

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
December 8, 2008**

The meeting of the Regular Work Session was convened on December 8, 2008 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. Jay Badams, Nancy Sadaly and Steve Maksimuk were also present together with other interested persons.

Roll Call

Mr. Maksimuk reviewed with the Board the Treasurer's Report for November 2008 and the list of General Fund and Cafeteria bills. These items to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

Business  
Administrator's  
Report

Motion by Mrs. Afton, 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 unanimously.

By-Laws – Methods  
of Operation

The Board discussed the Oil and Gas Lease Agreement with EXCO-North Coast Energy, Inc. This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

Oil and Gas Lease –  
EXCO-North Coast  
Energy, Inc.

The Board discussed the IRS mileage rate from 58.5¢ to 55.0¢, effective January 1, 2009. This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

IRS Mileage Rate

The Board discussed the per capita tax exemptions. This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

Per Capita Tax  
Exemptions

Mr. Duda requested a Finance Committee meeting on January 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office to discuss the Local Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 and the adoption of a resolution that would not raise the real estate tax rate above the index for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Finance Committee  
Meeting

The Board discussed the use of the following school facilities:

- Penn Lakes Girl Scouts Troop 184 to use the facilities at WAEC for Girl Scout Troop Educational Meetings, Wednesdays, January 7, January 21, February 4, February 18, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 22, May 6 and May 13, 2009 (No Cost to the District).
- Spanish Club to use the facilities at WAEC for Spanish Club Meetings, Thursdays, January 8, 22 and 29, February 5, 12 and 26, March 5, 12 and 26, 2009 (No Cost to the District).
- Wattsburg Wrestling Club to use the facilities at WAMS on Saturday, January 24, 2009 and SHS on Sunday, January 25, 2009 (No Cost to the District).
- AASP Chapter #22 to use the facilities for PA State Inspection and Emissions Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2009 (No Cost to the District).

This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

Utilization of School  
Facilities

Mrs. Smith requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The Board retired into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Scott Rose to approve the resolution appointing Mrs. Nancy Sadaly as Acting Superintendent of the Wattsburg Area School District from January 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Watkins and Walko. Motion carried.

Acting  
Superintendent

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve the resolution appointing Mr. Thomas Rinke as Acting Assistant Superintendent of the Wattsburg Area School District from January 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Watkins and Walko. Motion carried.

Acting Assistant  
Superintendent

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the resolution appointing Mr. Keith Miller as Acting Seneca High School Principal of the Wattsburg Area School District from January 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Watkins and Walko. Motion carried.

Acting Principal at  
SHS

The Board discussed the resolution appointing an Acting Seneca High School Assistant Principal of the Wattsburg Area School District from January 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009. This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

Acting Assistant  
Principal at SHS

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

Conference Requests

- Ms. Remle Elmer-Erie School Counselors Association Meetings, Erie, Wednesdays, January 21, 2009, February 18, 2009, March 4, 2009, April 29, 2009 and Tuesday, May 14, 2009 (No Cost to the District).
- Mr. Tim Malinowski-Dual enrollment Committee Meetings, Edinboro, Friday, January 23, 2009 and Monday, April 27, 2009, \$53.00 (Funds from Guidance, Grades 9-12).
- Mr. Steven O'Donnell, Mr. Michael Ellicott, Mr. Robert LaPlaca and Mr. John Praetzel-Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference, PETE&C Conference, Hershey, Saturday, February 7, 2009 through Wednesday, February 11, 2008, \$3,685.00 (Funds from All, Grades 6-12).
- Mrs. Joni Swackhamer, Mrs. Jennifer Malec, Ms. Mary Kate O'Connell, Ms. Ann Gavazzi, Mrs. Barbara Burdick, Ms. Theresa Himes, Mrs. Christine Long and Mrs. Emily Ewings-2009 National Reading Recovery and K-6 Classroom Literacy Conference, Columbus, Ohio, Sunday, February 8 through Tuesday, February 10, 2009, \$6,262.00 (Funds from Grades K-4, Literacy).
- Mrs. Glenda Patterson-CFF Coaches and Media Specialist Collaboration, Edinboro, Tuesday, January 6, 2009, \$107.00 (Funds from Library, Grades 9-12).

This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

The Board discussed additions to the emergency teachers' substitute list. This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

Additions to the  
Emergency Teachers'  
Substitute List

The Board discussed the appointment of Mrs. MerriBeth Knappenberger as Open Records Officer for the Wattsburg Area School District. This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

Open Records Officer  
Appointment

The Board discussed the appointment of Mrs. Julie O'Donnell as Temporary Full-Time Mathematics Teacher at SHS for the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

Appointment

The Board discussed the Second Reading of the Revision of Policy 1100.2 – Public Records. This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

Second Reading of  
the Revision of Policy  
1100.2 - Public  
Records

Motion by Mr. Scott Rose, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve the following new courses for Seneca High School:

New Courses for  
Seneca High School

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Robotics                  | Pennsylvania History         |
| Special Topics in Theatre | AP French Language           |
| AP Studio Art             | History Movies and Medals    |
| Introduction to Dance     | Fashion Merchandising        |
| AP Psychology             | PSSA Preparation Mathematics |

After discussion it was moved by Mr. Scott Rose, seconded by Mr. Duda to amend the previous motion to change the course title of History Movies and Medals to History Media and Medals. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes" to amend the motion: Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Watkins and Walko. Motion carried. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes" to approve the new courses at Seneca High School: Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Watkins and Walko. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the following student activities request:

Student Activities  
Request

- SHS Marching Band, Grades 7-12, to travel to Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL, Wednesday, April 15, 2009 through Tuesday, April 21, 2009, \$700.00 per student, \$320.00 Teacher Substitute (Funds from Band and Substitute Accounts).

This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

The Board discussed the following transportation requests:

Transportation  
Requests

- SHS Chorus, Grades 9-12, to travel to WAEC and St. Boniface School, date undetermined but after December 15, 2008, \$80.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account).
- SHS Autistic Support Classroom to travel to Wegmans, Blasco Library and McDonald's, Friday, December 19, 2008, \$100.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- St. Boniface School to travel to the Warner Theater, Wednesday, January 21, 2009, \$70.00 (Funds from St. Boniface School).
- SHS Autistic Support Classroom to travel to Salvation Army, WalMart and the Millcreek Mall, Friday, January 30, 2009, \$85.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Eastway Bowling and Wendy's, Erie, Friday, January 9, 2009, \$87.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- WAEC Autistic Support students to travel to WalMart, Wendy's and Eastside YMCA, Erie, Tuesday, January 13, 2009, \$95.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Wegmans, Frontier Park and Bob Evans, Erie, Friday, January 16 or January 23, 2009, \$105.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Wegmans, Blasco Library and McDonald's, Erie, Friday, January 16 or January 23, 2009, \$105.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- WAEC Autistic Support students to travel to Eastland Bowling, local fast food restaurant and Aldis, Erie, Wednesday, January 28, 2009, \$95.00 (Funds from IU #5).

This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve SHS FBLA students, Grades 9-12, to travel to University of Pitt Bradford, Tuesday, December 16, 2008, cost of \$910.00 to be funded from FBLA and Substitute Accounts. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Elwin Rose, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Watkins and Walko. Motion carried.

Transportation  
Request

The Board discussed the following athletic/extra curricular resignations:

- Ms. Rebecca Piotrowski as WAMS 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Soccer Coach (40 hours).
- Mr. Chris Boyd as SHS Head Golf Coach, effective November 13, 2008.

Athletic/Extra  
Curricular  
Resignations

This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

The Board discussed the SHS/WAMS athletic appointments for the 2008-2009 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

Athletic/Extra  
Curricular  
Appointments

The Board discussed approving SHS textbooks/materials as surplus. This item to be placed on the agenda for December 15, 2008.

SHS  
Textbooks/Materials  
as Surplus

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Stephen J. Maksimuk  
Assistant Secretary