

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of March 19, 2006

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, March 19, 2007 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, Kerry Duncan, John Rzepka, David Hinz, Joseph Walko, Eric Duda, Scott Rose, James Thompson, and Elwin Rose. Also in attendance were Frank Bova, Superintendent, Dr. Lee Constantine, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Manager.

Roll Call

Minutes of the February 19, 2007 Regular Board Meeting, minutes of the March 12, 2007 Regular Work session, and minutes of the March 12, 2007 Special Board Meeting were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Mr. Frank, the new middle school social studies teacher, was introduced to the Board.

Recognition of Visitors

Mrs. Hengelbrok's students presented to the Board the recent reading/writing grant project which they are working on.

Heather Spencer, a concerned parent, relayed her frustration regarding the reading problems her son is having. Mr. Bova asked her to contact him regarding this.

Keith Percy, a parent, addressed the Board regarding the following: When developing the school calendar, why not allow for more snow days, who develops the school calendar, and he feels that the bus parking lot needs to be made safer in winter weather. The Board relayed that the administration develops the school calendar.

Mr. Vallimont asked if the school calendar coincides with the Vo-Tech school calendar. He asked if staff are encouraged to attend conferences, and relayed some of the upcoming conferences.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$3,329,108.17 as of February 28, 2007, and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$32,694.18 as of February 28, 2007.

Treasurer's Reports

Motion for approval of the Treasurer's Reports was made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. S. Rose. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted "Yes." Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Maksimuk reviewed the NOREBT Trust Report.

NOREBT Trust Report

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$117,370.77; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$361,260.76; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$101,611.35; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A3" to be \$523,752.40; Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$29,006.36, and Checks Already Written, Exhibit "B1" to be \$3,000.00.

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Thompson. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hinz, and Mr. Elwin Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills
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Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$62,245.48 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$4,603.78.

Seneca High School
Activity Fund/
Special Revenue
Report

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

Establish Administrative Salaries for 2006-2007 – **Motion:** To establish the following administrative salaries for the 2006-2007 school year:

Legal Advisement

Superintendent: \$108,552.00

Assistant Superintendent: \$100,866.00

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

Steve Maksimuk updated the Board on the installment payments.

Finance

Utilization of School Facilities – **Motion:** To approve American Legion Baseball (Senior Division) to use the facilities at Seneca High School for home baseball games and practice, Tuesday, May 22, 2007 through Tuesday, July 31, 2007 (No Cost to District).

Building and
Grounds

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

Retirement – **Motion:** To accept, with regret, the resignation of Dr. Rosalie P. Constantine for the purpose of retirement into the Pennsylvania School Employee’s Retirement System, pursuant to her letter of resignation dated March 7, 2007, and contract of employment as Assistant Superintendent. The resignation shall be effective June 29, 2007.

Personnel

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

Appointments – **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Lynne Brozewicz as Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Principal’s Secretary, Level 1, Class B Position, 8 hours per day, 235 days per year, at \$11.61 per hour; **Motion:** To approve Ms. Julia Denial as a Class B Bus Driver, effective February 26, 2007; **Motion:** To approve Mr. David Keith as Campus Wide Housekeeper – 2nd Shift, Level IV, Class A Position, 8 hours per day, 260 days per year, at \$9.66 per hour, and **Motion:** To approve Keith Miller as Assistant Principal and Truancy Officer, at a salary of \$62,000.

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

Conference Requests – Mrs. Molly Bean and Mr. Curt Spicher – Train the Trainer, Erie, Friday, March 23, 2007, \$160.00 (Funds from Health/Physical Education, Grades 5-8 Account) (Act 48); Mrs. Jan Pelensky – Project Achieve, Edinboro, Tuesday, March 27, 2007, \$22.00 (Funds from Guidance, Grades K-4) (Act 48); Mr. Tom Rinke –

Classrooms for the Future, Tuesday, March 27, 2007, Pittsburgh, \$131.00 plus tolls (Funds from Computers, Grades 9-12) (Act 48); Mrs. Jennifer Turner – Guided Reading: Strategies Just for the Intermediate Grades, Erie, Thursday, April 12, 2007, \$270.00 (Funds from Reading, Grade 5) (Act 48); Mr. Robert LaPlaca – Cyber Misbehavior: Computer Misuses and Computer Evidence in the Educational Setting, Meadville, Saturday, April 14, 2007, \$95.00 (Funds from Technology, Grades K-12); Mrs. Mary Nunemaker – Team-Building Mentoring and Coaching Skills for Managers and Supervisors, Erie, Monday, April 16, 2007, \$200.00 (Funds from Housekeeping Account); Mrs. Julie McGaughey – Gifted Networking – Hands-on Algebraic Strategies, Edinboro, Tuesday, April 17, 2007, \$37.00 (Funds from Gifted Account) (Act 48); Mrs. Lisa Zarger – Erie County School Nurse Spring Dinner and Annual Department of Pupil Service Meeting, Erie, Wednesday, April 18, 2007 (No Cost to District) (Act 48); Mrs. Julie McGaughey – PAGE Growing Up Gifted, Pittsburgh, Thursday, April 19, 2007 through Saturday, April 21, 2007, \$627.00 (Funds from Gifted, Grades K-12) (Act 48); Mrs. Linda Altimier – Mermaid Trouble: Autism and Adolescence, Erie, Friday, April 20, 2007, \$80.00 (No Cost to District) (Act 48); Mrs. Nicole Drabic – Share North West Regional Library Group Meeting, Waterford, Tuesday, May 8, 2007, \$80.00 (Funds from Library Account) (Act 48); Mrs. Gina Narducci – Advanced Placement Institute, Dayton, Ohio, Monday, June 25, 2007 through Friday, June 29, 2007, \$1,604.00 (Funds from Chemistry Science, Grades 10-12 Account) (Act 48); Mrs. Mary Beth Hengelbrok, Mrs. Andrea Hart, Mr. Doug McGarvey, Mr. Tom Rinke, Ms. Valerie Zampogna, Mrs. Sharon Gdaniec, Mr. Chad Porter, Mrs. Rebecca Whitman, and Ms. Jackie Wismer – Integrating Differentiated Instruction and Understanding by Design, Edinboro, Wednesday, June 27, 2007 through Thursday, June 28, 2007, Edinboro, \$300.00 (Funds from All, Grades K-12) (Act 48), and Ms. Kristina Shelley and Mrs. Shelley Ochterski – Literacy Collaborative Primary Training Team 2007 Summer Institute for Teachers, Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday, August 1, 2007 through Thursday, August 2, 2007, \$808.00 (Funds from Literacy, Grades K-1 Account) (Act 48).

Family Medical Leave – **Motion:** To approve a Family Medical Leave for Mrs. Charlotte Majerik, effective March 26, 2007.

Additions to the Teachers' Substitute List for 2006-2007 School Year – **Exhibit G** – **Motion:** To approve additions to the Teachers' Substitute List for the 2006-2007 school year as outlined in **Exhibit G**.

Additions to the Service Employee's Substitute List for 2006-2007 School Year – **Exhibit H** – **Motion:** To approve additions to the Service Employees' Substitute List for 2006-2007 school year as outlined in **Exhibit H**.

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

Approve First Reading of Revised Policy 5110 – General Attendance and Free Education – **Exhibit I** – **Motion:** To approve the First Reading of Revised Policy 5110 – General Attendance and Free Education as outlined in **Exhibit I**.

Approve First Reading of Revised Policy 5122 – Discipline and Conduct – Philosophy of Discipline – **Exhibit J** – **Motion:** To approve the First Reading of Revised Policy 5122 – Discipline and Conduct – Philosophy of Discipline as outlined in **Exhibit J**.

Approve First Reading of Revised Policy 5122.6 – Drugs, Alcohol, and Associated Items – **Exhibit K** – **Motion:** To approve the First Reading of Revised Policy 5122.6 – Drugs, Alcohol, and Associated Items as outlined in **Exhibit K**.

Personnel (cont'd)

Policy

Approve First Reading of Revised Policy 5124.6 – Extra-Curricular Activities Policy – **Exhibit L – Motion:** To approve the First Reading of Revised Policy 5124.6 – Extra-Curricular Activities Policy as outlined in **Exhibit L**.

Policy (cont'd)

Approve First Reading of Revised Policy 6191 – Curriculum Extension – Philosophy of Discipline – **Exhibit M – Motion:** To approve the First Reading of Revised Policy 6191 – Curriculum Extension – Philosophy of Discipline as outlined in **Exhibit M**.

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

School Calendar for 2007-2008 – **Exhibit N – Motion:** To approve School Calendar as outlined in **Exhibit N**.

Curriculum

Motion to table the school calendar was made by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Rzepka. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Walko, and Mr. E. Rose. The following members voted “No”: Mr. Hinz, Mr. Duda, and Mr. S. Rose. Motion was carried.

Mr. Rinke reported on Seneca High School. Mr. McGarvey gave an update on Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mrs. Rullo gave a brief report on Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Mr. Schultz updated the Board on the Maintenance Department. Mr. LaPlaca reported on the Technology Department. Barb Schock updated the Board on the Transportation Department. Mrs. Hengelbrok gave a brief report.

Principals’ Special Reports

Kim Wolf, a parent, gave the Board her input regarding the school calendar.

Rebecca Percy, a senior student from Seneca, relayed her concerns regarding the “No Child Left Behind Act” and her thoughts that some of the special education students do not receive the full help that is needed. She also gave input regarding the school calendar.

Transportation Requests – **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Academic Competition, Grades 11-12 students, to travel to Cambridge Springs High School for a Cross-curricular Quiz Bowl on Monday, March 26, 2007, \$485.00 (Funds from Students, Student Activities, and Substitute Accounts); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Grade 6 students, to travel to St. Patrick’s Church, St. Peter’s Cathedral, and the Golden Corral, Erie, Monday, April 2, 2007, \$866.00 (Funds from Students and Teachers); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mrs. Whitman’s and Ms. Sierota’s Grade 1 students, to travel to Hamot Hospital and Presque Isle – Stull Interpretive Center, Erie, Friday, May 25, 2007, \$100.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mr. Pearce’s Grade 4 students, to travel to Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, NY, Wednesday, May 30, 2007, \$686.00 (Funds from Colonial Market Project, Chaperones, and Teachers); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mr. Pearce’s Grade 4 students, to travel to Hornby School, Greenfield Township, Friday, June 1, 2007, \$85.00 (Funds from PTO), and **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School AFJROTC to travel to Pittsburgh International Airport, Friday, April 13, 2007, to attend an Open House, \$370.00 plus meals (Funds from AFJROTC Account)

Transportation

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

Transportation
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Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations – **Motion:** To accept the resignation for Mr. Jack Bunja, Boys’ Co-Head Track and Field Coach – (23 1/3%); **Motion:** To accept the resignation of Mr. Brad Huck, Track and Field Coach – First Assistant (75%); **Motion:** To accept the resignation for Ms. Kristina Rowley, 7/8th Grade Boys’ Soccer Coach, Intramurals, 40 hours, per bargaining unit agreement, and **Motion:** To accept the resignation for Ms. Kate Johansen, 25% Track and Field First Assistant Coach.

Athletic/
Extra-Curricular

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments for 2006-2007 – **Motion:** To approve Ms. Rebecca Piotrowski as 7/8 Grade Boys’ Soccer Coach, Intramurals, 40 hours, per bargaining unit agreement, **Motion:** To approve Ms. Arete Calabrese as French Club Advisor for the remainder of the 2006-07 school year, and **Motion:** To approve the following intramural appointments for Spring 2007:

Tate Warren - Weightlifting, 24 hours total (six Saturdays for 4 hours each day) at Intramural contract rate.

Sharon Lorei and Stacy Cassano - Walking, 24 hours total (2 hours each day), after school beginning 2:45 p.m. at Intramural contract rate.

Julie Kosin - Dance, 12 hours total (2 hours each day), after school beginning 2:45 p.m. at Intramural contract rate.

Stacy Cassano - General Exercise, 12 hours total (2 hours each day), after school beginning 2:45 p.m. at Intramural contract rate.

Additions to Volunteer Coach List for 2006-2007 – **Exhibit O** – **Motion:** To approve additions to Volunteer Coach List for the 2006-2007 school year as outlined in **Exhibit O**.

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

Approve Revised Student Rights and Responsibilities – **Exhibit P** – **Motion:** To approve the revised Student Rights and Responsibilities (Code of Student Conduct and Discipline) as outlined in **Exhibit P**.

Miscellaneous

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. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hinz, and Mr. E. Rose. The following member voted “No”: Mr. Rzepka. Motion was carried.

Mr. S. Rose briefly discussed the curriculum/reading issue regarding several students.

Board
Correspondence and
Dialogue

Mr. Vallimont commented on the necessity of an Aide for special education students.

Ms. Heather Spencer again stressed her frustration regarding her son’s reading problems. It was suggested by the Board for her to set up an appointment to discuss this further with Mr. Bova and Mrs. Rullo.

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Hinz, seconded by Mr. S. Rose, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary

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