

# WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Regular Meeting of June 18, 2007

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, June 18, 2007 at Wattsburg Area Middle School.

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, James Thompson, and Elwin Rose. Also in attendance was Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Manager. Mr. Frank Bova, Superintendent, Dr. Rosalie Constantine, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Scott Rose were absent.

Roll Call

Minutes of the May 21, 2007 Regular Board Meeting and minutes of the June 11, 2007 Regular Work session were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Mr. Vallimont gave a brief report. He also stressed the issue that he thinks there should be a Transition Coordinator for the district.

Recognition of Visitors

Henry Young, a parent, approached the Board regarding where the negotiation issues stand. Mr. Walko informed him of the status.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$990,750.52 as of May 31, 2007 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$32,774.00 as of May 31, 2007.

Treasurer's Reports,  
NOREBT Report,  
Payment of Bills

Mr. Maksimuk stated the ending balance in the NOREBT monthly financial report was \$312,943.90 and the ending balance in the wellness fund was \$3,496.22 as of 4/30/07.

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$154,758.05; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$859,442.50; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$104,932.06; Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$25,527.07; Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B1" to be \$420.36; Requisition – Direct Payment, Exhibit "C" to be \$89,381.50, and Requisition – Reimbursement, Exhibit "C1" to be \$1,160.00.

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

Collective Bargaining Unit – Resolved, that the Wattsburg Area School District hereby ratifies and approves the tentative agreement reached on May 29, 2007, between the respective negotiating committees on behalf of the District and the Wattsburg Education Support Personnel Association, Local 1/PSEA, NEA, and further that the Board President and Secretary are authorized to execute the collective bargaining agreement.

Legal Advisement

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

Appointments – Exhibit D – Motion: To approve Dr. Rosalie P. Constantine as Substitute Superintendent of the Wattsburg Area School District, commencing on July 9, 2007, and terminating on July 31, 2007, at a per diem rate of Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars as outlined in **Exhibit D**.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. Duncan. 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:** To employ Dr. Rosalie P. Constantine as Acting Superintendent of the Wattsburg Area School District, commencing on August 1, 2007, and terminating upon the commencement of the term of the successful candidate for Superintendent with the stipulation, however, that this term as Acting Superintendent shall be no longer than one (1) year from August 1, 2007, and that the rate to be paid shall be Four Hundred Fifty (\$450.00) per day as outlined in **Exhibit D**.

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

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

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

Penelec Outdoor Lighting – Motion: To approve Transfer of Property, Penelec Outdoor Lights, to the Wattsburg Area School District.

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

Utilization of School Facilities – Motion: To approve the Wattsburg Wrestling Club to use facilities at Wattsburg Area Middle School for practice from November 2007 through February 2008 (No Cost to District).

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.

Resignations – Motion: To accept the resignation of Mr. John Russell from Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Grade 3 position, effective at the conclusion of the 2006-2007 school year and **Motion:** To accept the resignation of Mr. Brad Huck from Wattsburg Area Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science position, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.

Appointments – Motion: To appoint Senior Master Sergeant Steven M. Pascuzzi, Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) to a 12-month contract for the 2007-2008 school year at a salary to be determined by Air Force regulations, **Motion:** To approve Mr. Mark Shields as English Teacher in the Seneca High School Summer School Program, and **Motion:** To approve Mr. Tate Warren at Seneca High School Health and Physical Education Teacher at Step 1, effective the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year.

Legal Advisement  
(cont’d)

Finance

Building and  
Grounds

Personnel

Business Administrator's Contract – **Motion:** To renew the contract of Mr. Steve Maksimuk as Business Administrator for a three year term at a salary of \$88,683 for the 2007-2008 school year.

Personnel (cont'd)

Conference Requests – Ms. Gina Rullo and Mr. Chad Porter – Principals' Council Meetings, Edinboro, Tuesdays, October 2, 2007, December 4, 2007, February 5, 2008, and April 22, 2008, \$87.00 (Funds from Principals' Account) (Act 48), Mr. Doug McGarvey, Ms. Gina Rullo, Mr. Chad Porter, and Mr. Keith Miller – Leadership Academy, 2007, Edinboro, Wednesday, August 1, 2007 through Thursday, August 2, 2007, \$469.00 (Funds from Professional Development), and Mr. James Tonks, Mrs. Jan Pelensky, and Mrs. Maria Hvezda – Bullying, Discrimination, Harassment, Hazing, and Whistle Blowing (Bernie Hoffman Workshop), Edinboro, Wednesday, August 22, 2007, \$156.00 (Funds from Counseling, Grades K-12) (Act 48).

Approve Superintendent's Attendance at Meetings – **Motion:** To approve the Superintendent's attendance for mileage reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2007-2008 school year:

1. I.U. Advisory Meetings
2. Vo-Tech Professional Advisory Council Meetings

Approve Assistant Superintendent's Attendance at Meetings – **Motion:** To approve the Assistant Superintendent's attendance for mileage reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2007-2008 school year:

1. Curriculum Meetings
2. Federal and Special Program Meetings

Approve Principals' Attendance at Meetings – **Motion:** To approve principal's attendance for mileage reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2007-2008 school year:

1. School to Career Meetings for Seneca High School Principal
2. Erie County Principals' Meetings for all principals

Tuition Reimbursement – **Exhibit F** – **Motion:** To approve tuition reimbursement stipends as outlined in **Exhibit F**.

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Walko. 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. A newsletter was distributed from Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mrs. Rullo gave a brief report on Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Mr. Schultz gave an update on the Maintenance Department. Barb Schock reported on Transportation. Mr. LaPlaca gave a brief report on the Technology Department. Mr. Vallimont suggested that a report on the state of student services be presented at superintendent meetings.

Principals' Special Reports

Transportation Requests – **Motion:** To approve the Seneca High School French Club, Grades 9-12 students, to travel to Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 through Sunday, April 20, 2008 (Funds from French Club and Substitute Account).

Transportation

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. Thompson. 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.

Athletic/Extra Curricular Appointments – **Motion:** To approve Mr. Tim Malinowski as Seneca High School Track and Field Coach (First Assistant) for the 2006-2007 school year at Step 1 at a salary in accordance with bargaining unit agreement; **Motion:** To approve Mr. James Caspar as Seneca High School Marching Band Director for the 2007-2008 school year at Step 6 at a salary in accordance with bargaining unit agreement; **Motion:** To approve Ms. Laura Whitton as Marching Band Front Advisor for the 2007-2008 school year at Step 1 at a salary in accordance with bargaining unit agreement; **Motion:** To approve Mr. Mike Ellicott for the Head Girls' Soccer Coach position for the 2007-2008 school year at Step 4 at a salary in accordance with bargaining unit agreement, and **Motion:** To approve Chief David Holmes as Assistant Girls' Soccer coach for the 2007-2008 school year at Step 2 at a salary in accordance with bargaining unit agreement.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

Athletic/Extra Curricular Resignations – **Motion:** To accept the resignation of Mr. Thomas Crozier as Wattsburg Area Middle School 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Other Assistant, effective May 12, 2007.

Additions to Volunteer Coaching List for 2007 – **Exhibit G** – **Motion:** To approve additions to the Volunteer Coaching List for 2007-2008 as outlined in **Exhibit G**.

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. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan – **Exhibit H** – **Motion:** To approve the Wattsburg Area School District Strategic Plan, 2007, as outlined in **Exhibit H**.

Miscellaneous

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

Mr. E. Rose relayed that an Executive Session would be held at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss negotiation issues.

Executive Session

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Rzepka, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye  
School Board Secretary

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