

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of May 18, 2009

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, May 18, 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: Sue Afton, Eric Duda, Elwin Rose, John Rzepka, Linda Smith, James Thompson, Kenneth Watkins, and Joseph Walko. Also in attendance were Nancy Sadaly, Acting Superintendent, Mr. Thomas Rinke, Acting Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Administrator. Scott Rose was absent.

Roll Call

Minutes of the April 20, 2009 Regular Board Meeting and minutes of the May 11, 2009 Regular Work session were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Ms. Jan Selinger, a parent of a special needs student, relayed that she found the co-principal as extremely kind and very supportive. She asked if it was possible for parents to evaluate principals.

Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$1,386,200.22 as of April 30, 2009 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of April 30, 2009.

Treasurer's Reports, Payment of Bills

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$155,971.89; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$939,684.15; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$112,483.72; Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$31,539.01, and Cafeteria bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$150.00.

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$73,685.77 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$1,472.65.

Seneca High School Activity Fund/ Special Revenue Report

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

Elect Treasurer for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year – **Motion:** To elect Northwest Savings Bank (Wattsburg Branch) as the Wattsburg Area School District Treasurer for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and to authorize Ms. Jeanette Reynolds to be the designated signatory.

Legal Advisement

Designation of Depository for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year – **Motion:** To approve the Northwest Savings Bank (Wattsburg Branch) as the Wattsburg Area School District Depository for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Appointment of School District Solicitor for 2009-2010 – **Motion:** To appoint the firm of Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall, and Sennett with Ms. Christine McClure as the

School District's solicitor and Mr. Mark Kuhar as the Labor Relations' solicitor for the 2009-2010 school year.

Legal Advisement
(cont'd)

Appoint Current Delinquent Per Capita and Earned Income Tax Collector for 2009-2010 – **Motion:** To appoint Berkheimer Associates as the current delinquent per capita and earned income tax collector for the 2009-2010 school year.

Appointment of School Board Secretary – **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mr. Stephen Maksimuk as School Board Secretary for the Wattsburg Area School District for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

Appointment of Assistant School Board Secretary – **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mr. Eric Duda as Assistant Board Secretary for the Wattsburg Area School District beginning July 1, 2009 through the next School Board Reorganization Meeting on December 7, 2009.

Appointment of Board Recording Secretary – **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mrs. Betty Jones as Board Recording Secretary for the Wattsburg Area School District beginning July 1, 2009 through the next School Board Reorganization Meeting on December 7, 2009.

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

Commission Date Change – **Motion:** To approve a resolution to identify the term of Mrs. Nancy J. Sadaly as Assistant Superintendent from September 15, 2008 through September 14, 2011 to meet guidelines of the law.

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

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

Finance

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

Adoption of Proposed Final Budget for 2009-2010 – **Motion:** To approve the proposed final General Fund Budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year in the amount of \$20,546,007.00 and to authorize the Secretary to post the following notice:

The Board of Directors tentatively approved the proposed final budget for the Wattsburg Area School District for the fiscal year 2009-2010 on May 18, 2009. A copy of said budget in the amount of \$20,546,007.00 is open for inspection by the public Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the District Administration Office, 10782 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509. Adoption of the final budget is scheduled for June 22, 2009 at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

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. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Athletic Supply Bids – **Exhibit G** – **Motion:** To award Athletic Supply Bids as outlined in **Exhibit G**.

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

Finance (cont’d)

Carpet Replacement at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center – **Motion:** To approve J’s Flooring Center for the purchase and installation of carpet at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for the 2009-2010 school year at a cost of \$144,705.00. Project pricing through the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA). Note: Funding for this project from the State Fiscal Stabilization Grant.

Building and Grounds

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

Utilization of School Facilities – **Motion:** To approve I.U. Bus Rodeo organization to use the district facilities for the Bus Rodeo, Saturday, April 24, 2010 (No Cost to the District) and **Motion:** To approve Lake Erie Fanfare to use the facilities at Seneca High School for housing for visiting Drum and Bugle Corps, Monday, June 29, 2009, \$104.00 (Funds from Lake Erie Fanfare).

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

Declare 1993 Red Chevrolet Dump Truck as Surplus – **Motion:** To declare the 1993 Red Chevrolet Dump Truck as Surplus.

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

Hiring of District Superintendent – **Exhibit H** – **Motion:** To approve the hiring of Mrs. Nancy J. Sadaly as Superintendent of the Wattsburg Area School District for a four-year term commencing on July 1, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2013 at a salary of \$106,000 for the 2009-2010 school year, and in accordance with the Superintendent’s contract in **Exhibit H**.

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

Hiring of District Assistant Superintendent – **Exhibit I** – **Motion:** To approve the hiring of Mr. Thomas M. Rinke as Assistant Superintendent of the Wattsburg Area School District for a five-year term commencing on July 1, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2014 at the salary of \$97,000 for the 2009-2010 school year, and in accordance with the Assistant Superintendent’s contract in **Exhibit I**.

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

Resignations – **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Ms. Jennifer Hinman as Wattsburg Area Middle School Librarian, effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year

and **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Mr. Douglas McGarvey as Wattsburg Area Middle School Principal, effective June 12, 2009.

Personnel (cont'd)

Appointments – **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Summer School Teaching Appointments as follows:

Mrs. Susan Nolan	Math
Mr. Mike Grove	Math (Alternate)
Ms. Cecilia Polumbo	Science
Mrs. Julie Canter	Science (Alternate)
Mr. Steve Carter	Social Studies
Mr. Mark Shields	English
Mr. Paul Semrau	English (Alternate)
Mr. Steve Carter	Computer Skills/Careers
Ms. Kristi Gnibus	Computer Skills/Careers (Alternate)

Tuition Reimbursement – **Exhibit J** – **Motion:** To approve Tuition Reimbursement stipends as outlined in **Exhibit J**.

Conference Requests – Mrs. Rebecca Heitzenrater – Career Development and Coaching Guidelines, Edinboro, Tuesday, June 2, 2009, \$25.00 (Funds from Special Education), Mr. Jeffery Gifford and Mr. Glenn Winkler – Water Analysis Workshop, Erie, Thursdays, July 23 and 30, 2009, \$689.00 (Funds from Maintenance Account), and Mrs. Rebecca Heitzenrater – PA Community on Transition Conference, State College, Wednesday, July 22, 2009 through Friday, July 24, 2009, \$125.00 (Funds from Special Education – High School).

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

Summer Maintenance Help – **Motion:** To approve the hiring of Mr. James Dempsey, Mr. Matt Brozewicz and Mrs. Fern Cotton as Summer Maintenance Helpers at a rate of \$8.00 per hour for the summer of 2009.

Summer Technology Help – **Motion:** To approve the hiring of Mr. Joe Grise and Mr. Matt Whitton as Summer Technology Helpers at a rate of \$8.00 per hour for the summer of 2009.

Leave of Absence – **Motion:** To approve a Leave of Absence for Mrs. Bari-Jill Fenno effective April 28, 2009, according to Article 5, Section K, No. 3, of the Wattsburg Educational Support Personnel Association ESPA/PSEA/NEA Local 2 Collective Bargaining Agreement and **Motion:** To approve a Leave of Absence for Mrs. Rebecca Groenendaal, effective May 22, 2009, according to Article 5, Section K, No. 3, of the Wattsburg Education Support Personnel Association ESPA/PSEA/NEA Local 2 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

Retirement – **Motion:** To accept, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Diane Willert, Health/Physical Education at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center/Wattsburg Area Middle School, effective June 12, 2009.

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. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approve First Reading for Revised Policy 6132 – Graduation Requirements/Required Courses – Exhibit M – Motion: To approve the First Reading for Revised Policy 6132 – Graduation Requirements/Required Courses as outlined in **Exhibit M**.

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

Approve First Reading for Policy 4111.1 – Professional – Best Hiring Practice – Exhibit N – Motion: To approve the First Reading for Policy 4111.1 – Professional – Best Hiring Practice as outlined in **Exhibit N**.

Approve First Reading for Policy 4311.1 – Administrative – Best Hiring Practice – Exhibit O – Motion: To approve the First Reading for Policy 4311.1 – Administrative – Best Hiring Practices as outlined in **Exhibit O**.

Approve First Reading for Revised Policy 6138 – Instruction – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy – Exhibit P – Motion: To approve the First Reading for Policy 6138 – Instruction – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy as outlined in **Exhibit P**.

Approve First Reading for Revised Policy 5128 – Students – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy – Exhibit Q – Motion: To approve the First Reading for Revised Policy 5128 – Students – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy as outlined in **Exhibit Q**.

Approve First Reading for Revised Policy 4131.2.1 – Personnel – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy – Exhibit R – Motion: To approve the First Reading for Revised Policy 4131.2.1 – Personnel – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy as outlined in **Exhibit R**.

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

Approve Seniors for Graduation – Exhibit S – Motion: To approve those seniors who meet all graduation requirements to receive a Seneca High School diploma as outlined in **Exhibit S**. Curriculum

Approve Participation in ITSS Efficacy Trial – Motion: To approve Wattsburg Area School District’s participation in the Department of Education Institute of Educational Sciences funded Intelligent Tutoring for the Structure Strategy (ITSS) Efficacy Trial.

Cyber Services Consortium – Exhibit T – Motion: To approve a Cyber Services Agreement with the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 for the 2009-2010 school year as outlined in **Exhibit T**.

Approval of Foreign Exchange Students for 2009-2010 School Year – Motion: To approve Youth for Understanding USA Grade 10 foreign exchange student, Benjamin Balslev from Valby, Denmark, to attend Seneca High School for the 2009-2010 school year and to reside with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid.

Free Lunch Participation and Activity Fee Waived for 2009-2010 – Motion: To approve free lunch participation and activity fees waived for all foreign exchange students for the 2009-2010 school year.

School Activities – Motion: To approve the attendance of Krishelle Herrmann at Seneca High School, to complete senior year, tuition waived.

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. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Change Graduation Requirements – **Motion:** To change the graduation requirements for Seneca High School from three science credits to four science credits for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Keith Miller gave a report regarding Technology at Seneca High School – Classrooms for the Future Teachers. Merribeth Hengelbrok, Kristi Gnibus, Tod Talbot, and Ann Heyer gave a brief report. Eric Schultz reported on the Maintenance Department. Robert LaPlaca reported on the Technology Department.

Transportation Requests – **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School, Your Employability Skills (YES) Grade 12 students, to travel to Custom Engineering and Cici’s, Erie, Monday, June 1, 2009, \$72.00 (Funds from School-to-Career Grant); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Grade K to travel to Erie Zoo, Tuesday, June 2, 2009, \$1,088.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Grade 2 students, to travel to Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Presque Isle Playground and Beach, Erie, Thursday, June 4, 2009, \$680.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve St. Boniface School, Grades K-4, to travel to Asbury Woods Nature Center, Erie, Thursday, June 4, 2009, \$115.00 (Funds from St. Boniface PTS); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mr. Pearce’s Grade 4 students, to travel to Fort Ligonier, Ligonier, PA, Thursday, June 4, 2009, \$1,043.00 (Funds from Colonial Market and PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Mrs. Hoffman’s and Mrs. Shaffer’s Grade 5 students, to travel to Hornby School, Greenfield Township, Thursday, June 4, 2009, \$88.00 (Funds from Students); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Grade 2 students, to travel to Troyer Farms, Waterford and Presque Isle State Park/Waterworks (picnic area, playground), Erie, Thursday, June 4, 2009, \$250.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Autistic Support Class, Grades K-5, to travel to Eat ‘n Park and Presque Isle, Erie, Friday, June 5, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mr. Pearce’s, Mrs. Dellamedaglia’s, and Mrs. Bank’s Grade 4 students, to travel to Eastway Lanes, Harborcreek Ponderosa, and East Side YMCA, Friday, June 5, 2009, \$200.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mrs. Zawistowski’s and Mrs. Hernandez’s Grade 4 students, to travel to Eastway Lanes, Harborcreek Ponderosa, and East Side YMCA, Friday, June 5, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Grade 4 students, to travel to Wattsburg Area Middle School for a transition tour, Wednesday, June 3, 2009, \$60.00 (Funds from Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Principals’ Accounts), and **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Autistic Support Class, Grade 9-12, to travel to Salvation Army or Shade’s Beach, Library at Mall, and WalMart, Friday, June 5, 2009, \$95.00 (Funds from I.U. #5).

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

Rescind Motion for Approval of 7th/8th Grade Boys’ Soccer Intramurals Coach Position for 2008-2009 – **Motion:** To rescind the motion for the approval of 7th/8th Grade Boys’ Soccer Intramurals Coach – 40 hours position for Mr. Alex Kimani from January 26, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Curriculum (cont’d)

Principals’ Special Reports

Transportation

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

Rescind Motion for Approval of 7th/8th Grade Girls' Soccer Intramurals Coach Position for 2008-2009 – **Motion:** To rescind the motion for the approval of 7th/8th Grade Girls' Soccer Intramurals Coach – 40 hours for Mr. Michael Ellicott from Exhibit I of June 16, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Athletic Appointments for 2008-2009 – **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mr. Alex Kimani as Second Assistant 7th/8th Grade Boys' Soccer Coach at Step 1, at a salary of \$1,702.00 for the 2008-2009 school year and **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mr. Michael Ellicott as Second Assistant 7th/8th Grade Girls' Soccer Coach at Step 2, at a salary of \$1,789.00 for the 2008-2009 school year.

Approval of Seneca High School Head Girls' Basketball Coach Position for 2009-2010 – **Motion:** To approve Mr. Thomas Crozier as Seneca High School Head Girls' Basketball Coach, Step 6, at a salary of \$5,382.00 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Resignations – **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Mr. Thomas Crozier as Seneca High School First Assistant (JV) Girls' Basketball Coach, **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Mr. Thomas Crozier as Wattsburg Area Middle School 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach – Intramurals – 80 Hours, and **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Mr. Rusty Yaple as 7th/8th Grade Wrestling (Second Assistant) Coach, effective at the end of the season.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments for 2009-2010 – **Exhibit U** – **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Athletic Appointments for 2009-2010 school year as outlined in **Exhibit U** - **Motion:** To approve Mr. Thomas Crozier as 8th Grade Girls' Basketball (Other Assistant) Coach, Step 6, at a salary of \$2,850.00 for the 2009-2010 school year, **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mr. Scott Smith Wattsburg Area Middle School 7th/8th Grade Wrestling (Second Assistant) Coach, Step 2, at a salary of \$2,471.00 for the 2009-2010 school year, and **Motion:** To correct the salary from \$1,780.00 to \$1,844.00, at Step 1, for Ms. Gina Cass as Assistant Band Director for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

Mr. Rose relayed that a thank you letter will be sent to Vo-Tech regarding the Board's tour of the school.

Erie Vo-Tech School

Adjournment

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Rose, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary