

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
April 14, 2008**

The meeting of the Regular Work Session was convened on April 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Roll Call

Nicole Drabic informed the School Board that this week was National Library Week and distributed information regarding the Wattsburg Area Middle School library collection.

Visitors and Guests

Mr. Maksimuk reviewed with the Board the Treasurer's Report for March 2008 and the list of General Fund and Cafeteria bills. These items to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

Business
Administrator's
Report

Motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to suspend the rules which interfere with School Board Policy Section 9341 which addresses the purpose of work sessions as informational and discussion purposes only, no formal action shall be transacted. In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Walko, Watkins and Elwin Rose. Motion carried.

Suspend the Rules

Motion by Mr. Scott Rose, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the transfer of Northwest Tri-County I.U. #5 employees in the Wattsburg Area School District in the areas of Special Education Supervision and Emotional Support. In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Walko, Watkins and Elwin Rose. Motion carried.

Transfer of Entity

The Board discussed the per capita tax exemptions. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

Per Capita Tax
Exemptions

The Board discussed the use of the following school facilities:

Utilization of School
Facilities

- Girl Scout Troop #184 to use the facilities at WAEC, Friday, April 25, 2008 for a Girl Scout Meeting (No Cost to District).
- Lake Erie Regiment to use the facilities at all three school buildings, Friday, June 27, 2008 through Monday, June 30, 2008, \$203.00 (Funds from Lake Erie Regiment).
- Mr. Donald Pearce and Grades 3-4 students (250 participants) to use the facilities at WAEC for an overnight Living History Program, Thursday, May 22, 2008 through Friday, May 23, 2008 (No Cost to the District).
- Adult Recreation Volleyball to use the facilities at WAMS, Wednesdays, September 10, 2008 through May 20, 2009 (No Cost to District).

This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

Mr. Maksimuk and Mr. Schultz discussed various options in regards to the trailer located in the Sunny Acres Trailer Park in Lowville.

Sunny Acres Trailer

Mr. Watkins reported that the school district received several quotes regarding topdressing the football field. Upon reviewing references, this item will be listed on the agenda for the April 21, 2008 School Board Meeting.

Topdress Football
Field

The Board discussed the following retirements:

Retirements

- Mr. William Holmes, Social Studies Teacher at SHS, to become effective the last day of the 2007-2008 calendar school year.
- Ms. Charlotte Majerik, Campus Wide Housekeeper, to become effective June 6, 2008.

This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

The Board discussed the following resignations:

Resignations

- Mrs. Rebecca Whitman, WAEC Elementary Teacher, effective August 21, 2008.
- Mr. Man-Kwong Raymond Ng, SHS Mathematics Teacher, effective June 5, 2008.

This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

The Board discussed amending a family medical leave for Mrs. Kristina Shelley, effective March 18, 2008 through the end of the 2007-2008 school year, instead of March 28, 2008 through the end of the 2007-2008 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

Amend Family
Medical Leave

The Board discussed the following WAMS summer school appointments:

Appointments

Mrs. Donna Banks
Mr. Christopher Boyd
Mrs. Sharon Szymanski
Mrs. Mary Beth Hengelbrok
Mr. William Gehrlein
Mrs. Jennifer Turner

This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

Conference Requests

- Ms. Elizabeth Oslak-Techniques for Meeting Career, Education and Work Standards, Titusville, Tuesday, April 22, 2008, \$68.00 (Funds from Guidance, Grades 9-12) (Act 48).
- Mrs. Lori Dellamedaglia and Mrs. Rebecca Johnson-Dealing with Disabilities in the General Education Classroom, Erie, Tuesday, April 29, 2008, \$577.00 (Funds from All, Grades K-4) (Act 48).
- Ms. Mary Kate O'Connell-"Behind the Glass" Lesson – Reading Recovery, Warren, Ohio, Tuesday, April 29, 2008, \$45.00 (Funds from Literacy, Grade 1) (Act 48).

- Mrs. Mary Rea-Erie Co. School Nurse Spring Meeting: "Traumatic Brain Injury," Erie, Wednesday, April 30, 2008 (No Cost to District) (Act 48).
- Mrs. Janet Mullaney-NUTRIKIDS Menu Planning Training (Computer Program), Buffalo, New York, Thursday, May 1, 2008, \$286.00 (Funds from Cafeteria, Grades K-12).
- Mrs. Nicole Drabic-Share Northwest Regional Library Group, Edinboro, Tuesday, May 6, 2008, \$95.00 (Funds from Library Science, Grades 5-8 and Substitute Accounts) (Act 48).
- Mr. Vincent DiMichele, Ms. Liz Oslak and Mr. Joe Anthony-School to Career Meeting, Erie, Thursday, May 15, 2008 (No Cost to District) (Act 48).
- Mrs. Jean Eller-Governor's Institute for Early Childhood - Designing a Mosaic for Comprehensive Learning, Sunday, June 22, 2008 through Friday, June 27, 2008, \$80.00 (Funds from Kindergarten Account) (Act 48).

Conference Requests
(Continued)

This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

The Board discussed additions to the emergency teachers' substitute list. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

Additions to the
Emergency Teachers'
Substitute List

The Board discussed the second reading of the revision of Policy PDE 3513 - Utilization of School Facilities and the Utilization of School Facilities Form. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

Second Reading of
the Revision of Policy
PDE 3513 –
Utilization of School
Facilities

Mr. Badams requested a Curriculum Committee meeting for Monday, May 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the District Administration Office. There being no objection the meeting was scheduled.

Curriculum

The Board discussed the following transportation requests:

Transportation
Requests

- SHS Seniors to travel to PA Career Link, Erie, Thursday, April 24, 2008, \$66.00 (Funds from Career Grant).
- SHS Human Services Career Academy, Grade 9-11 students, to travel to Erie Police Station and Erie County Courthouse, Tuesday, May 6, 2008, \$87.00 (Funds from Career Grant).
- St. Boniface School, Grades 5-6, to travel to Erie Planetarium and Watson Curtze, Erie, Tuesday, May 6, 2008, \$100.00 (Funds from St. Boniface School PTS).
- WAEC, Mrs. Whitman's and Mrs. Himes' Grade 1 students to travel to Edinboro University, Giant Eagle, Edinboro Lake Playground, Edinboro, Thursday, May 15, 2008, \$115.00 (Funds from PTO).
- WAEC Grade K students to travel to Erie Zoo, Monday, May 19, 2008, \$270.00 (Funds from PTO).
- St. Boniface School, Grades K-4 students, to travel to Tom Ridge Environmental Center and Presque Isle, Erie, Tuesday, May 27, 2008, \$125.00 (Funds from St. Boniface School PTS).
- SHS Science and Health Career Academy, Grade 9, to travel to Maritime Museum, Friday, May 30, 2008, \$338.00 (Funds from STC Grant).
- SHS French Club, Grades 9-12, to travel to Bertrand's French Bistro, Erie, Thursday, May 1, 2008, \$57.00 (Funds from French Club).
- SHS Senior Manufacturing students, Grade 12, to travel to Custom Tool and Design, Erie, Monday, May 5, 2008, \$65.00 (Funds from Careers Grant).
- SHS Arts and Communication Academy, Grades 9-11, to travel to Mercyhurst College, Erie, Monday, May 5, 2008, \$65.00 (Funds from Careers Grant).
- WAEC, Grade 4, to travel to Jerry Uht Park, Erie, Thursday, May 8, 2008, \$836.00 (Funds from WAEC PTO).
- SHS Art and Communication Academy, Grades 9-12, to travel to Gohrs, Romolos and Bel Aire Hotel, Erie, Tuesday, May 13, 2008, \$100.00 plus meals (Funds from Careers Grant).
- SHS Academic Decathlon, Grades 10-12, to travel to Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, Monday, May 19, 2008, \$180.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts).
- SHS AP Chemistry II class, Grades 11-12, to travel to Penn State Behrend, Erie, Thursday, May 22, 2008, \$210.00 (Funds from Careers Grant and Substitute Accounts).
- SHS Choir, Grades 9-12, to travel to St. Boniface for an exchange concert at WAEC and St. Boniface School some time after May 20, 2008 (Date to be Determined), \$70.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account).

Transportation
Requests (Continued)

This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

The Board discussed the athletic/extra curricular resignation of Mr. William Holmes as Stage Director, effective the last day of the 2007-2008 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

Athletic/Extra
Curricular
Resignation

The Board discussed opening the position of SHS Head Cheerleading Advisor for the 2008-2009 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

Open SHS Head
Cheerleading Advisor
Position

The Board discussed additions to the volunteer coaching list for the 2007-2008 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

Additions to the
Volunteer Coaching
List

The Board discussed game help rates for the 2008-2009 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for April 21, 2008.

Game Help Rates

Mr. Walko reminded the Board that a motion was adopted last school year to compensate substitute bus drivers the same wage as Class B bus drivers for the 2007-2008 school year and the district would revisit this matter for the 2008-2009 school year to determine if raising the rate was successful. Mr. Walko reported that this matter has been successful and recommended that the Board place on the agenda for the May meeting a motion to establish the substitute bus driver rate as the same rate as Class B bus drivers.

Board
Correspondence and
Dialogue

Mr. Walko requested an Executive Session after this meeting to discuss Local #2 negotiations.

Executive Session

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Stephen J. Maksimuk
Assistant Secretary