

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of June 15, 2009

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, June 15, 2009 at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

Mr. Joseph Walko called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Kenneth Watkins, John Rzepka, Sue Afton, Elwin Rose, Eric Duda, Scott Rose, James Thompson, and Joseph Walko. Also in attendance were Mr. Thomas Rinke, Acting Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Administrator. Ms. Nancy Sadaly, Acting Superintendent and Linda Smith were absent.

Roll Call

Minutes of the May 18, 2009 Regular Board Meeting and minutes of the June 8, 2009 Regular Work session were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Mr. Scott Rose addressed the Board as a parent. He relayed that his son's TSS service hours had been cut and after a hearing the services have now resumed from 15 hours to 30 hours per week. He recognized all the Board members and school staff who helped him win the case.

Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Vallimont commented on how well the Board has done in the hiring process of Special Education personnel for the District.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$171,559.58 as of May 31, 2009 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of May 31, 2009.

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

Mr. Maksimuk reviewed the NOREBT trust report.

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$35,086.06; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$808,160.71; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$72,727.46, and Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$42,115.82.

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$71,389.84 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$799.66.

Restructuring of Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Principal Positions – Motion: To restructure the positions of Co-Principals at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center to Principal and Assistant Principal.

Legal Advisement

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

Erie County Technical School Resolution – Exhibit F – Motion: To approve the Erie County Vocational-Technical School Resolution amending Restated Articles of Agreement for Operation as outlined in Exhibit F.

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

Legal Advisement
(cont'd)

Contract with Regional Health Services for an Athletic Trainer for the 2009-2010 through 2011-2012 School Year – Exhibit G – Motion: To approve a contract with Regional Health Services for an Athletic Trainer at a cost of \$32,450.00 for the 2009-2010 school year, \$34,075.00 for the 2010-2011 school year, and \$35,780.00 for the 2011-2012 school year as outlined in **Exhibit G**.

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

General Obligation Note – Exhibit H – Motion: To adopt a resolution authorizing an increase in the non-electoral debt of the Wattsburg Area School District and approve the issue and sale of \$209,000 of General Obligation Note, Series of 2009 as outlined in **Exhibit H**.

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. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Reverse Auction and e-School Mall Bids – Exhibit P – Motion: To award Reverse Auction and eSchool Mall Bids as outlined in **Exhibit P**.

Finance

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

Retirements – Motion: To accept, with regret, the resignation letter announcing the retirement of Mrs. Patricia Mizikowski as District Wide Support Secretary, effective August 21, 2009.

Personnel

Appointments – Motion: To approve Mrs. Julie O'Donnell as Secondary Mathematics Teacher, effective August 26, 2009, Step 2, at a salary of \$37,342.00; **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Sonja Meehan, Mrs. Leslie Drumm, Ms. Lindsey Ross, and Mrs. Jen Hoover as Special Education Extended School Year Teachers willing to go to student(s) homes for the month of July 2009 and possibly into August 2009 at the contractual rate of \$28.00 per hour; **Motion:** To approve Mr. Anthony Downor as Campus Wide Housekeeper, 2nd Shift, Level III, Class B, 6 ½ hours per day, 210 days per year, at an hourly rate of \$10.35; **Motion:** To approve Mr. Eric Smrcka as Wattsburg Area Middle School/Seneca High School pianist at a cost of \$800.00 for the 2009-2010 school year; **Motion:** To approve Mr. Ron Rairie as Wattsburg Area Middle School/Seneca High School piano tuner/repair technician at a cost not to exceed \$225.00 for the 2009-2010 school year; **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mrs. Audrey Coletta as Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Principal at a salary of \$86,500.00 for the 2009-2010 school year, and **Motion:** To approve Ms. Shirley Stiner as a temporary employee/long term substitute Bus Driver effective August 26, 2008 at an hourly rate of \$13.51. Ms. Stiner completed her probationary period on October 25, 2008.

Leaves – Motion: To approve a Family Medical Leave and Extended Disability Leave according to Wattsburg Educational Support Personnel Association

ESPA/PSEA/NEA Local 2 Collective Bargaining Agreement for Ms. Lisa Davis, District Wide Housekeeper, effective July 1, 2009 and **Motion:** To approve a Family Medical Leave and Child Rearing Leave according to Wattsburg Educational Support Personnel Association ESPA/PSEA/NEA Local 2 Collective Bargaining Agreement for Mrs. Susan Martin, District Wide Housekeeper, effective June 8, 2009.

Conference Requests – Mr. Chris Boyd – 3 C's ETC (Connect, Communicate, and Collaborate Educational Technology Conference), Erie, Tuesday, August 4, 2009 and Wednesday, August 5, 2009, \$60.00 (Funds from Math, Grades 5-8); Mr. Joe Anthony – PHEAA Senior Meeting for Financial Aid, Erie, Tuesday, November 10, 2009 (No Cost to the District); Mrs. Jean Eller – Success by Six Legislative Breakfast, Erie, Monday, June 29, 2009 (No Cost to District), and Mrs. Cheryl Krider – PA Institute for Instructional Coaching (PHC) PD Session, Harrisburg, Monday, July 27, 2009 through Thursday, June 30, 2009, \$904.00 (Funds from I.U. #5).

Tuition Reimbursement – To approve Tuition Reimbursement stipends as outlined in **Exhibit I**.

Emergency Substitute Teacher Consortium for 2009-2010 – **Exhibit J** – **Motion:** To approve the resolution for our participation with the Northwest Tri-County I.U. #5 for the Emergency Substitute Teacher Consortium for the 2009-2010 school year as outlined in **Exhibit J**.

Salary Change – **Motion:** To approve the hourly rate for Mr. Robert Maleski, temporary summer bus mechanic, from \$12.06 to \$12.54.

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

Mr. Duda relayed that a Finance Committee meeting to discuss the budget will be held on Monday, June 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Finance

Approve Second Reading for Policy 4111.1 – Professional – Best Hiring Practice – **Exhibit K**. **Motion:** To approve the Second Reading for Policy 4111.1 – Professional – Best Hiring Practice as outlined in **Exhibit K**.

Policy

Approve Second Reading for Policy 4311.1 – Administrative – Best Hiring Practice – **Exhibit L**, **Motion:** To approve the Second Reading for Policy 4311.1 – Administrative – Best Hiring Practice as outlined in **Exhibit L**.

Approve Second Reading for Revised Policy 6138 – Instruction – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy – **Exhibit M**. **Motion:** To approve the Second Reading for Revised Policy 6138 – Instruction – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy as outlined in **Exhibit M**.

Approve Second Reading for Revised Policy 5128 – Students – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy – **Exhibit N**. **Motion:** To approve the Second Reading for Revised Policy 5128 – Students – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy as outlined in **Exhibit N**.

Approve Second Reading for Revised Policy 4131.2.1 – Personnel – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy – **Exhibit O**. **Motion:** To approve the Second Reading for Revised Policy 4131.2.1 – Personnel – Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy as outlined in **Exhibit O**.

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

Mrs. Afton relayed that a Policy Committee meeting will be held on June 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

Policy (cont'd)

Approve Act 80 Days for the 2009-2010 School Year – Motion: To approve the following changes to the Act 80 Days for the 2009-2010 school year for parent conferences and staff development, and dismissal at start of school year of a partial group of kindergarten students:

Curriculum

Monday, August 31, 2009	Kindergarten
Tuesday, September 1, 2009	Kindergarten
Friday, September 25, 2009	Whole Day – All Schools
Friday, October 9, 2009	Whole Day – All Schools
Monday, October 12, 2009	Whole Day – All Schools
Thursday, November 12, 2009	½ Day – WAEC
Friday, November 13, 2009	Whole Day – WAEC
Thursday, April 22, 2010	½ Day – WAEC
Friday, April 23, 2010	Whole Day – WAEC
Friday, May 14, 2010	Whole Day – All Schools

ESL – (English as a Second Language) Contract for 2009-2010 – Exhibit Q – Motion: To approve ESL (English as a Second Language) Contract for the 2009-2010 school year as outlined in **Exhibit Q**.

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

Amy Vallimont shared her portfolios with the Board and reported on the two year Gannon program which she recently completed. She thanked the Board for all their help and support.

Principals’ Special Reports

Summer Band Appointments for 2009-2010 – Motion: To approve the following Summer Band Appointments for the 2009-2010 school year:

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

- Mr. Pat Ross – Percussion Instructor
50 hours at contracted hourly rate of \$20.61
- Ms. Summer Clausen – Assistant Band Front
50 hours at contracted hourly rate of \$20.61

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations – Motion: To approve the resignation of Mrs. Serena Anderson as Wattsburg Area Middle School Cheerleading Advisor, effective June 11, 2009 and Motion: To approve the resignation of Mr. Scott Smith as 7th/8th Grade Wrestling Coach – Intramurals, effective June 1, 2009.

Open the Head Softball Coach Position – Motion: To open the position of Head Softball Coach.

Open the First Assistant Softball Coach Position – Motion: To open the position of First Assistant Softball Coach.

Open the First Assistant Girls’ Soccer Coach Position – Motion: To open the position of First Assistant Girls’ Soccer Coach.

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

Mr. Walko asked that the Administration write a letter to Mrs. Emily Ewings thanking her for her help in handling the middle school this school year.

Board
Correspondence and
Dialogue

Mr. Vallimont thanked the Board for their support for his special needs daughter, Amy, who attended the two year Gannon program.

Mr. S. Rose thanked the District for their help in regards to the special needs students.

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Adjournment



Stephen J. Maksimuk
School Board Assistant Secretary