

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

WORK SESSION MINUTES

August 11, 2008

The meeting of the regular work session was convened at 7:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Badams reviewed with the Board the Treasurer's Report for July 2008 and the list of General Fund, Cafeteria bills, General Fund :Year End Report, and Budgetary transfers. These items to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008. Business Administrator's Report

The Board discussed approving the Special Education Parent Handbook. This item to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008. Special Education Parent Handbook

The Board discussed the per capita tax exemptions. This item to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008. Per Capita Tax Exemptions

The Board discussed an agreement with Employer Admin Services, Inc. to manage the Wattsburg Area School District 403(b) Plan. This item to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008. Agreement with Employer Admin Services

The Board discussed the removal of delinquent taxes for the years indicated and all future years as requested by the Erie County Bureau of Revenue and Tax Claim. This item to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008. Delinquent Taxes

The Board discussed the purchase of a new Kubota M6040HDC tractor at a cost of \$36,005.96 from A. R. Beatty Diesel through State Contract No. 2420-02. This item to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008. Tractor Purchase

Motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Walko to approve the following:

Resignation Resignation
Mrs. Mary Ellen Messenger, Seneca High School Special Education Teacher, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

Appointments Appointments
- Mr. John Erickson as SHS Mathematics Teacher, effective August 22, 2008, at Step 4, at a salary of \$37,738.00.
- Ms. Ann Gavazzi as WAMS/WAEC Reading Specialist effective August 22, 2008, at Step 2, Masters, at a salary of \$37,117.00.
- Ms. Kristy Gnibus as SHS Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher, effective August 22, 2008, at Step 1, ½ Time Position at a salary of \$17,722.00.
- Mrs. Michelle Leone as SHS Biology Teacher, effective August 22, 2008, at Step 2, at a salary of \$36,208.00.
- Mrs. Kristina Ohrn as SHS English Teacher, effective August 22, 2008, at Step 1, at a salary of \$35,444.00.
- Ms. Gretchen Ruprecht as WAMS Elementary-Reading Specialist Teacher, effective August 22, 2008, at Step 8, Masters, at a salary of \$44,198.00

- Ms. Kimberly Webb as WAEC Elementary Teacher, effective August 22, 2008, at Step 1, at a salary of \$35,444.00. Appointments (cont'd)
- SHS Guidance Counselor, effective August 22, 2008.
- SHS Special Education Teacher effective August 22, 2008.
- Campus Wide Medical Assistant, Level I, Class B position, 7 ¼ hours per day, 185 days per year, at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective August 22, 2008.
- Campus Wide Level IV Housekeeper, Class B position, 8 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$10.35 per hour, effective August 26, 2008.
- Campus Wide Dining Room Aide, Class C position, 3 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$9.45 per hour, effective August 26, 2008
- Campus 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, effective August 26, 2008
- Campus 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, effective August 26, 2008.
- Campus Wide Behavioral Support Aide, Level I, Class B position, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$10.88 per hour, effective August 26, 2008
- Campus Wide Behavioral Support Aide, Level I, Class B position, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$10.88 per hour, effective August 26, 2008.
- Campus Wide Behavioral Support Aide, Level I, Class B position, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$10.88 per hour, effective August 26, 2008.
- Campus Wide Special Education Secretary, Level I, Class A position, 8 hours per day, 260 days per year, at a rate of \$12.44 per hour, effective August 19, 2008.

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mr. Walko, to approve the following:

- Approve Agreements for AFJROTC Instructors - AFJORTC Instructors
- Major James Johnson III at a base salary of \$54,073.36 which reflects the current MIP “Minimum Instructor Pay” established by the US Department of Air Force.
- Sgt. Steven Pascuzzi at a base salary of \$44,279.73 which reflects the current MIP “Minimum Instructor Pay” established by the US Department of Air Force.

- Conference Requests - Conference Requests
- Mr. Paul Semrau - Non-Violent Crisis prevention Intervention Training (CPI), Edinboro, Wednesday, September 3, 2008 through Thursday, September 4, 2008, \$273.00 (Funds from Special Education)
- Ms. Michelle Pisano - What’s New: An Overview of Changes to Chapters 14 and 711, Erie, Wednesday, September 10, \$66.00 (Funds from K-4 Learning Support).
- Mrs. Betty Jones – Certification and Sudoku – Solving the Puzzle, Tuesday, October 14, 2008, \$26.33 (Funds from Administration).

In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted “Yes.” Motion carried.

The Board discussed the following policies: Policy

- Second Reading for Policy 1223 – Volunteer.
- Second Reading for Policy 4122.10 – Bullying
- Second Reading for Policy 6135.1 - Computer-based Education

These items to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mr. Walko, to approve the following:

Discontinuation of Wattsburg Area Middle School Tech Ed Program – To approve the discontinuation of the Wattsburg Area Middle School Tech Ed Program with the condition that planned instruction in Technology Education be incorporated in ongoing science curriculum revision. WAMS Tech Ed Program

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion carried.

The Board discussed Foreign Exchange Students for 2008-2009 School Year. This item to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008. Foreign Exchange Students

The Board discussed the Free Lunch Participation and Activity Fees Waived for 2008-2009. This item to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008. Lunch Participation Activity Fees

The Board discussed Seneca High School hosting the IU Consortium-based Autistic Support Classroom at Seneca High School. This item to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008. IU Consortium-Based Autistic Support Class

The Board discussed Special Education Textbooks. This item to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008. Special Education Textbooks

Mr. S. Rose relayed that a seminar for parents will be held on August 21, 2008. Technology

The Board discussed the bus routes for the 2008-2009 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008. Transportation

The Board discussed contracted Transportation for the 2008-2009 school year:

Mrs. Karen Rose at \$1.00 per mile

Mrs. Joyce Vallimont at the IRS prevailing rate

It was relayed that an Executive session would be held to discuss this matter at the conclusion of the meeting. This item to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008.

The Board discussed the following transportation requests:

- Mrs. Altimier and her Grade K-5 students to travel to Waterford Fairgrounds, Gomo’s, and Quality Market, Waterford, Thursday, September 4, 2008, \$100.00 (Funds from I.U. 5)

- Mr. Don Pearce’s Grade 4 class to travel to Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, New York, Thursday, September 11, 2008, \$752.00 (Funds from Colonial Market and PTO)

- To approve Mrs. Altimier and her Grade K-5 students, to travel to Sunview Miniature Golf, Wendy’s, Wal-Mart, and Billings Park, Edinboro, Friday, September 19, 2008, \$135.00 (Funds from I.U. #5)

- Mr. Don Pearce’s Grade 4 class to travel to Fort LeBoeuf Museum, Waterford, Friday, September 19, 2008, \$190.00 (Funds from Colonial Market, Chaperones and Students).

- WAEC Grade K to travel to Port Farms and Troyer Farms, Tuesday, October 14, 2008, Wednesday, October 15, 2008, and Thursday, October 16, 2008, \$125.00 per day for transportation (Funds from PTO). Transportation (cont'd)

These items to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008.

The Board discussed the possibility of paying a fee to utilize one of the school buses to transport students and their parents to away games. Mr. Badams will check into this.

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

Resignations

- Mrs. Megan Michali, Varsity Head Cheerleading Coach, effective July 24, 2008.
- Mrs. Mary Ellen Messenger, Junior Class Advisor, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

- Additions to the Volunteer Coaching List

- Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2008-2009 School Year:

Mrs. Margaret Wetmore	Head Cheerleading Advisor	Step 1	\$1,780
Ms. Sara Krol	Assistant Cheerleading Advisor	Step 1	\$ 889
Mr. John Erickson	SHS Academic Sports League Advisor		\$1,104.00

- Student Activities Organizations

These items to be placed on the agenda for August 18, 2008.

The Board discussed declaring the material in the Curriculum library as surplus. This item to be placed on the August 18, 2008 agenda. Surplus

The Board discussed declaring the Wattsburg Elementary Center Books as surplus. This item to be placed on the August 18, agenda.

The Board discussed the proposed police headquarter building.

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And Dialogue

Mr. E. Rose asked that members complete their section of the survey he recently sent them and return at the upcoming regular Board meeting.

Discussion took place regarding students who picked up/dropped off at different locations during the school week on a continual basis due to their parents being divorced or having to go to a babysitter, other caregiver, etc. Also discussion took place regarding what to do when students are returned to school by the bus when there is no one home when they are dropped off. Development of a policy may take care of the problem.

The Board discussed whether volunteers are covered when chaperoning or not. This will be further looked into.

As there was no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Adjournment