

# WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Special Meeting of June 22, 2009

The Special Board Meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, June 22, 2009 at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

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

#### Roll Call

An Executive Session was called by Mr. Joseph Walko to discuss personnel matters at 7:32 p.m. The Board returned from the Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

#### Executive Session

**Motion** by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Rzepka, to adopt the General Fund Budget for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$20,540,087.00. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. The following members voted "No": Mr. Elwin Rose and Mr. Scott Rose. Motion carried.

#### General Fund Budget

**Motion** by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve Real Property Tax as follows: **Resolved**, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors does hereby levy for the school fiscal year July 1, 2009, to and including June 30, 2010, on each dollar of the total assessment of all real property in the Wattsburg Area School District comprised of the Borough of Wattsburg and Townships of Amity, Greene, Greenfield and Venango in the amount of 15.25 mills or \$15.25 on each one thousand (\$1000) dollars of assessed valuation of taxable property for general school purposes and the payment of teachers' salaries and rentals to school authorities. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Walko. The following member voted "No": Mr. Scott Rose. Motion carried.

#### Real Property Tax

**Motion** by Mr. Scott Rose, seconded by Mr. Rzepka, to approve Per Capita Tax as follows: **Resolved**, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts upon the residents and/or inhabitants of the Wattsburg Area School District, nineteen (19) years of age and older, within the School District a Per Capita Tax in the amount of five (\$5.00) dollars as provided for in the Public School Code of 1949 (Section 679) as amended. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Scott Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Walko. The following member voted "No": Mr. Duda. Motion carried.

#### Per Capita Tax

**Motion** by Mr. Scott Rose, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to approve Act 511 Per Capita Tax as follows: **Resolved**, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts upon the residents and/or inhabitants of the Wattsburg Area School District, nineteen (19) years of age and older, within the School District a Per Capita Tax in the amount of (\$5.00) dollars as provided for in the Public Law, 1257, dated December 31, 1965, as amended, commonly referred to as Act 511 or as a Local Tax Enabling Act. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Scott Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Walko. The following member voted "No": Mr. Duda. Motion carried.

#### Act 511

**Motion** by Mr. Scott Rose, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve Earned Income Tax (Wage Tax) as follows: **Resolved**, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts and continues an earned income tax, to be levied in the amount of one percent (1) on salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation earned during the period July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, on all residents of the Wattsburg Area School District who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years and older, and on the net profits earned during said periods from business, professions or other activities conducted by residents of the said District in accordance with Public Law, 1257, dated December 31, 1965, as amended, commonly referred to as Act 511 or as a Local Tax Enabling Act. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Scott Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Earned Income Tax**

**Motion** by Mr. Scott Rose, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve Reality Transfer as follows: **Resolved**, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts and continues a Reality Transfer Tax, to be levied in the amount of one percent (1) in Transfers beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010, of real property or any interest in real property situated within the Wattsburg Area School District in accordance with Public Law, 1257, dated December 31, 1965, as amended, commonly referred to as Act 511 or as a Local Tax Enabling Act. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Scott Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Reality Transfer**

**Motion** by Mr. Scott Rose, seconded by Mrs. Smith to approve Occupational Privilege Tax as follows: **Resolved**, that the Wattsburg Area Board of School Directors hereby reenacts upon the privilege of engaging in an occupation within the limits of the Wattsburg Area School District, who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years and older, an Occupational Privilege Tax in the amount of ten (\$10) dollars as provided in the Local Tax Enabling Act, 53 P.S. Sec 6901 et seq. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Scott Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Walko. The following member voted "No": Mr. Watkins. Motion carried.

**Occupational  
Privilege Tax**

**Motion** by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mrs. Smith, to approve the Act #1 Exclusion Resolution - Homestead/Farmstead (Exhibit A) as follows:

**Act #1 Exclusion  
Homestead  
Farmstead  
Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, on June 27, 2006, the Pennsylvania legislature passed Act 1 of Special Session 2006, entitled the "Taxpayer Relief Act:" (hereinafter "Act 1"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Act requires that a school district that receives a property tax reduction allocation pursuant to section 505 of the Act shall use the property tax reduction allocation to fund exclusions for homestead and farmstead property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wattsburg Area School District has received a property tax reduction allocation pursuant to the act; and

**WHEREAS**, The Budget Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania certified on April 15, 2008 that six hundred and twelve million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$612,900,000.00) was available to fund a property tax reduction allocation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act requires that each school district that receives a property tax reduction is to calculate a homestead and farmstead exclusion for the purpose of reducing school district property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wattsburg Area School District has finalized such calculations, and

**WHEREAS**, the Act requires that each school district must adopt a resolution implementing the homestead and farmstead exclusion no later than the last day of the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the homestead and farmstead exclusions shall take effect.

**AND NOW**, on the 22nd day of June, 2009, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Wattsburg Area School District (hereinafter the "District") Board of Directors (hereinafter the "Board") the following:

1. That the District has determined it to be in the best interests of the District to implement the homestead and farmstead exclusions pursuant to the Act.
2. That the District has calculated a homestead exclusion for the purpose of reducing school district property taxes, such exclusion to be \$10,336.00
3. That the District has calculated a farmstead exclusion for the purpose of reducing school district property taxes, such exclusion to be \$10,336.00
4. That the administration of the District shall take any and all action necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution, including, but not limited to, preparing and mailing the school district tax notices pursuant to section 343 of the Act.

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Scott Rose, to approve the following appointments: **Mr. Keith Miller** as Principal of Seneca High School at a salary of \$77,000.00, effective July 1, 2009; **Mr. Chad Porter** as Assistant Principal of Wattsburg Area Elementary Center at a salary of \$70,192.00, effective July 1, 2009; **Mrs. Linda Lorei** as Principal of Wattsburg Area Middle School at a salary of \$73,000.00, effective July 1, 2009; and, **Mrs. Linda Lorei, Mrs. Audrey Coletta, and Mr. Chad Porter** as **Truancy Officers** for the Wattsburg Area School District. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Scott Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Scott Rose, to approve the renewal of contracts from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 as follows:

Mr. Robert LaPlaca, Information Technology Manager	\$46,233
Mr. John Praetzel, Network & Computer Systems Supervisor	\$38,992
Mrs. Elizabeth Bille, Client Technology Specialist	\$29,351
Ms. Cindy Cass, Client Technology Specialist	\$29,351
Mrs. Mary Nunemaker, Housekeeping Supervisor	\$32,035
Mrs. Barb Schock, Transportation Supervisor	\$43,362
Mrs. Janet Mullaney, Cafeteria Supervisor	\$41,054
Mrs. Pam Pudlick, SHS/WAMS Cafeteria Manager	\$19.22/Hr.
Mrs. Susan Stankowski, WAEC Cafeteria Manager	\$14.88/Hr.

(Contracts attached)

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

**Motion** by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the following salaries effective July 1, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year:

Mrs. MerriBeth Knappenberger, Special Education Supervisor	\$75,000
Mr. Eric Schultz, Maintenance and Plant Operations Supervisor	\$60,000
Ms. Maria Hvezda, ACCESS Coordinator	\$1,648

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

**Act #1 Exclusion  
Homestead/  
Farmstead  
Resolution  
(Continued)**

**Appointments**

**Contract  
Renewal**

**Salary Approval**

**Motion** by Mr. Elwin Rose, seconded by Mr. Watkins, 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 **Mrs. Robin Dumas**, District Wide Housekeeper, effective May 15, 2009. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Scott Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Family Medical  
Leave**

**Motion** by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve **Ms. Ashley Wassel** as the School Psychologist Intern for 2009-2010 school year. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Scott Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**School  
Psychologist  
Intern**

**Motion** by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. Duda, to remove from the table the approval of the Erie County Vocational-Technical School Resolution amending Restated Articles of Agreement for Operation. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Scott Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Remove From  
Table ECTS  
Resolution**

**Motion** by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. Elwin Rose, to approve the Erie County Vocational-Technical School Resolution amending Restated Articles of Agreement for Operation as outlined in **Exhibit B**. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Walko. The following member voted "No": Mr. Duda and Mr. Scott Rose. Motion carried.

**Approve  
ECTS Resolution**

**Motion** by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve SHS Boys' Basketball to use the facilities at SHS/WAEC for a 3 on 3 Tournament, Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning June 23, 2009 through August 20, 2009 (No Cost to District); and, Seneca Music Boosters to use the facilities (parking lot and lobby) at WAMS for a Car Show on Saturday, July 25, 2009 (No Cost to District). In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Elwin Rose, Mr. Scott Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Transportation  
Requests**

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Mr. Elwin Rose, seconded by Mr. Rose, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**Adjournment**

  
Stephen J. Maksimuk  
School Board Secretary

## RESOLUTION

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of School Directors of Wattsburg Area School District, Erie County, Pennsylvania, at a meeting held on June 22, 2009; that proper notice of such meeting was duly given as required by law; and that said Resolution has been duly recorded upon the Minutes of said Board of School Directors, showing how each member voted thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said School District this 22nd day of June, 2009.

(SEAL)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen J. Miller", is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary