

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of April 17, 2007

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, April 17, 2007 at Wattsburg Area Middle School.

Mr. Elwin Rose called the meeting to order at 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 and Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Manager. Dr. Lee Constantine, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Scott Rose were absent.

Roll Call

Minutes of the March 19, 2007 Regular Board Meeting, minutes of the March 15, 2007 Special Board Meeting, minutes of the March 7, 2007 Special Board Meeting, and minutes of the April 9, 2007 Regular Work session were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Kelly Becker, parent, raised concern regarding her son getting an O.S.S. for threatening a student as opposed to getting an I.S.S. She felt the school personnel should have met with her and her son after the incident as opposed to just meeting with him.

Recognition of Visitors

Keith Percy, a parent, relayed that he is concerned about the condition of the bus garage/parking lot area. He was informed that the cost of repairs is being looked into.

Major Johnson and Sgt. Holmes reported on the ROTC program.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$1,773,846.67 as of March 31, 2007, and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$32,719.27 as of March 31, 2007.

Treasurer's Reports

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

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$60,291.65; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$1,029,708.39; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$90,233.24; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A3" to be \$6,113.96; Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$30,712.61, and Requisition – Direct Payment to be \$597.00.

Payment of Bills

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$64,855.43 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$810.00.

Seneca High School Activity Fund Report/Special Revenue Report

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

Real Estate Installment Taxes – Exhibit F – Motion: To approve resolution regarding Real Estate Installment Taxes as outlined in **Exhibit F**.

Legal Advisement

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

Legal Advisement
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Motion to accept Option #1 was made by Mr. Hinz, seconded by Mr. Duda. 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, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

PSBA Services – **Motion:** To retain the services of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to complete a Superintendent’s search.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Hinz seconded by Mr. Thompson. 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, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Utilization of School Facilities – **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Wrestling Club to use facilities at Wattsburg Area Middle School for a Wrestling Banquet, Thursday, April 26, 2007 (No Cost to the District) and **Motion:** To approve PMEA to use the facilities at Seneca High School for a PMEA Region II Chorus Festival, Wednesday, March 10, 2010 through Saturday, March 13, 2010 (Funds from PMEA, No Cost to District).

Building and Grounds

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

Campus Asphalt Repairs

Motion to approve Guarino Enterprises at an estimate of \$9,630.00 for asphalt repairs, sweeping, and tacking for the driveways and parking areas throughout the campus was made by Mr. Duncan, 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. Thompson, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Resignations – **Motion:** To accept the resignation for Mr. Jeremy Cosner, Client Technology Specialist, effective May 1, 2007 and **Motion:** To accept the resignation for Mrs. Jennifer Post, Cafeteria Aide, effective April 4, 2007.

Personnel

Appointments – **Motion:** To approve Ms. Nancy Eibl as Seneca High School Support Secretary, Level II, Class B Position, 8 hours per day, 205 days per year, at a salary of \$10.77 per hour, effective April 2, 2007, **Motion:** To approve Ms. Denise Hackenberg as Campus Wide Housekeeper – 2nd Shift, Level IV, Class B Position, 8 hours per day, 210 days per year, at a salary of \$9.66 per hour, effective April 16, 2007, and **Motion:** To approve Ms. Therese Elder as District Wide Cafeteria Aide, Level III, Class C Position, 3 ¼ hours per day, 180 days per year, at a salary of \$8.82 per hour.

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

Conference Requests – Mr. Christopher Boyd, Mr. Tom Rinke, Mrs. Kristin Williams, Mr. Doug McGarvey, Mr. Chad Porter, Mrs. Bobbi Hurd, and Dr. Lee Constantine – Developing Your School District’s Career Education and Work Standards Toolkit, Titusville, Thursday, April 26, 2007 through Friday, April 27, 2007, \$320.00 (Funds from Careers, Grades K-12) (Act 48); Mrs. Julie Canter – Watershed Science through the Visual Arts, Erie, Thursday, May 3, 2007, \$95.00 (Funds from Science, Grades 9-12) (Act 48); Mr. Donald Pearce – Innovative Teaching Grant Award Presentation, Philadelphia, Friday, May 18, 2007, \$80.00 (Funds from WEA) (Act 48); Mr. Doug

McGarvey and Mrs. Marty Dean – Cybertrack Training, Edinboro, Thursday, May 24, 2007, \$440.00 (Funds from All, Grades K-12) (Act 48); Mrs. Lori Dellamedaglia and Mrs. Bobbi Hurd – Lakota Literacy View Reading and Writing Institute, West Chester, Ohio, Tuesday, June 19, 2007 through Friday, June 22, 2007, \$1,256.00 (Funds from Literacy, Grades 3-4) (Act 48); Mr. Doug McGarvey, Mrs. Jan Pelensky, Mrs. Gina Rullo, Mr. Keith Miller, and Mr. Christopher Boyd – Designing and Implementing a School-Wide Behavior Program, Edinboro, Wednesday, June 20, 2007 (No Cost to District) (Act 48); Ms. Cecilia Polumbo – PA Governor’s Institute for Life Science Education, Huntingdon, PA, Sunday, July 8, 2007 through Friday, July 13, 2007, \$218.00 (Funds from Science, Grades 9-12) (Act 48); Mr. Ray Ng – Advanced Placement Summer Institute, Meadville, Monday, July 9, 2007 through Thursday, July 12, 2007, \$853.00 (Funds from Math, Grades 11-12) (Act 48), and Mrs. Jackie Wismer – Literacy Collaborative Training, Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday, October 30, 2007 through Thursday, November 1, 2007, and Tuesday, February 19, 2008 through Thursday, February 21, 2008, \$1,614.00 (Funds from Literacy, Grades 3-4) (Act 48).

Family Medical Leave – To approve a Family Medical Leave for Ms. Rebecca Lazarz, Bus Driver, effective March 21, 2007.

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

Approve Second Reading of Revised Policy 5110 – General Attendance and Free Education - Exhibit H – Motion: To approve the Second Reading of Revised Policy 5110 – General Attendance⁴ and Free Education as outlined in **Exhibit H**.

Policy

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

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

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

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

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

Approve Participation in PSBA Policy Development Service – Exhibit M – Motion: To approve participation in PSBA policy development service at the cost of \$6,900.00 as outlined in **Exhibit M**.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Hinz. 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, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approve Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – **Motion:** To approve the Policy Committee Meeting Minutes dates March 19, 2007.

Policy (cont'd)

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

Remove from the Table Approval of School Calendar for 2007-2008 – **Motion:** To remove from the table the approval of School Calendar for 2007-2008.

Curriculum

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

School Calendar for 2007-2008 – **Exhibits N, O or P** – **Motion:** To approve **Exhibit P1** as the 2007-2008 School Calendar.

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

Ebbie Shores, a teacher, Diane White, Kelly Becker, Melissa Vallimont, parents, and two other parents voiced their input regarding the school calendar.

At this point in the meeting (8:33 p.m.) an Executive Session was called. The meeting readjourned at 8:48 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

Executive Session

Student Tuition Waived – **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Senior, Jessica Bachmaier, to finish her senior year at Seneca High School tuition waived.

Curriculum

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

Student Activities Requests – **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Mrs. Andrea Hart and six Grade 7 Math students to travel to Penn State – Erie, Tuesday, May 15, 2007, \$178.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Major Johnson and four AFJROTC students to travel to Ft. Dix, New Jersey, Summer Leadership School, Saturday, June 23, 2007 through Sunday, July 1, 2007, \$50.00 (Funds from Students and ROTC); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Chief Holmes and four AFJROTC students to travel to Edison, New Jersey, Summer Leadership School, Friday, July 6, 2007 through Saturday, July 14, 2007, \$50.00 (Funds from ROTC), and **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Chief Holmes, Major Johnson, and ten AFJROTC students to travel to Niagara Falls Reserve Base, New York, Summer Leadership School, Monday, August 13, 2007 through Friday, August 17, 2007, \$120.00 (Funds from ROTC).

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

Mr. Rinke reported on Seneca High School. Mr. McGarvey gave an update on Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mr. Porter 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. Mary Beth Hengelbrook reported on the upcoming negotiations session. Mrs. Mullaney gave a cafeteria update.

Principals' Special Reports

Transportation Requests – **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Career Academy, Grades 9-12, to travel to Penn State Behrend, Erie, Wednesday, April 18, 2007, \$100.00 (Funds from Careers Grant); **Motion:** To approve 18 Wattsburg Area Middle School Grade 6 students, to travel to Tom Ridge Center, Erie, Thursday, April 19, 2007, \$89.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School Grade 7, to travel to Cleveland Science Center, Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday, April 19, 2007, \$1,537.00 (Funds from WAMSAG); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Grade 4, to travel to Jerry Uht Park, Erie, Thursday, April 26, 2007, \$1,045.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Career Academy, Grades 9-12, to travel to Hamot Medical Center, Erie, Wednesday, May 2, 2007, \$95.00 (Funds from Careers Grant); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Career Academy, Grades 9-12, to travel to Vantage Home Medical Services, Great Lakes Institute, Erie Institute of Technology, and Toni and Guy’s, Erie, Thursday, May 10, 2007 \$93.00 (Funds from Careers Grant); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Grade 3, to travel to Health Fair/Polumbo Center, Erie, Wednesday, May 9, 2007 or Thursday, May 10, 2007, \$145.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Career Academy, Grades 9-12, to travel to WSEE TV 35, Erie, Friday, May 18, 2007, \$62.00 (Funds from Careers Grant); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mrs. Zawistowski’s Grade 4, to travel to Marx Toy Museum, McDonald’s, and Museum of G.E. History, Erie, Tuesday, May 22, 2007, \$242.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mr. Pearce’s Grade 4, to travel to Erie Maritime Museum, Brig Niagara, and Erie History Center, Erie, Tuesday, May 22, 2007, \$176.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mrs. Krol’s Grade 4, to travel to Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Planetarium, McDonald’s, and Edinboro Area Historical Society, Edinboro, Tuesday, May 22, 2007, \$219.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mrs. Dellamedaglia’s Grade 4, to travel to Troyer Farms, Brotherton’s Bridge, and Carini’s Restaurant, Waterford, Tuesday, May 22, 2007, \$207.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mr. Bennett’s Grade 4, to travel to Erie Firefighter Historical Museum, Watson-Curtze Mansion, and Erie Planetarium, Erie, Tuesday, May 22, 2007, \$237.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve St. Boniface School, Grades K-4, to travel to Tom Ridge Environmental Center and Presque Isle, Erie, Tuesday, May 22, 2007, \$110.00 (Funds from St. Boniface School); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Grade 4, to travel to Presque Isle State Park and Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Erie, Wednesday, May 23, 2007, \$608.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Grade K, to travel to Erie Zoo, Friday, May 25, 2007, \$250.00 (Funds from PTO), and **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Grade 2, to travel to Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Presque Isle State Park, and Waterworks Picnic Pavilion, Erie, Friday, May 25, 2007, \$880.00 (Funds from PTO and Students).

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

Seneca High School/Wattsburg Area Middle School Intramural Appointments for Session II – Spring 2007

Stacy Cassano - Volleyball (Co-ed) Position for six days after school from 2:45 p.m. for two hours each day (12 hours total) at the intramural contract rate.

Transportation

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

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

Athletic/Extra-Curricular (cont’d)

Re-appointment of Wattsburg Area School District Board Representative to the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors – **Motion:** To re-appoint Mr. Elwin Rose as the Wattsburg Area School District representative to the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Board of Directors for the term, June 30, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

Northwest Tri-County – Mr. Elwin Rose

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

Mrs. Zawistowski reported on a conference which she and Judy Metzler recently attended.

Board Correspondence and Dialogue

Kelly Becker, a parent, commented on how difficult the student’s report cards are to read. Mr. Bova stated that this is in the process of being upgraded.

Kelly Becker stated she was impressed with the numerous teachers from Wattsburg who have received Golden Apple Awards.

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary