

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of September 18, 2006

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, September 18, 2006 at Seneca High School.

Mr. Elwin Rose called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Linda Smith, Kerry Duncan, John Rzepka, David Hinz, Joseph Walko, Eric Duda, Scott Rose, James Thompson, and Elwin Rose. Also in attendance were Mr. Frank Bova, Superintendent, Dr. Lee Constantine, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Manager.

Roll Call

Minutes of the August 21, 2006 Regular Board Meeting, minutes of the September 11, 2006 Regular Work Session, and minutes of the September 11, 2006 Special Board meeting were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Jill Crable, a parent, announced that there will be a Spanish Club after school from October 2, 2006 running through January 22, 2007. There are 30 openings and currently 27 are filled.

Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Vallimont relayed information regarding the upcoming Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome.

The new staff were introduced. At this time (7:41 p.m.) a short recess was held in the cafeteria to welcome them. The meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$1,228,020.25 as of August 31, 2006 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$39,043.02 as of August 31, 2006.

Treasurer's Reports

Motion for approval of the Treasurer's Reports was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mrs. Smith. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted "Yes." Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$37,232.26; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$723,397.76; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$739,047.86 Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$6,874.10; Requisition – Direct Payment, Exhibit "C" to be \$55,107.80, and Requisition – Reimbursement, Exhibit "C1" to be \$222,111.82.

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mrs. Smith. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hinz, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$56,873.46 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$4,191.67.

Seneca High School Activity Fund/Special Revenue Report

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

Resolution for Mr. Weaver

Resolved, that Matthew Weaver's suspension from his professional employee position continue without pay effective immediately and continuing until further action of the Board.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mrs. Smith. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hinz, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, and Mr. E. Rose. The following members voted "No": Mr. Rzepka and Mrs. Smith. Motion was carried.

Approve Local Tax Study Commission Secretary – **Motion:** To appoint Betty Jones as secretary for the Local Tax Study Commission at \$50.00 per meeting.

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

Per Capita Tax Exemptions – **Exhibit F** – **Motion:** To approve the Per Capita Tax Exemptions for the 2006-07 school year as outlined in **Exhibit F**.

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

Change Orders – **Motion:** To approve the following change orders:

- a. Consider Biebel
 - i. Add \$1,1310.00 – Additional Carpet
 - ii. Add \$3,800.00 – Concrete ramp outside Tech Ed Room
 - iii. Add time and materials not to exceed \$2,158.00 – 5th/6th grade entrance canopy ceiling
 - iv. Add \$1,347.00 – for mastic removal in Tech Ed room
- b. Electrical Mechanical Systems
 - i. Deduct \$562.50 – Eliminate clock in Tech Ed room
 - ii. Add - \$598.50 – Relocate exhaust fan controls
 - iii. Add - \$130.00 – Demo of electrical in CNC lab
 - iv. Add - \$782.00 – Demo and rewire – new window location Tech Ed room
 - v. Add \$130.00 – Demo due to new door location Tech Ed room
- c. Scobell
 - i. Add \$300.00 – Cutting and capping of drain piping at Wattsburg Area Middle School
 - ii. Add \$775.00 – for time and materials invested in the installation of exhaust system at Wattsburg Area Middle School

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

Conference Requests – Mr. Tom Rinke, Mr. Jeremy Cosner, Mrs. Sharon Gdaniec, and Mr. Jim Turko – 4-Sight, Pittsburgh, Monday, September 25, 2006, \$143.00 (Funds from Math/English, Grades 9-11 and Substitutes Accounts) (Act 48); Mrs. Mary Rea – Professional Immunization Seminar – A Blast Off Into a New Era of Vaccines, Erie, Wednesday, September 27, 2006, \$96.00 (Funds from Health, Grades K-4 and Substitute

Legal Advisement

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Account) (Act 48); Mr. Frank Bova, Dr. Rosalie Constantine, Mr. Stephen Maksimuk, Ms. Christine McClure, and interested Board Members – Pennsylvania Property Tax Relief, Edinboro, Tuesday, September 26, 2006, \$89.00 each plus dinner (Funds from Administration, Business Administrator, and Board Accounts); Dr. Carol Marucci, Mr. Ken Berlin, and Mr. Jeremy Cosner – PV AAS One-Day Professional Development Session, Sewickley, Tuesday, October 3, 2006, \$90.00 (Funds from All, Grades K-12) (Act 48); Mr. Christopher Boyd – 2006 New Local Chapter Adviser Summit “FBLA,” Hershey, Saturday, October 7, 2006, \$105.00 (Funds from Business, Grades 9-12) (Act 48); Mrs. Bobbi Hurd, Mrs. Shelley Ochtanski, Ms. Melissa Doolittle, and Mrs. Jeanne Striney – Making the Most of Read Alouds Across the Day, Erie, Saturdays, October 7, October 21, and November 4, 2006 or October 14, October 28, and November 18, 2006, \$300.00 (Funds from Reading/Language Arts, Grades K-4) (Act 48); Mrs. Nicole Drabic, Mrs. Carol Thompson, Mrs. Lesley Faust, Mrs. Mary Rea, Mrs. Jan Pelensky, Mr. Robert Reid, Mrs. Kristin Williams, and Mr. Vincent DiMichele – Regional In-Service, Edinboro and various locations, Monday, October 9, 2006, \$560.00 (Funds from All, Grades K-12) (Act 48); Mrs. Jennifer Turner, Mr. John Russell, and Mrs. Barbara Burdick – 2006 PSSA Science and Math Day Camp, “Linking Classroom Instruction with Assessment,” Pittsburgh, Tuesday, October 10, 2006, \$795.00 (Funds from Science, Grades K-5 and Substitute Accounts) (Act 48); Mrs. Nicole Drabic and Mrs. Kristin Williams – Share Northwest Regional Library Meeting, Saegertown, Wednesday, October 11, 2006, \$182.00 (Funds from Library, Grades K-4 and Substitute Accounts) (Act 48); Mrs. Jan Pelensky, Mr. James Tonks, Ms. Linda Ricci, and Mr. Tim Malinowski – Erie County Guidance Counselors’ Monthly Meetings, Erie, on the following dates:

Wednesday evenings:

October 11, 2006
November 15, 2006
January 10, 2007
February 13, 2007
April 25, 2007

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.:
March 28, 2007

(no cost to District) (Act 48); Mrs. Sue Snippert, Mrs. Nicole Drabic, and Mrs. Kristin Williams – IMTS Contact Training, Tuesday, October 24, 2006, \$225.00 (Funds from Media, Grades K-12 and Substitute Accounts) (Act 48); Mrs. Carol Thompson – Art for Life – PAEA State Conference, Thursday, October 26, 2006, through Sunday, October 29, 2006, \$407.00 (Funds from Art, Grades K-4 and Substitute Accounts) (Act 48), and Mrs. Jean Eller – Reading Recovery – Pre-Conference/K-6 Literacy, Columbus, Ohio, Friday, February 2, 2007 through Saturday, February 3, 2007, \$330.00 (Funds from Literacy, Grade K and Substitute Accounts) (Act 48).

Tuition Reimbursement – Exhibit G – Motion: To approve the Tuition Reimbursement Stipends as outlined in **Exhibit G**.

Family Medical Leave – Motion: To approve a Family medical Leave for Ms. Debra Bisbee, effective September 15, 2006.

Additions to the Teachers’ Substitute List – Exhibit H – Motion: To approve additions to the Teachers Substitute List for the 2006-2007 school year as outlined in **Exhibit H**.

Additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List for 2006-2007 – Exhibit I – Motion: To approve additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2006-2007 school year as outlined in **Exhibit I**.

Resignation – **Motion:** To accept the resignation of Ms. Dawn Feller, Cafeteria Aide, effective September 11, 2006.

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

Student Activities Request – **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Susan Nolan and 4 Seneca High School Student Council Students to travel to Bethel Park High School, Bethel Park, PA, for a PASC State Conference, Thursday, November 2, 2006 through Saturday, November 4, 2006, \$815.00 (Funds from Student Council and Substitute Accounts) (Act 48).

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

Mrs. Rullo reported on Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Mr. Berlin gave a brief report on Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mr. Rinke relayed information regarding Seneca High School. Barb Schock reported on transportation. Mr. Schultz relayed information regarding the maintenance department. Ms. Mary Beth Hengelbrok gave a short report.

Transportation Requests – **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Grade 4, to travel to view the Erie Philharmonic at the Warner Theater, Erie, Thursday, October 19, 2006, \$304.00 (Funds from PTO); **Motion:** To approve St. Boniface School students to travel to Warner Theater, Erie, Thursday, October 19, 2006, \$94.00 (Funds from St. Boniface PTS), and **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Shelley Ochterski’s Kindergarten class to travel to Finney’s and Tobin’s, Cambridge Springs, and McDonald’s, Edinboro, Wednesday, October 25, 2006 (Funds from PTO approved at August 21, 2006 Board Meeting).

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

Award Seneca High School Yearbook Bid – **Motion:** To award a three-year yearbook contract to Jostens at a cost of \$5,680.00.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments for 2006-2007 – **Motion:** To approve the appointments of Wattsburg Area Middle School Homework Detention Positions for the 2006-2007 School Year as follows:

Fifth Grade Homework Detention Monitors:

Mrs. Jennifer Turner	Mrs. Kristin Williams
Mrs. Sheri Hoffman	Mrs. Nancy McNally
Mrs. Kristen Ward	Mrs. Maxine Tonks
Mrs. Sonya Meehan	

Seventh Grade Homework Detention Monitors:

Mr. Dave Hammer	Mrs. Maureen Gustafs on
Mrs. Andrea Hart	

Personnel (cont’d)

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Deleted: Tuition Reimbursement -

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Sixth Grade Homework Detention Monitors:

Mrs. Brenda Gregory Ms. Leslie Drumm
Mrs. Sharon Szymanski Mrs. Darlene McNulty

Eighth Grade Homework Detention Monitors:

Ms. Melissa Vallimont Ms. Donna Sherrange
Mrs. Donna Banks Mr. William Gehrlein
Ms. Serena Anderson

Athletic/
Extra-Curricular

and **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Mary Ellen messenger as the Ninth Grade Class Advisor at Step 5, at a salary according to collective bargaining unit agreement, for the 2006-2007 school year.

Head Boys' Soccer Coach Position – **Motion;** To change the salary percentages for Head Boys' Soccer Co-Coach, Ms. Yvonne Hammill from 60% to 90% and Head Soccer Co-Coach, Mr. Phil Cote, from 40% to 10%.

Approve Sign to be Hung on Football Field – **Motion:** To approve a sign from Off Road Express which says, "Off Road Express" located at 10320 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509," to be hung on the football field this year.

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

Approve Position of Director of Student Activities – **Motion:** To approve the position of Director of Student Activities.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. S. Rose. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. S. Rose, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hinz, and Mr. E. Rose. The following members voted "No": Mr. Duda, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried.

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary