

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of May 19, 2008

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, May 19, 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: Linda Smith, Kenneth Watkins, John Rzepka, Sue Afton, Joseph Walko, Eric Duda, Scott Rose, 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.

Roll Call

Minutes of the April 21, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and minutes of the May 12, 2008 Regular Work session were reviewed.

Minutes

Motion for approval, with a correction to the Regular Board Meeting minutes, page 5, line 12, stating St. Boniface School Grades K-8 instead of K-12, was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Walko. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted "Yes." Motion was carried unanimously.

Tammy Kimmy, a parent, addressed the Board regarding if listening to music on radios has been banned from the school due to the fact that it is banned from buses. It was relayed that a policy is in the process of being written.

Recognition of
Visitors

On of the parents asked if the snow make up days have been put in the 2008-2009 school calendar. Mr. Badams relayed that they will be added.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount as of \$1,973,996.59 as of April 30, 2008 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of April 30, 2008.

Treasurer's Reports,
Payment of Bills

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$195,958.16; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$547,932.56; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$147,143.72; Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$28,457.87; Cafeteria Bills – Checks Already Written, Exhibit "B1" to be \$195.00, and Review Requisition – Reimbursement – Exhibit "C"1 to be \$31,596.66.

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$70,933.06 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$2,431.77.

Seneca High School
Activity Fund/
Special Revenue
Reportu

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

Elect Treasurer for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year – Motion: To elect Northwest Savings Bank (Wattsburg Branch) as the Wattsburg Area School District Treasurer for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and to authorize Ms. Jeanette Reynolds to be the designated signatory.

Legal Advisement

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

Designation of Depository for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year – **Motion:** To approve Northwest Savings Bank (Wattsburg Branch) as the Wattsburg Area School District Depository for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

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

Appointment of School District Solicitor for 2008-2009 – **Motion:** To appoint Ms. Christine McClure of Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall and Sennett as the school district’s solicitor for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Appoint Current Delinquent Per Capita and Earned Income Tax Collector for 2008-2009 – **Motion:** To approve Berkheimer Associates as the current delinquent per capita and earned income tax collector for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Adoption of Proposed Final Budget for 2008-2009 - **Motion:** To approve the proposed final General Fund Budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year in the amount of \$20,611,935.00 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 2008-2009 on May 19, 2008. A copy of said budget in the amount of \$20,611,935.00 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 23, 2008 at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

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

Athletic Supply Bids – Exhibit F – **Motion:** To award Athletic Supply Bids (See **Exhibit F**).

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

Motion: To award the General Construction bid for renovations to the Wattsburg Area Middle School Kitchen and Cafeteria to Eriez Construction at a bid amount of \$53,000.00, **Motion:** To award the Plumbing Construction bid for renovations to the Wattsburg Area Middle School Kitchen and Cafeteria to Scobell Company at a bid amount of \$11,960.00, and **Motion:** To award the Electrical Construction bid for renovation to the Wattsburg Area Middle School Kitchen and Cafeteria to Keystone Electric at a bid amount of \$15,753.00.

Legal Advisement
(cont’d)

Finance

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

Finance (cont’d)

Utilization of School Facilities – **Motion:** To approve Seneca Legion Baseball to use the facilities at Seneca High School for baseball games, Wednesdays, May 21, May 28, June 11, June 18, June 25, July 2, 2008, and Saturdays, May 24, May 31, June 7, June 14, June 21, and June 28, 2008 (No Cost to the District), **Motion:** To approve Seneca Summer Baseball Club to use the Athletic Fields in June and July 2008 for baseball games (No Cost to District), **Motion:** To approve Lake Erie Regiment to use the facilities at Seneca High School and fields by the road on Monday, June 30, 2008 (No Cost to District), and **Motion:** To approve Lake Erie Regiment to use the facilities at Seneca High School and fields by the road on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 (No Cost to District).

Building and
Grounds

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

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

Personnel

Mrs. Susan Nolan	Math
Mrs. Julie Canter	Science
Mrs. Betsy Gamble	Health/P.E.
Mr. Keith Miller	English
Mr. Christopher Ward	Social Studies

Leave – **Motion:** To approve a Childbirth Leave for Ms. Jaimi Mack according to Article 13C of the collective bargaining unit beginning April 30, 2008.

Conference Requests – Ms. Nancy Eibl – The Essentials of Managing the Front Desk, Erie, Wednesday, May 21, 2008, \$171.00 (Funds from Attendance, Grades 9-12 Account); Mrs. Serena Anderson – Introduction to Teaching Inquiry – Based Mathematics, Edinboro, Friday, May 23, 2008, \$80.00 (Funds from Math, Grades 5-8); Mrs. Julie Canter – Summer Advanced Placement Institute-Environmental Science, Monday, July 21, 2008 through Friday, July 25, 2008, \$2,399.00 (Funds from Project 720 Grant, Grades 9-12); Mrs. Janet Mullaney – School Nutrition Association National Conference, Philadelphia, Sunday, July 20, 2008 through Wednesday, July 23, 2008, \$1,225.00 (Funds from Cafeteria); Mr. Tom Rinke, Mr. Keith Miller, Mr. Doug McGarvey, and Mr. Tom Podpora – School Leader Development: Building 21st Century Schools, Edinboro, Wednesday, August 6, 2008 and Thursday, August 7, 2008, \$780.00 (Funds from All, Grades 5-12) (Act 48), and Mr. Tom Podpora and Special Education Teacher – What’s New: An Overview of Changes to Chapter 14 and Chapter 711, Edinboro, \$45.00 (Funds from Special Education, Grades K-12).

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

Extension of Bereavement Days – **Motion:** To approve a one-day extension of the bereavement leave for Mrs. Maria Hvezda.

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

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.

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

Personnel (cont'd)

Temporary Summer Bus Mechanic Appointment – Motion: To approve Mr. Robert Maleski to the position of temporary summer bus mechanic to power wash and undercoat buses from June 5, 2008 through July 31, 2008 at a rate of \$12.06 per hour with no benefits.

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

Mrs. Afton relayed that a Policy Committee meeting would be held on June 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Policy

Approval of Act 80 Days for the 2008-2009 School Year – Motion: To approve Act 80 Days for the 2008-2009 school year for parent conferences, staff development and dismissal at start of school year of a partial group of kindergarten students.

Curriculum

Wednesday, August 26, 2008 and Thursday, August 27, 2008	Kindergarten
Monday, October 13, 2008	Whole Day
Thursday, November 6, 2008	½ Day
Friday, November 7, 2008	½ Day
Friday, February 13, 2009	Whole Day
Friday, March 6, 2009	Whole Day
Thursday, April 2, 2009	½ Day
Friday, April 3, 2009	½ Day

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

Approval of Section 1502 Holidays for 2008-2009 – Motion: To approve the following Section 1502 holidays for the 2008-2009 school year:

- December 24, 2008
- December 26, 2008
- December 29, 2008
- December 30, 2008
- December 31, 2008
- January 1, 2009

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

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

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

Approve Junior/Senior Prom for 2008-2009 – Motion: To approve the Junior/Senior Prom for the 2008-2009 school year to be held at the Bayfront Convention Center on Saturday, April 18, 2009.

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

Curriculum (cont’d)

Mrs. Rullo reported on Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Mr. McGarvey gave a brief report on Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mr. Pierce thanked the Board for approving the upcoming Living History Day. Mr. Miller reported on Seneca High School. Mr. Schultz gave an update on the Maintenance Department. Robert LaPlaca gave an update on the Technology Department. Mrs. Mullaney gave a report on the Cafeteria.

Principals’ Special Reports

Approve Microsoft School Agreement – **Motion:** To approve participation in the Microsoft School Agreement at a total cost of \$20,900.00.

Technology

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

Award Bids for Desktops and Laptops – **Motion:** To approve Expert Computers for the laptop computers at a cost of \$108,605.35 and desktop computers at a cost of \$49,312.32.

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

Transportation Requests – **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School YES Class, Grade 12 students, to travel to Erie Insurance, Friday, May 16, 2008, \$161.00 (Funds from School to Career Grant); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mr. Shores’ Grade 2 students, to travel to Erie County Historical Society, Erie, Friday, May 23, 2008, \$121.00 (Funds from Recycling Can Collection and Parents); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School AFJROTC students to travel to Erie County Historical Society, Friday, May 23, 2008, \$70.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mrs. Burdick, Ms. Nies, Mrs. Yaple, and Mrs. Striney’s Grade 1 students to travel to Tom Ridge Environmental Center and Presque Isle, Erie, Thursday, May 29, 2008, \$605.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Shaffer’s Grade 5 students to travel to Hornby School, Thursday, May 29, 2008, \$75.00 (Funds from Students); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mr. Pearce’s Grade 4 students to travel to Fort Ligonier, Ligonier, PA and the Old General Store, Donegal, PA, Thursday, May 29, 2008, \$1,175.00 (Funds from Colonial Market and Mr. Pearce’s Class); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Autistic Support Class, Grades K-4, to travel to Eat’n Park, Presque Isle State Park, and Wendy’s, Erie, Friday, May 30, 2008, \$120.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Dellamedaglia, Mrs. Zawistowski, and Mr. Pearce’s Grade 4 students to travel to Eastway Bowling Lanes, Harborcreek Ponderosa, Eastside YMCA, Monday, June 2, 2008, \$210.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Grade 2 students to travel to Tom Ridge Environmental Education Center and Presque Isle Water Works, Erie, Monday, June 2, 2008, \$360.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Ms. Sierota and Mrs. Holland’s Grade K students to travel to Central Fire Station, Holland’s Dairy Queen, Peninsula, and Stull Interpretive Center, Erie, Monday, June 2, 2008,

Transportation

\$125.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. Himes' Grade 1 students to travel to Blasco Library, Tom Ridge Environmental Center, and Presque Isle Beach, Erie, Monday, June 2, 2008, \$125.00 (Funds from PTO), and **Motion:** To approve Mr. Bennett and Mrs. Simmons' Grade 4 students to travel to Eastway Bowling Lanes, Harborcreek Ponderosa, and Eastside YMCA, Tuesday, June 3, 2008, \$105.00 (Funds from PTO).

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

An Executive session was held at 8:36 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The meeting reconvened at 9:21 p.m.

Executive Session

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations – **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Mr. William Holmes as Department Head for Social Studies, effective the last day of the 2007-2008 school year, **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Mrs. Valerie Krahe as Class of 2009 Advisor, effective April 9, 2008, and **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Ms. Laura Vogel as Yearbook Advisor, effective April 9, 2008.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

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

Extra-Curricular/Athletic Appointments for 2008-2009 – **Exhibit K** – **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School/Wattsburg Area Middle School Athletic Appointments for the 2008-2009 school year as outlined in **Exhibit K**.

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

Approve Volunteer Coaching List for 2008-2009 – **Exhibit L** – **Motion:** To approve the Volunteer Coaching List for 2008-2009 as outlined in **Exhibit L**.

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

Game Help Appointments for 2008-2009 – **Motion:** To approve Game Help Appointments for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Open Volleyball Positions – **Motion:** To open the position of Seneca High School Head Volleyball Coach for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Motion: To open the position of Wattsburg Area Middle School 7th/8th Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Athletic/Extra-Curricular (cont’d)

Surplus Equipment – **Motion:** To declare the following equipment as surplus:

Miscellaneous

Universal Spartacus Machine, Multi Stack Station

Champion Barbell Leg Curl/Quad Extension

Red Incline Bench

Inverted Leg Press

Hack Squat

BodyPro 962 Bench

T-Bar Row Machine

Olympic Decline Bench

Various attachments and accessories

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

Mr. Rzepka asked that everyone remember the reason for Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th.

Board
Correspondence and
Dialogue

A few comments were made regarding the Athletic Director and the Volleyball position.

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. S. Rose, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary