

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

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

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

Roll Call

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

Business
Administrator's
Report

Motion by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. Duda to suspend rules per Policy 9341 to allow voting on action items identified on the Agenda. In a recorded roll call vote all members present voted "Yes", motion carried.

By-Laws – Methods
of Operation

The Board discussed the per capita tax exemptions. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 20, 2009.

Per Capita Tax
Exemptions

Steve Maksimuk and Eric Schultz updated the Board on the carpet replacement project at WAEC.

Carpet Replacement
at WAEC

Steve Maksimuk informed the Board that request for proposals have been distributed to perspective vendors interested in a Guaranteed Energy Savings Project.

Guaranteed Energy
Savings Project

The Board discussed the use of the following school facilities:

- Girl Scouts to use the facilities at WAEC for a ceremony, Friday, June 5, 2009 (No Cost to the District).
- Adult Recreation Volleyball to use the facilities at WAMS, Wednesdays, September 16, 2009 through May 19, 2010. (Schedule subject to change depending upon availability of use – school activities receive first preference) (No Cost to District).
- Wattsburg Fire Department to use the campus grounds and parking lots for an Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course, Note: Date to be determined on a Sunday (No Cost to the District).

Utilization of School
Facilities

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

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Scott Rose to remove from the table the appointment of a Human Resources/Payroll Secretary at a salary of \$26,400.00. In a recorded roll call vote all members present voted "Yes", motion carried.

Remove from the
Table Appointment of
Human Resources/
Payroll Secretary

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

Appointments

- Ms. Felicia Ann Kerecman, as Human Resources/Payroll Secretary at a salary of \$26,400.00, effective April 15, 2009.
- Mrs. Crystol Fenno as Campus Wide Housekeeper – 2nd Shift, Class A position, Level III, 8 hours per day, 260 days per year, at a rate of \$10.35 per hour, effective March 24, 2009.
- Ms. Melinda Kinnear as Campus Wide Cafeteria Aide, Level III, Class C position, 4 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$9.45 per hour, effective April 14, 2009.

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

The Board discussed the following appointments:

- Campus Wide Special Needs Aide, Level III, Class B Position, 5 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$9.45 per hour.
- WAEC After School Grade 4 Special Education Math and Reading Tutor beginning the week of April 20, 2009 through the end of the 2009-2010 on Wednesdays for 1 ½ hours per week.
- District Wide Cafeteria Aide, Level III, Class C Position, 3 ¼ hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$9.45 per hour.

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

Appointments

The Board discussed a paid School Psychologist Internship for the 2009-2010 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 20, 2009.

Internship for School Psychologist

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

- Ms. Elizabeth Oslak-Celebrate the Family, Cambridge Springs, Friday, April 24, 2009, (No Cost to the District).
- Mr. Chad Porter-The New Look and Feel of the PSSA Reports and Reporting Site, Edinboro, Tuesday, April 28, 2009, \$25.00 (Funds from Principals' Account, Grades K-4).
- Ms. Lesa Kimball and Mrs. Susan Johnson-PSERS Workshop, Edinboro, Tuesday, May 5, 2009, \$25.00 (Funds from Business Office Account).
- Mrs. Gina Rullo-Facilitating Communication Between Medical Necessity Evaluators and Schools in Erie County, Erie, Thursday, May 7, 2009 (No Cost to District).
- Ms. Elizabeth Oslak-ADHD and Processing Disorders, Erie, Wednesday, May 13, 2009, \$214.00 (Funds from Guidance, Grades 9-12).
- Ms. Michelle Pisano-ADHD and Processing Disorders, Erie, Wednesday, May 13, 2009, \$264.00 (Funds from Processing – L. Support, Grades K-4, and Substitute Accounts).
- Mrs. Nancy Sadaly, Mr. Doug McGarvey and Mr. Keith Miller-The New Look and Feel of the PSSA Reports and Reporting Site, Edinboro, Tuesday, April 28, 2009 (No Cost to the District).

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

Conference Requests

The Board discussed additions to the emergency substitute teachers' list for the 2008-2009 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 20, 2009.

Additions to the Emergency Substitute Teachers' List

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve the addition of Mr. Ronald Orłowski to the Service Personnel Substitute List for 2008-2009 school year as a bus driver. In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Walko and Watkins, motion carried.

Additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List

The Board discussed the attendance of Kelsey Pierce-Moffett at Seneca High School, to complete senior year, tuition waived. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 20, 2009.

School Attendance

The Board discussed the change of the Therapeutic Alternative Education Program at the WAEC to a Special Education Emotional Support classroom. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 20, 2009.

Elementary Emotional Support Classroom

The Board discussed the following student activities:

Student Activities

- Two SHS Band students, Grade 11, to travel to State Police Troop E, Lawrence Park, for a performance, Monday, May 4, 2009, (No Cost to the District).
- WAMS, Grade 8 students, to travel to Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio, Friday, June 5, 2009, \$3,965.00 for transportation-\$70.00 per student (Funds from Students).

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

Motion by Mr. Scott Rose, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve approve WAMS and SHS Science Olympiad Teams, Grades 7-12, to compete in the State Competition on Friday, May 1, 2009 at Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA, \$1,776.00 (Funds from Project 720). In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Walko and Watkins, motion carried.

State Competition

Motion by Mr. Elwin Rose, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve WAEC students, Grade K, to travel to Erie Court House for a K-Poster Awards Recognition Trip, Wednesday, April 15, 2009, \$125.00 (Funds from PTO). In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Walko and Watkins, motion carried.

Transportation
Requests

The Board discussed the following transportation requests:

Transportation
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- WAEC Mrs. Holland's Kindergarten class to travel to WJET-TV, Erie, to view a live weather forecast, Monday, April 27, 2009, \$46.00 (Funds from Link to Learning – Mini Grant/Science).
- WAEC Mrs. Sayers' Kindergarten class to travel to WJET-TV, Erie, to view a live weather forecast, Tuesday, April 28, 2009, \$46.00 (Funds from Link to Learning – Mini Grant/Science).
- WAEC Mrs. Eller's Kindergarten class to travel to WJET-TV, Erie, to view a live weather forecast, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, \$46.00 (Funds from Link to Learning – Mini Grant/Science).
- WAEC Ms. Sierota's Kindergarten class to travel to WJET-TV, Erie, to view a live weather forecast, Thursday, April 30, 2009, \$46.00 (Funds from Link to Learning – Mini Grant/Science).
- WAMS, Mrs. Gregory and Mr. Logan's Grade 6 students to travel to Edinboro University Pogue Student Center, Edinboro, Thursday, April 30, 2009, \$150.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account).
- WAEC Mrs. Metzler's Kindergarten class to travel to WJET-TV, Erie, to view a live weather forecast, Tuesday, May 5, 2009, \$46.00 (Funds from Link to Learning – Mini Grant/Science).
- WAEC Mrs. Ochterski's Kindergarten class to travel to WJET-TV, Erie, to view a live weather forecast, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, \$46.00 (Funds from Link to Learning – Mini Grant/Science).
- St. Boniface School, Grades 3-4 students, to travel to Erie Blind Center, Wednesday, May 6, 2009, \$80.00 (Funds from St. Boniface School).
- SHS Your Employability Skills (YES), Grade 12 students, to travel to The Warren Company, Erie, Tuesday, May 12, 2009, \$80.00 (Funds from School-to-Career Grant).
- SHS GECAC Educational Talent Search, Grade 9-11 students, to travel to Penn State Behrend and McDonald's, Erie, Tuesday, May 12, 2009, \$85.00 (Funds from GECAC).
- WAMS Grade 6 students to travel to St. Patrick's and St. Peter's Cathedral, Erie, Friday, May 15, 2009, \$898.00 (Funds from Students, Teachers, and Student Activities Account for Transportation).

Transportation
Requests (Continued)

- SHS Academic Sports League (ASL), Grades 9-12 students, to travel to Bayfront Convention Center for an Awards Luncheon, Monday, May 18, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from ASL Account).
- WAEC, One Grade 4 Class, to travel to Watson-Curtze Mansion and Erie Planetarium, Erie, Monday, May 18, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from PTO).
- WAEC, One Grade 4 Class, to travel to Drake Well Museum, Titusville, Monday, May 18, 2009, \$179.00 (Funds from PTO).
- WAEC, One Grade 4 Class, to travel to Erie Firefighters Historical Museum and Museum of GE History, Erie, Monday, May 18, 2009, \$124.00 (Funds from PTO).
- WAEC, One Grade 4 Class, to travel to Erie County History Center and Erie Maritime Museum, Erie, Monday, May 18, 2009, \$95.00 (Funds from PTO).
- WAEC, One Grade 4 Class, to travel to Union City Historical Museum and Wattsburg Area Museum, Monday, May 18, 2009, \$150.00 (Funds from PTO).
- WAEC, One Grade 4 Class, to travel to Tom Ridge Environmental Center and Presque Isle State Park, Erie, Wednesday, May 20, 2009, \$1,030.00 (Funds from PTO).
- WAMS, Grades 5-8 students, to travel to Erie SeaWolves game, Erie, Wednesday, May 20, 2009, \$4,300.00 (Funds from Students (\$7.00 each) and WAMS Activities Account).
- SHS Business Academies – AP Economics – FBLA, Grade 11-12 students, to travel to Hershey Park, Hershey, PA, to participate in seminars/activities, Thursday, May 28, 2009, \$2,480.00 (Funds from Students, Project 720 for Transportation, and Substitute Accounts).
- SHS Choir, Grades 9-12 students, to travel to WAEC and St. Boniface School, date to be determined, \$60.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account).
- Four SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Wegmans, Claytopia and Pizza Hut, Erie, Friday, May 1, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- Four SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Target, Claytopia, Arby's Restaurant and Tom Ridge Center, Erie, Friday, May 8, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- Four SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Wegmans, Asbury Woods and/or Walmart and Papa Joe's West, Erie, Friday, May 15, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- Three SHS PA High School Computer Fair – Regional Winners to travel to Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, Monday, May 18, 2009 through Wednesday, May 20, 2009, \$736.00 (\$300.00 from IU #5 and balance from Student Activities Account).
- SHS Your Employability Skills (YES) class, Grade 12 students, to travel to Career Link and Northwest Regional Technology Institute (NRTI), Erie, Thursday, May 21, 2009, \$80.00 (Funds from School-to-Career Grant).
- Four SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Erie Zoo or Mall/Library, Wegmans and McDonald's, Erie, Friday, May 22, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- Four SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Target, Presque Isle/Tom Ridge or Blasco Library, Sara's or McDonald's, Erie, Friday, May 29, 2009, \$100.00 (Funds from IU #5).

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

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to suspend rules per Policy 9341 and to correct the resignation date of Ms. Darlene Black, Assistant Director of the SHS Marching Band, to be effective June 1, 2009 instead of March 2, 2009. In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Walko and Watkins, motion carried.

Suspend Rules per
Policy 9341 and
Correct Resignation
Effective Date for Ms.
Darlene Black

The Board discussed the following athletic/extra curricular appointments:

- Ms. Gina Cass as Assistant Band Director for the 2009-2010 school year at Step 1 at a salary of \$1,780.00.
- Mr. Bomin Kang as SHS Track and Field Pole Vaulting Coach for 2008-2009 at an hourly rate of \$19.91 for 45 hours (pro-rated).

Athletic/Extra
Curricular
Appointments

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

The Board discussed approving SHS walkie talkies and adaptors as surplus. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 20, 2009.

SHS Walkie Talkies
and Adaptors as
Surplus

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Stephen J. Maksimuk
Assistant Secretary