

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting of August 17, 2009

The Regular Board Meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, August 17, 2009 at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

President Joseph Walko called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Mr. Eric Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. John Rzepka, Mr. James Thompson, Mr. Kenneth Watkins, and Mr. Joseph Walko. Also in attendance were Mrs. Nancy Sadaly, Superintendent, Mr. Thomas Rinke, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Stephen Maksimuk, Business Administrator. The following members were absent: Mrs. Sue Afton, Mrs. Linda Smith, and Mr. Scott Rose.

Roll Call

Minutes of the July 20, 2009 Regular Board Meeting and minutes of the August 10, 2009 Regular Work Session were reviewed. **Motion** by Mr. Elwin Rose, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve minutes. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Minutes

Visitors were recognized. Mr. Paul Vallimont addressed the board to thank them, Mrs. Sadaly, Mr. Rinke and others in the District such as Mr. Rick Stoutamyer and Mrs. MerriBeth Knappenberger for the years of experiences and opportunities given to their daughter, Amy. Mr. Max Byrne and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Byrne also addressed the Board. Max asked the Board to have his tuition paid by the District to attend Erie County Vo-Technical School for Electronics as he was going to join the Navy to become a Navy Seal. Mr. Byrne implied that most of the other districts had reimbursement policies and pay tuition for non public students. Mr. Walko told the family that the District would research the other districts to find out how they handled tuition for non public school students attending the Erie County Vo-Technical School.

**Recognition of
Visitors**

Mrs. Sadaly acknowledged that the carpeting at the elementary center will be ready for the beginning of the school year and also recognized Mr. Robert LaPlaca, Mrs. Mary Beth Hengelbrok, Mr. Chris Boyd, Mrs. Kristina Ohrn, and Mrs. Jean Eller for their representation at the 3 CCCs Conference on August 4-5, 2009.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve the following Use of Facilities Requests:

**Use of Facilities
Requests**

- To approve Men's Adult Recreational Basketball to use the facilities at WAMS, Thursdays, October 2009 through May 2010 (time may vary depending upon availability) (No Cost to District).
- To approve Girl Scouts of Northwestern PA to use the facilities at WAEC, 3rd Wednesdays of the month, from September 16, 2009 through May 19, 2010 (No Cost to District).
- To approve Girl Scouts to use the facilities at WAEC for a Leaders' Meeting, Tuesday, September 8, 2009 (No cost to the District).
- To approve Girl Scouts to use the facilities at WAEC every other Monday, beginning September 14, 2009 through May 24, 2009 (No Cost to the District).

**Use of Facilities
Requests (Cont'd)**

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes: Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Personnel

Motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Rzepka, to approve Personnel Items as follows:

- To approve a Family Medical Leave for **Mrs. Amy Heyer**, effective September 28, 2009 according to District Policy 4152.4 – Anticipated Disability/Medical Leave.
- To approve the Teachers' Substitute List for the 2009-2010 School Year as outlined in **Exhibit F**.
- To approve the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2009-2010 School Year as outlined in **Exhibit G**.
- To implement and approve a 457 Adoption Agreement and Plan for employees of the Wattsburg Area School District.
- To approve **Ms. Pam Carson** and **Mr. David Hammer** to attend Non Violent Crisis Prevention Intervention, Edinboro, Wednesday, August 19, 2009 and Thursday, August 20, 2009, \$220.00 (Funds from Special Education).
- To approve the appointment of **Mr. Thomas Rinke** as Open Records Officer and **Mrs. MerriBeth Knappenberger** as the Alternate Open Records Officer for the Wattsburg Area School District.
- To approve the Emergency Teachers' Substitute List for the 2009-2010 school year as outlined in **Exhibit H**.
- To approve the appointment of **Ms. Bethany Krowsoski**, WAMS Temporary Title I Teacher, Step 1, Masters, at a salary of \$37,942.00.
- To approve the appointment of **Ms. Bethany Lawrence**, WAEC Health/Physical Education Teacher, Step 1, at a salary of \$36,842.00.
- To approve the appointment of **Ms. Sarah Beham**, WAMS Librarian, Step 1, at a salary of \$36,842.00.
- To approve the appointment of **Mrs. Kristina Shelley** as WAEC Elementary Teacher, Step 3, at a salary of \$38,942.00.

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$386,510.74 as of July 31, 2009 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of July 31, 2009. He also noted an ending balance of \$127,730.94 in the NOREBT Trust Report.

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A", to be \$57,142.32; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$281,971.89; General Funds Bills, Exhibit "A2", to be \$322,683.11, Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A3", to be \$280,084.75, and Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B", to be \$116.00. **Motion** by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve Treasurer's, Capital Reserve and NOREBT Reports. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Maksimuk noted Budgetary Transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$224,970.00. He also noted cash in the SHS Activity Fund to be \$66,428.32 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$5,093.78.

**Treasurer's,
Capital Reserve,
NOREBT
Reports, and Bills**

**Budgetary
Transfers,
SHS Activity Fund,
and Special
Revenue Report**

Motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve Budgetary Transfers, SHS Activity Fund, and Special Revenue Report. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Budgetary
Transfers SHS
Activity Fund,
Special and
Revenue Report
Continued**

Act 32

Motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Elwin Rose, to appoint Mr. Stephen Maksimuk as a primary voting delegate, and Mr. Eric Duda and Mr. John Rzepka as first and second alternate voting delegates to represent the District for the Tax Collection Committee (TCC). In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve Tax Revenue Anticipation Note. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Tax Revenue
Anticipation
Note**

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the Second Reading for Revised Policy 6132 – Graduation Requirements/Required Courses as outlined in **Exhibit I**. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. The following member voted "No", Mr. Duda. Motion carried.

Policy

Motion by Mr. Walko and seconded by Mr. Rzepka, to approve WAMS Textbook Purchase for WAMS for the 2009-10 school year as follows:

Century 21 Computer Keyboarding, 9th Edition by Hoggat and Shank

ISBN 0-538-44910-1, 60 each, \$45.00 each - \$2,700.00

Microtype Software Site License - \$934.00

Hold n' View Keyboard Stands, 52 each, \$21.00 each - \$1,167.00;

and,

to adopt HSP Math in Grades K-2 in the WAEC at a cost of \$27,000.00.

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Textbook
Adoption,
and HSP Math**

Motion by Mr. Walko and seconded by Mr. Rzepka, to remove from the table to change the graduation requirements for SHS from three science credits to four science credits for the 2009-2010 year. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. Walko. The following member voted "No", Mr. Duda. Motion carried.

**Remove From
Table
Graduation
Requirements
Changes**

Motion by Mr. Walko and seconded by Mr. Rzepka, to change the graduation requirements for SHS from three science credits to four science credits for the 2009-2010 year. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Watkins, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Walko. The following member voted "No", Mr. Duda. Motion carried.

**Graduation
Requirements
Changes**

Mr. LaPlaca updated the Board on technology matters and the 3 CCCs Conference.

Motion by Mr. Elwin Rose and seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the following Transportation Requests:

Transportation Requests

- To approve WAEC Autistic Support, Grades 1-5, to travel to Waterford Fair, Diane's Deli, Waterford, and Greene Township Park, Erie, Thursday, September 10, 2009, \$95.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- To approve WAEC Autistic Support, Grades 1-5, to travel to Sunview Miniature Golf Course, Local Fast Food Restaurant, and Walmart, Edinboro, Wednesday, September 23, 2009, \$115.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- To approve WAEC Mr. Pearce's and Mrs. Zawistowski's Grade 4 students to travel to Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Indian Village, Avella, PA, Thursday, September 24, 2009, \$902.00 (Funds from PTO).
- To approve WAEC Mr. Pearce's and Mrs. Zawistowski's Grade 4 students to travel to Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, NY, Thursday, October 15, 2009, \$890.00 (Funds from PTO for Transportation and Students for Registration and Meals).
- To approve SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Presque Isle, Tom Ridge Center or Blasco Library, Wegman's and Sara's or McDonald's, Erie, Friday, September 4, 2009, \$120.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- To approve SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Wegman's, Asbury Woods/Walmart, and Papa Joe's Restaurant, Erie, Friday, September 11, 2009 \$115.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- To approve SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Zoo or Mall, Library/Salvation Army, Wegman's, and McDonald's, Erie, Friday, September 18, 2009 \$95.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- To approve SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Walmart, Shade's Beach or Bowling, and Arby's Restaurant, Erie, Thursday, September 24, 2009 \$135.00 (Funds from IU #5).

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Elwin Rose and seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve Bus Routes for the 2009-2010 school year. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. The following member voted "No", Mr. Duda. Motion carried.

Bus Routes

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Rzepka, to approve Athletic/Extra Curricular Resignations as follows:

Athletic/ Extra Curricular Resignations

- To approve the resignation of **Mr. Francis Kargbo** as Track and Field Second Assistant Coach, effective May 28, 2009.
- To approve the resignation of **Mrs. Betsy Walker** as WAMS 7th/8th Grade Volleyball Coach – Intramurals.
- To approve the resignation of **Mr. Robert Hart** as SHS Other Assistant Football Coach.
- To approve the resignation of **Mrs. Shelly Magnusen** as WAMS Memory Book Advisor, effective August 6, 2009.

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

**Athletic/
Extra Curricular
Resignations
Continued**

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve the following Athletic/Extra Curricular Appointments for 2009-2010 school year as follows:

- To approve **Ms. Ashleigh Sontheimer** as JV First Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach, Step 1, at a salary of \$2,161.00 for the 2009-2010 school year.
- To approve SHS Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2009-2010 school year as outlined in **Exhibit J**.
- To approve **Mr. Mike Gdanetz** as SHS Other Assistant Football Coach, Step 1, at a salary of \$2,191.00, for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Athletic/
Extra Curricular
Appointments**

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve **Mr. Mike Zielewski** to be hired as SHS Head Softball Coach, Step 6, at a salary of \$4,042.00 for the 2009-2010 school year. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, and Mr. Thompson. The following members voted "No", Mr. Rzepka and Mr. Walko. Motion failed.

**Athletic/
Extra Curricular
Appointment
Failed Motion**

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve Mr. Bill Gehrlein to be hired as Assistant Athletic Director, Step 1, at a salary of \$3,653.00 for the 2009-2010 school year. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. The following members voted "No", Mr. Duda and Mr. Elwin Rose. Motion failed.

**Assistant Athletic
Director
Appointment
Failed Motion**

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Elwin Rose, to approve WAMS Athletic Appointments for the 2009-10 school year as outlined in **Exhibit L**. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

**WAMS
Athletic
Appointments**

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve **Ms. Nicole Bean** as the SHS Assistant Cheerleading Advisor, Step 1, at a salary of \$921.00, for the 2009-2010 school year. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

**SHS Assistant
Cheerleading
Advisor
Appointment**

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Rzepka, to approve WAMS Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2009-10 school year as outlined in **Exhibit M**. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

**WAMS
Extra Curricular
Appointments**

**Athletic/Extra
Curricular**

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Duda, to approve the following:

- To approve additions to the Volunteer Coaching List as outlined in **Exhibit K**.
- To approve the step change for **Ms. Kelli Pittner** as the SHS JV (First Assistant) Girls' Basketball Coach, Step 1, at a salary of \$2,718.00, to Step 2, at a salary of \$2,855.00 for the 2009-2010 school year.
- To approve the Student Activities Organizations for the 2009-2010 school year as outlined in Item 8 of Supt.'s Report.

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Watkins, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Walko asked if there was further discussion. Mr. Vallimont asked Mrs. Sadaly about the Keystone State Exams. Mrs. Sadaly provided an update and would provide more information as it became available.

Mr. Walko called for an Executive Session to be held after the meeting was adjourned to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Rzepka, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.



Stephen J. Maksimuk
School Board Secretary