

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of March 17, 2008

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, March 17, 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: 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. Linda Smith and Scott Rose were absent.

Roll Call

Minutes of the February 18, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and minutes of the March 10, 2008 Regular Work session were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Rita Postelwaite questioned the Board as to the Act 80 days and snow make up days for this school year.

Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Vallimont gave a brief report.

Baily Crable, a third grader, addressed the Board regarding holding Spanish Club again as was done in the past. Mr. Badams relayed that the Club will soon be resuming.

At 7:42 p.m. a recess was held for the Board and those in attendance to view the Congressional Medal of Honor video. The meeting reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

Recess

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount as of \$3,413,788.69 as of February 29, 2008 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of February 29, 2008.

Treasurer's Reports, NOREBT Trust Report, Payment of Bills, Seneca High School Activity Fund/Special Revenue Report

Mr. Maksimuk noted the ending balance in the NOREBT Trust Report as of December 31, 2007 to be \$126,218.15.

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$97,076.39; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$760,029.58; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$114,740.00; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A3" to be \$575,448.38, and Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$38,945.99

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$62,653.96 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$5,750.19.

Erie County Area Vocational-Technical School Budget for 2008-2009 School Year – Exhibit F – Motion: To approve the 2008-2009 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 2008-2009 General Fund Budget includes total expenditures of \$5,962,115.00, with total district secondary program contributions of \$3,364,834.00, as outlined in **Exhibit F**.

Legal Advisement

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

Legal Advisement
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PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance – Exhibit G – Motion: To approve the adoption of the PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance as outlined in **Exhibit G**.

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

Per Capita Tax Exemptions – Exhibit H – Motion: To approve Per Capita Tax Exemptions as outlined in **Exhibit H**.

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

It was relayed that a meeting regarding Finance updates will be held on April 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

PDE 3074(a) – Self-Certification for Wattsburg Area Middle School Cafeteria Project – Exhibit I – Motion: To approve the submission of PDE 3074(a) – Self-Certification for Wattsburg Area Middle School Cafeteria Project as outlined in **Exhibit I**.

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

Utilization of School Facilities – Motion: To approve Wattsburg Wrestling Club to use the facilities at Seneca High School for a Club Banquet, Thursday, April 3, 2008 (No Cost to District).

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

Appointments – Motion: To appoint Mrs. Therese Elder as Campus Wide Housekeeper – 2nd Shift, Level IV, Class B Position, 6 ½ hours per day, 210 days per year, at a daily rate of \$9.93 per hour, effective March 18, 2008, **Motion:** To appoint Mrs. Pamela Swanson as Campus Wide Cafeteria Aide, Level III, Class C Position, 3 ¼ hours per day, 180 days per year, at a daily rate of \$9.06 per hour, effective March 18, 2008, and **Motion:** To appoint Mr. William Swanson as Campus Wide School Bus Aide, Level II, Class C Position, 3 ¼ hours per day, 180 days per year, at a daily rate of \$9.06 per hour, effective March 18, 2008.

Personnel

Family Medical Leave – To approve a Family Medical Leave for Mrs. Kristina Shelley, effective March 28, 2008 through the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

Conference Requests – Mr. Jay Badams, Mr. Keith Miller, Mr. Robert LaPlaca, and Mr. John Praetzel – Classroom for the Future Grant Conference, Pittsburgh, Thursday, February 28, 2008 (No Cost to District) (Act 48); Mr. Keith Miller, Ms. Maria Hvezda, Mr. Jim Tonks, and Mr. Tom Podpora – Truancy Reduction Strategies and The Truancy

BEC: A Workshop with State and Local Connections, Edinboro, Friday, April 4, 2008, \$91.00 (Funds from Principals', Grades 9-12, and Guidance, Grades 5-8 Accounts) (Act 48); Mrs. Sandra Metzler – PTI High School Teacher Workshops: Video Production, Oakdale, Thursday, April 10, 2008, \$219.00 (Funds from English, Grades 9-12) (Act 48); Mrs. Chris Chapman and Mrs. Jackie Wismer – Instructional Coaches Council, Edinboro, Monday, April 14, 2008, \$183.00 (Funds from Principals' Account, Grades K-4) (Act 48); Mrs. Cheryl Krider – Discipline of Students with Special Needs in PA, Pittsburgh, Thursday, April 17, 2008, \$492.00 (Funds from Business, Grades 9-12) (Act 48); Ms. Ayrn Herron – Services for Teens at Risk, Pittsburgh, Friday, May 9, 2008, \$191.00 (Funds from Guidance, Grades 9-12); Mrs. Beth Bille and Mrs. Marty Dean – The Erie Conference for Adobe Creative Suite Users, Monday, May 12, 2008, \$442.00 (Funds from All, Grades K-12), and Mrs. Betty Jones – Personnel Meeting, Edinboro, Thursday, March 27, 2008, \$23.00 (Funds from Administration).

Personnel (cont'd)

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

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

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

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

Approve the First Reading of the Revision of Policy PDE 3513 – Utilization of School Facilities – Exhibit P – Motion: To approve the first reading of the revision of Policy PDE 3513 – Utilization of School Facilities and the Utilization of School Facilities Form – **Exhibit P**.

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

Approval of School Calendar for the 2008-2009 School Year – Exhibit M – Motion: To approve the School Calendar for the 2008-2009 School Year as outlined in **Exhibit M**.

Curriculum

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

Change Location of After School Tutoring Program – Motion: To change the location of the after school tutoring program at Sunny Acres Trailer Park to the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

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

Literacy Collaborative Recommendation – Motion: To discontinue our formal participation in the Ohio State Literacy Collaborative.

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

Curriculum
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Student Activities Requests – **Motion:** To approve the addition of two more Seneca High School Business students to attend Women in Leadership Development Conference, Thursday, March 13, 2008, \$110.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account) and **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Susan Nolan and six Seneca High School Student Council students to travel to Cranberry High School, Seneca, PA, for a Student Council Conference, Friday, March 28, 2008, \$215.00 (Funds from Student Council and Substitute Accounts).

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

Mr. Miller reported on Seneca High School. Mr. Podpora gave a report on Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mr. Porter gave an update on Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Mr. Schultz reported on the Maintenance Department. Mrs. Mullaney gave a brief report on the cafeteria. Barb Schock gave an update on the Transportation Department. Robert LaPlaca reported on the Technology Department, and Mrs. Hengelbrook gave a brief report.

Principal's Special Reports

It was relayed that a Technology Committee meeting will be held on April 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Technology

Transportation Requests – **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 29, 2008, \$805.00 (Funds from ROTC); **Motion:** To approve St. Boniface School, Grades K-12, to travel to Warner Theater, Erie, Friday, April 4, 2008, \$70.00 (Funds from St. Boniface – PTS); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School AFJROTC students, Grades 9-12, to travel to Pittsburgh to visit an Air Reserve/Air National Guard Base, Thursday, April 17, 2008, \$955.00 (Funds from ROTC); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Science and Health Academy students, Grades 9-12, to travel to Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, \$730.00 (Funds from Careers and Substitute Accounts), and **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Young Women in Mathematics' students, Grade 7, to travel to Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, Erie, Tuesday, May 13, 2008, \$267.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts).

Transportation

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

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations – **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Mr. Vern Roberts, as JV Wrestling Coach, effective February 10, 2008.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

Open 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach Position – **Motion:** To open the position of 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2008-2009 school year.

Additions to the Volunteer Coaching List – Exhibits N and O – Motion: To approve additions to the Volunteer Coaching List for 2008-2009 as outlined in **Exhibit N** and **Motion:** To approve additions to the Volunteer Coaching List for 2007-2008 as outlined in **Exhibit O**.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular (cont'd)

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

Mr. E. Rose relayed that at Executive session would be held at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss negotiations issues.

Executive Session

Mr. E. Rose commented on the outstanding performance of the students in the recent musical.

Board Correspondence and Dialogue

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. Duda, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary