen Ward, Mrs. Amanda Hernandez, Mr. Chris Boyd, and Mr. Steve Carter – LEARN Math Academy, Edinboro, Friday, April 17, 2009, \$240.00 (Funds from Staff Development); Mr. Vincent DiMichele, Ms. Maria Hvezda, Mrs. Barbara Burdick, Mrs. Jan Pelensky, Ms. Julie McGaughey, Mr. Chad Porter, Mr. Chris Ward, and Mrs. Sheri Hoffman – Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) Coordinating Committee Workshop, Edinboro, Monday, April 20, 2009, \$315.00 (Funds from Healthy Five Grant); Mr. Keith Miller, Mr. Tom Podpora, Ms. Betsy Gamble, and Mr. Tim Malinowski – Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) Coordinating Committee Workshop, Edinboro, Monday, April 20, 2009, \$80.00 (Funds from Healthy Five Grant); Mr. Vincent DiMichele – Why We Worry: Understanding and Treating Anxiety Disorders, Erie, Tuesday, April 21, 2009, \$75.00 (Funds from Guidance, Grades 5-8); Mrs. Marty Dean – The Erie Conference for Adobe Creative Suite Users, Erie, Thursday, April 30, 2009, \$217.00 (Funds from Administration); Mrs. Beth Bille and Mrs. Cindy Cass – The Erie Conference for Adobe Creative Suite Users, Erie, Thursday, April 30, 2009, \$430.00 (Funds from All, Grades K-12), and Ms. Jennifer Hinman – 36th Annual PA School

Librarians Association (PSLA) Conference, State College, Thursday, April 30, 2009 through Saturday, May 2, 2009, \$215.00 (Funds from Library, Grades 5-8).

Personnel (cont'd)

Additions to the Emergency Substitute Teachers' List – Exhibit G – Motion: To approve additions to the Emergency Substitute Teachers' List for 2008-2009 school year as outlined in **Exhibit G**.

Additions to the Teachers' Substitute Teachers' List – Exhibit H – Motion: To approve additions to the Teachers' Substitute Teachers' List for 2008-2009 school year as outlined in **Exhibit H**.

Approve I.U. #5 Daily Substitute Aide List for 2008-2009 – Exhibit I – Motion: To approve I.U. #5's Daily Substitute Aide List for the 2008-2009 school year as outlined in **Exhibit I**.

Additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List – Exhibit J – Motion: To approve additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2008-2009 school year as outlined in **Exhibit J**.

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

Approve the Second Reading of Policy 5122.11 – Positive Behavior Support Policy for Students Receiving Special Education Services – Exhibit K – Motion: To approve the second reading of Policy 5122.11. – Positive Behavior Support Policy for Students Receiving Special Education Services as outlined in **Exhibit K**.

Policy

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

Remove from the Table the School Calendar for 2009-2010 – Motion: To remove from the table the adoption of School Calendar for 2009-2010 school year.

Curriculum

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

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

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

Approve Prom for 2010 – Motion: To approve the date of May 15, 2010 for the Junior/Senior Prom for 2010 to be held at the Warner Theater.

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

Approve Emergency Day – Motion: To approve January 12, 2009 as an Emergency Day for the District.

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

Mr. McGarvey gave a presentation on the Introduction to the Jamestown Reading Navigator program. Mr. Schultz gave a report on the Maintenance Department. Mr. LaPlaca gave a brief report on the Technology Department. Barb Schock reported on the Transportation Department.

Principals' Special Reports

School Bus Bids – **Motion:** To approve one 24-passenger mini bus with a wheelchair lift at a cost of \$74,871.00 and one 24-passenger mini bus at a cost of \$69,121.00 to Myers Equipment for the 2009-2010 school year.

Transportation

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. Watkins, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve one 72-passenger school bus at a cost of \$74,950.00 to Blue Bird Bus Sales of Pittsburgh for the 2009-2010 school year. It should be noted that Wolfington was the low bid, but did not meet specifications on the diesel engine.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. E. Rose, seconded by Mr. Watkins. 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. E. Rose, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Autistic Support students, Grades K-5, to travel to Therapeutic Riding Equestrian Center, Fairview, on the following Tuesdays:

- March 24, 2009
- March 31, 2009
- April 14, 2009
- April 21, 2009
- April 28, 2009
- May 5, 2009
- May 12, 2009.

Cost is \$115.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School AFJROTC students, Grades 9-12, to travel to Kent State University, Kent, Ohio for a field day, Saturday, March 28, 2009, \$470.00 (Funds from AFJROTC); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to WalMart, Salvation Army, Library at Millcreek Mall, Joe’s, and Jelly Belly, Erie, Friday, April 3, 2009, \$95.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center 2nd Grade students to travel to Tom Ridge Environmental Center and Old Country Buffet, Wednesday, April 15, 2009, \$1,224.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School AFJROTC, Grades 9-12, to travel to Pittsburgh International Airport, Pittsburgh, Thursday, April 16, 2009, \$489.00 (Funds from AFJROTC Funds); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to Asbury, Legman’s, and Papa Joe’s, Erie, Friday, April 17, 2009, \$112.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Business Academy students, Grades 11-12, to travel to Erie Business Center and Tri-State Business Institute, Erie, Friday, April 17, 2009, \$102.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Student Ambassadors, Grades 11-12, to travel to Gannon University, Erie, Wednesday, April 22, 2009, \$90.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center 3rd Grade students to travel to Tinseltown USA, Erie, to view an educational film, Thursday, April 23, 2009, \$570.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to WalMart, YMCA, and CiCi’s Pizza, Harborcreek, Friday, April 24, 2009, \$93.00 (Funds

from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School YES students, Grade 12, to travel to Warren Steel Company, Erie, to tour plant, Monday, April 27, 2009, \$77.00 (Funds from School to Career Grant); **Motion:** To approve St. Boniface School students, Grades 5-6, to travel to Presque Isle and Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Tuesday, April 28, 2009, \$140.00 (Funds from St. Boniface School); **Motion:** TO approve St. Boniface School students, Grades 7-8, to travel to WLD Ranch, Girard, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, \$140.00 (Funds from St. Boniface School); **Motion:** To approve St. Boniface School students, Grades K-4, to travel to Warner Theatre, Erie, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, \$65.00 (Funds form St. Boniface School); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Autistic Support students, Grades K-5, to travel to McLane Church for 6th Annual Autistic Class Talent Show and Wigney Farm, Edinboro, Friday, May 8, 2009, \$123.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Grade 6, to travel to Waldameer, Erie, Thursday, June 4, 2009, \$12.50 per student plus \$376.00 for Busing (Funds from Students and Student Activities Account), and **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Grade 5, to travel to Town of Dry Gulch, Findley Lake, New York, Monday, June 8, 2009, \$995.00 (Funds from WAMSAG).

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

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations – **Motion:** To accept the resignation of Mr. Joe Craig as Head Girls’ Basketball Coach and 7th/8th Grade Girls’ Basketball Coach, effective February 16, 2009 and **Motion:** To accept the resignation of Ms. Darlene Black as Assistant Director of the Seneca High School Marching Band, effective March 2, 2009.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

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

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

Hours for Intramural Coaches – **Motion:** To approve the change of hours for the 7th/8th Grade Boys’ Soccer and 7th/8th Grade Girls’ Soccer Intramurals coaches from 40 hours to 80 hours beginning with the 2008-2009 school year and **Motion:** To approve the change of hours for the Track and Field Pole Vault Intramurals Coach from 45 hours to 60 hours beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Approve Seneca High School Textbooks/Materials as Surplus – **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Textbooks/Materials as surplus.

Miscellaneous

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

Mrs. Sadaly updated the Board on the Homeless Policy.

Board
Correspondence and
Dialogue

Mr. S. Rose relayed that Act 60 will be providing monies for students with IEP’s in the near future.

Mr. E. Rose asked that the Board send a letter to the those involved with the recent play, commending everyone on their outstanding performance.

Board
Correspondence and
Dialogue (cont'd)

It was relayed that an Executive Session would be held at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Executive Session

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Duda, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary

