

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 13, 2009**

The meeting of the Regular Work Session was convened on July 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Sue Afton, Eric Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, John Rzepka, Linda Smith, James Thompson, Joseph Walko and Kenneth Watkins were present. Nancy Sadaly, and Steve Maksimuk were also present together with other interested persons. Tom Rinke was absent.

Roll Call

Mr. Maksimuk reviewed with the Board the Treasurer's Report for June 2009 and the list of General Fund and Cafeteria bills. These items to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Business
Administrator's
Report

Motion by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. Rzepka, to suspend rules per Policy 9341 to allow voting on action items identified on the Agenda. In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes", Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Walko, and Watkins. Motion carried.

By-Laws – Methods
of Operation

The Board discussed approving Per Capita Tax Exemptions. This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009

Per Capita Tax
Exemptions

Mr. Duda requested a Finance Committee meeting to be held on Monday, August 10, 2009, at 6:30p.m. to discuss Per Capita Tax.

Finance Committee

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to approve the use of school facilities for the White House on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, and to waive all associate fees. In a recorded roll call vote the following Members voted "Yes", Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Walko, and Watkins. Motion Carried.

Utilization of School
Facilities

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Scott Rose, to revise the WAEC carpet installation agreement with Jay's Flooring Center from \$144,705.00 to \$169,547.00. In a recorded roll call vote the following Members voted "Yes", Afton, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, and Walko. The following Members voted "No", Duda, Elwin Rose, and Watkins. Motion Carried.

Carpet Installation

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Scott Rose, to approve the following resignations:

Resignations

- Ms. Carrie Maines, Health/Physical Education Teacher at WAMS, effective June 11, 2009.
- Ms. Juliette Nies, Elementary Teacher at WAEC, effective July 9, 2009.

In a recorded roll call vote the following Members voted "Yes", Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Walko, and Watkins. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Scott Rose, to approve the following appointments:

Appointments

- Mr. Christopher Paris as Assistant Principal at the Wattsburg Area Middle School at a salary of \$60,000.00, effective August 16, 2009.
- Mr. Christopher Paris as Truancy Officer for the Wattsburg Area School District.
- Mr. Thomas Podpora as Assistant Principal at Seneca High School at a salary of \$70,000.00, effective July 1, 2009.
- Ms. Kristy Gribus, changing from half-time to full-time Teacher at Seneca High School, effective August 26, 2009.
- Ms. Donna Banks as Extended School Year Teacher from July 14, 2009 into possibly August 2009, four hours per week, per student, at the contracted bargaining unit agreement hourly rate of \$28.00.
- Ms. Sue Nolan as Certified Teacher for monitoring the Cyber students at Seneca High School from July 14, 2009 to July 24, 2009 from 12:30-3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the contracted bargaining unit agreement hourly rate of \$28.00.

In a recorded roll call vote the following Members voted "Yes", Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Walko, and Watkins. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed approving Mrs. Julie O'Donnell for a Child Birth Leave according to the WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement to become effective September 14, 2009 and return November 2, 2009. This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Leave

The Board discussed approving the following Conference Requests:

Conference Requests

- Mrs. Jean Eller and Ms. Ann Gavazzi- 3-C's, Connect Communicate, Collaborate, Erie, Tuesday, August 4, 2009 and Wednesday, August 5, 2009, \$60.00 each (Funds from All, Grades K, 3-8).
- Mrs. Mary Rea and Mrs. Jan Pelensky- PSEA Department of Pupil Services Conference, State College, Wednesday August 5, 2009 through Thursday, August, 6, 2009, \$645.00 (Funds from Nursing/Guidance, Grades K-4).
- Mr. Vincent DiMichele- Ethical Considerations for the Participation of Students in Team Meetings, Edinboro, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, \$30.00 (Funds from WAMS Guidance, Grades 5-8).
- Mr. Vincent DiMichele- Erie County School Counselor's Annual Meeting, Edinboro, Wednesday, September 9, 2009 or Wednesday, September 16, 2009 (No cost to the District).
- Mrs. Glenda Patterson- ACCESS PA and POWER Library Training, Edinboro, Monday, September 21, 2009, \$105.00 (Funds from Library).
- Mrs. Heather Hedderman- ACCESS PA Refresher Session, Edinboro, Monday, September 22, 2009, \$105.00 (Funds from Library, Grades K-4).
- Mrs. Glenda Patterson- IMTS Liaison Council for IU #5, Edinboro, Wednesdays, September 23, 2009, November 18, 2009 and March 24, 2010, \$419.00 (Funds from Library).
- Mrs. Cheryl Krider- Reading Apprenticeship, Edinboro, Monday, October 19, 2009, Tuesday, October 20, 2009 and Wednesday, October 21, 2009, \$349.00 (Funds from Literacy Coach, Grades 9-12).

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

The Board discussed the Superintendent's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2009-2010 school year:

- I.U. Advisory Meetings
- Vo-Tech Professional Advisory Council Meetings
- Mandatory PDE Meetings

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Superintendent's
Attendance at
Meetings

The Board discussed the Assistant Superintendent's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Curriculum Meetings
- Federal and Special Program Meetings
- Mandatory PDE Meetings

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Assistant
Superintendent's
Attendance at
Meetings

The Board discussed the Principals' attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2009-2010 school year:

- School to Career Meetings for Seneca High School Principal
- Erie County Principals' Meeting for all Principals
- Mandatory PDE Meetings

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Principals'
Attendance at
Meetings

The Board discussed the Special Education Supervisor's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Special Education Supervisor Meetings
- Mandatory PDE Meetings

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Special Education
Supervisor's
Attendance at
Meetings

The Board discussed the Business Administrator's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Business Administrator Meetings
- Mandatory PDE Meetings

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Business
Administrator's
Attendance at
Meetings

The Board discussed the Cafeteria Supervisor's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2009-2010 school year:

- PRFSD Meetings
- SNAPA Quarterly Meetings
- Erie County Food Service Director's Meetings
- Mandatory PDE Meetings/Trainings
- PASBO Conferences/Trainings

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Cafeteria
Supervisor's
Attendance at
Meetings

The Board discussed the Plant Operations/Maintenance Supervisor's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Plant Operations Supervisor's Meetings
- Mandatory PDE Meetings/Trainings

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Plant Operations/
Maintenance
Supervisor's
Attendance at
Meetings

The Board discussed the Transportation Supervisor's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Transportation Supervisor's Meetings
- Mandatory PDE Meetings/Trainings

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Transportation
Supervisor's
Attendance at
Meetings

The Board discussed the Superintendent Secretary's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Personnel Meetings
- Certification Meetings
- Superintendent Secretary's Meetings
- Mandatory PDE Meetings/Trainings

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Superintendent
Secretary's
Attendance at
Meetings

The Board discussed Ms. Lesa Kimball's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2009-2010 school year:

- A/CAPA Meetings
- Harris Users' Meetings
- PIMS/Penndata Meetings at IU 5
- Mandatory PDE Meetings/Trainings

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Ms. Lesa Kimball's
Attendance at
Meetings

The Board discussed the Information Technology Manager's and Network and Computer System Supervisor's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Information Technology Manager's Meetings
- Mandatory PDE Meetings/Trainings

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Information
Technology
Manager's and
Network and
Computer System
Supervisor's
Attendance at
Meetings

The Board discussed Mr. Christopher Paris's attendance at District 10 and the Erie County League Meetings for the 2009-2010 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Mr. Christopher
Paris's Attendance at
Athletic Meetings

The Board discussed the First Reading of Policy 5127.1.3.1 – Students – Use of Medication. This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

First Reading of
Policy 5127.1.3.1

The Board discussed the First Reading of Revised Policy 5127.1.3.1 – Administrative Regulations – Dispensing Medication and Administering First Aid. This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

First Reading of
Revised Policy
5127.1.3.1

The Board discussed removing from the table, the First Reading for Revised Policy 6132-Graduation Requirements/Required Courses. This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Remove from
Table:First Reading
for Revised Policy
6132

The Board discussed the First Reading for Revised Policy 6132-Graduation Requirements/Required Courses. This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

First Reading for
Revised Policy 6132

The Board discussed the approval of the following new courses at the Wattsburg Area Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Personal Fitness/Lifetime Activities- Grades 7/8
- Arts and Crafts Studio- Grade 7
- Challenge 24 Math- Grades 7/8
- Keyboarding- Grades 7/8

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

New Courses at
WAMS

The Board discussed approving textbook purchases for the Wattsburg Area Middle School and Seneca High School for the 2009-2010 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Textbook Purchases
for WAMS and SHS

The Board discussed the following Transportation Requests:

- WAEC Grade 4 students to travel to Warner Theatre, Erie, to view a live Philharmonic Concert, Thursday, October 22, 2009, \$340.00 (Funds from PTO).
- Seneca High School Engineering Career Academy Females, Grades 11-12 to travel to Behrend College, Erie, to explore Engineering options/opportunities, Friday, November 20, 2009, \$121.00 (Funds from School to Career Account).

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Transportation
Requests

The Board discussed the following Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations:

- Mr. Rick Stoutamyer as Head Baseball coach, effective June 11, 2009.
- Mr. Raymond Trejchel as First Assistant Baseball Coach, effective July 8, 2009.

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Athletic/
Extra-Curricular
Resignations

The Board discussed the following Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2009/2010 school year:

- Mr. Jesse Heubel as WAMS 7th/8th Grade Wrestling Coach- Intramurals, 80 hours, at a rate of \$20.61 per hour.
- Mrs. Betsy Walker as JV (First Assistant) Girls' Softball Coach at Step 1, at a salary of \$2,161.00.
- Mr. Eric Biby as WAMS 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach- Intramurals, 80 hours, at a rate of \$20.61.
- Mr. Robert Reid as Seneca High School's Freshman Class Advisor, Step 6, at a salary of \$687.00.

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Athletic/
Extra-Curricular
Appointments

The Board discussed the following fees for the 2009-2010 school year:

- 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.
- Admission Fees of \$1.00 for students, \$3.00 for adults and, \$15.00 for a 10-event pass for applicable athletic contests.

This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Student Activities
Fees and Athletic
Contest Admission
Fees

The Board discussed the additions to the Volunteer Coaching List. This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Additions to the
Volunteer Coaching
List

The Board discussed opening the position of Seneca High School Assistant Cheerleading Advisor position. This item to be placed on the agenda for July 20, 2009.

Seneca High School
Assistant
Cheerleading Advisor
Position

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 8:07p.m.


Stephen J. Maksimuk
School Board Secretary