

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of July 16, 2007

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, July 16, 2007 at Wattsburg Area Middle School.

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

Roll Call

Minutes of the June 18, 2007 Regular Board Meeting, minutes of the June 25, 2007 Special Board Meeting, and minutes of the July 9, 2007 Regular Work session were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$1,296,199.53 as of June 30, 2007 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$32,801.85 as of June 30, 2007.

Treasurer's Reports,
Payment of Bills,
Seneca High School
Activity Fund/
Special Revenue
Reports

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$55,433.70; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$1,390,132.20; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$434,955.74, and Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$11,666.51.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$68,616.08 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$1,397.44.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$61,472.30 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$1,167.87.

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

Student Discipline Hearing – Motion: To adopt a resolution regarding a Student Discipline Hearing.

Legal Advisement

Seneca High School student is hereby expelled from the Wattsburg Area School District through January 17, 2008, which is the end of the first semester of the 2007-2008 school year, effective immediately. Upon return to Seneca High School at the commencement of the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year, this student is to be admitted under the following conditions:

1. She will be placed on probation through the end of the 2007-2008 school year.
2. Any serious infraction by this student or any violation of the terms and conditions of this adjudication shall result in immediate expulsion.

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

At 7:40 p.m. an Executive session was called. The meeting re-adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Executive Session

Mr. Duncan updated the Board on the Wattsburg Area Middle School/Wattsburg Area Elementary Center security system.

Outdoor Lighting – **Motion:** To award a quote from Keystone Electric in the amount of \$4,300.00 for transferring the outdoor lighting circuiting from the existing Penelec service to the School District’s facility.

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

Utilization of School Facilities – **Motion:** To approve Erie County Fair Organization to use the facilities at Seneca High School for the Queen’s Dinner, Saturday, August 4, 2007, at a cost of \$200.00 (Funds from the Erie County Fair Organization).

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

Appointments – **Motion:** To appoint Mr. Timothy Schweitzer to the position of Wattsburg Area Middle School Middle Level Science Teacher, Step 7 at a salary in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

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

Conference Requests – Mr. Stephen Maksimuk – PASBO – New 403b Regs, Pittsburgh (Mars), Friday, August 3, 2007, \$237.00 (Funds from Business Administrator’s Account); Mrs. Sharon Lorei and Mrs. Stacy Cassano – A.C.E.S. Professional Education Course, Erie, Monday, July 30, 2007 through Wednesday, August 8, 2007, \$180.00 each (Funds from Family Consumer Sciences, Grades 9-12) (Act 48); Mr. James Turko, Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. Ray Ng, and Mrs. Sue Nolan – Connected Math Training Workshop, Edinboro, Tuesday, August 21, 2007, \$120.00 (Funds from Math Account) (Act 48); Mr. Vincent DiMichele – Understanding and Responding to Self-Injury, Edinboro, Tuesday, August 21, 2007, \$52.00 (Funds from Guidance, Grades 9-12) (Act 48); Mrs. Chris Chapman – Literacy Collaborative Primary Professional Development, Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday, October 17, 2007 through Friday, October 19, 2007, \$2,242.00 (Funds from Literacy, Grades K-2 Funds) (Act 48), Mr. John Pretzel and Ms. Cindy Cass – 4Sight Technology Training 2007-2008, Pittsburgh, Wednesday, July 18, 2007, \$20.00 (Funds from All, Grades K-12), and Ms. Mary Kate O’Connell – Reading Recovery Training, Warren, Ohio, Monday, August 13 through Friday, August 17, 2007, Thursday, August 30, 2007, Tuesday classes during the 2007-2008 school year, \$6,788.00 (Funds from Reading, Grades K and 1) (Act 48).

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. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hinz, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Walko, and Mr. Thompson. Motion was carried unanimous

Compensation for Additional Duties – **Motion:** To compensate Mr. Thomas Rinke \$4,000.00 for additional duties assigned by the Superintendent and Board of Education during the 2006-2007 school year.

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

Building and
Grounds

Personnel

Salary Revisions – To revise the following 2007-2008 Supervisor salaries:

Ms. Barbara Schock to \$40,480.00

Mr. Eric Schultz to \$52,171.00

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

Resignations – **Motion:** To accept the resignation for Ms. Lisa Locke, Athletic Trainer, effective August 1, 2007, **Motion:** To accept the resignation for Mrs. Starla Thompson, Seneca High School Principals’ Secretary, effective August 3, 2007, and **Motion:** To accept the resignation for Mr. John Merkel, Bus Driver, effective July 10, 2007.

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

Revised School Calendar for 2007-2008 – **Exhibit F** – **Motion:** To approve the revision of the School Calendar for 2007-2008 as outlined in **Exhibit F**.

Outpatient Clinic (Achievement Center Satellite) – **Motion:** To acknowledge the development and implementation of a school-based outpatient Mental Health Satellite in collaboration with the Achievement Center.

Odyssey Math Study – **Motion:** To allow 4th grade students to voluntarily participate in an Odyssey Math Study authorized by the U.S. Department of Education’s Institute of Education Sciences and conducted by the Regional Education Lab – Mid-Atlantic and Compass Learning).

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

A Building and Grounds meeting was scheduled for August 20, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Transportation Requests – **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Grade K, to travel to Finney’s Pumpkin Farm, Tobin’s Pumpkin Farm, McDonald’s, and Troyer Farms, Cambridge Springs, Edinboro and Waterford, Tuesday, October 16, 2007, Wednesday, October 17, 2007, and Thursday, October 18, 2007, \$115.00 per bus each day (Funds from PTO).

Approve Buses as Surplus – **Motion:** To approve the following buses as surplus:

Bus #44 VIN#1HVBBABN4XH207823 Miles 138,187

Bus #38 VIN#1HVBBABNGXH652869 Miles 126,725

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

Athletic/Extra Curricular Resignations – **Motion:** To approve the resignation of J.J. Turner as 7th Grade Boys’ Basketball Coach and **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Mr. Walter Staab as Seneca High School Newspaper Advisor.

Personnel (cont’d)

Curriculum

Building and Grounds

Transportation

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

Athletic Appointments – **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mr. Joe Craig as Wattsburg Area Middle School 7th/8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach (Other Assistant), Step 6, at a salary in accordance with the collective bargaining unit agreement and **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mr. Tom Crozier as Wattsburg Area Middle School 7th/8th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, Intramurals, 80 Hours at a salary in accordance with the collective bargaining unit agreement.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular
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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. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Hinz, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Walko, and Mr. Thompson. Motion was carried unanimously.

Student Activities Fees and Athletic Contest Admission Fees for the 2007-2008 School Year – **Motion:** To approve the Activity Fee of \$30.00 per student for Seneca High School students and \$20.00 per student for Wattsburg Area Middle School students for participation in applicable athletic and musical programs with a maximum of \$90.00 per family for the 2007-2008 school year, and **Motion:** To approve the fees of \$3.00 for adults and \$15.00 for a 10-event pass for admission to applicable athletic contests for the 2007-2008 school year.

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

Extra-Curricular Appointments – **Motion:** To approve Extra Curricular Appointments for 2007-2008.

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

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Hinz, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary

