

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 11, 2008**

The meeting of the Regular Work Session was convened on February 11, 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 January 2008 and the list of General Fund and Cafeteria bills. These items to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

Business
Administrator's
Report

The Board discussed the per capita tax exemptions. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

Per Capita Tax
Exemptions

The Board discussed the local audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 as prepared by Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, PC. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

Local Audit Report

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Walko to approve Mr. Scott Rose to use the facilities at WAEC for the Sam Burns Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser, Saturday, March 1, 2008 (Cleaning/Cafeteria time to be donated and request for rental fees to be waived). In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes" : Afton, Duda, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Walko, Watkins and Elwin Rose. Motion carried.

Sam Burns Dinner

The Board discussed the use of the following school facilities:

Utilization of School
Facilities

- Girls Scout Leaders to use the facilities at WAEC for Leaders' Meetings, Tuesdays, March 25, 2008, April 29, 2008, and May 27, 2008 (No Cost to the District).
- NPAECT (Northwest PA Association of Educational Communications and Technology) to use the facilities at SHS and WAMS for Technology Sessions, Saturday, March 29, 2008 (Request for fees to be waived).
- Lake Erie Regiment to use the facilities at WAEC, Friday, March 14, 2008, Saturday, March 15, 2008 and Sunday, March 16, 2008, for a Winter Guard Teaching Weekend, \$203.00 (Funds from Lake Erie Regiment).

This item to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

The Board discussed the following appointments:

Appointments

- Ms. Lisa Davis as Custodian Level IV, Campus-wide Housekeeper – 2nd Shift, Class A Position, 8 hours per day, 260 days per year, at a rate of \$9.93 per hour, effective February 19, 2008.
- Ms. Susan Beeles as Custodian Level IV, Campus-wide Housekeeper – 2nd Shift. Class B Position, 6 ½ hours per day, 210 days per year, at a rate of \$9.93 per hour, effective February 19, 2008.
- Mrs. Debra Firestone as Cafeteria Level III, Campus-wide Cafeteria Aide, Class C Position, 3 ¼ hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$9.06 per hour, effective February 19, 2008.

- Ms. Lynne Herman as a Special Education Teacher to tutor one student in Cyber Services, after school, up to one hour per student each week in the home, at a salary in accordance with the bargaining unit agreement, effective February 11, 2008.

Appointments
(Continued)

This item to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

The Board discussed a salary increase for Ms. Cheryl Nye, WASD Board Secretary. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

Salary Increase for
School Board
Secretary

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

Conference Requests

- Ms. Mary Kate O'Connell-Reading Recovery "Behind the Glass" Lesson, Warren, Ohio, Tuesday, February 26, 2008, \$30.00 (Funds from Reading, Grade 1) (Act 48).
- Mr. Robert LaPlaca and Ms. Cindy Cass-Crystal Reports Training – Introduction and Advanced, Erie, Monday, March 3, 2008 through Friday, March 8, 2008, \$2,700.00 (Funds from Technology).
- Mr. Jeff Gifford-Northwest PA Athletic Field and Turf Conference, Meadville, Wednesday, March 19, 2008, \$87.00 (Funds from Maintenance).
- Mr. Glenn Winkler-Wastewater Technologies, Meadville, Wednesday, March 19, 2008, \$113.00 (Funds from Sewer Plant Account).

This item to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

The Board discussed additions to the emergency teachers' substitute list. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

Additions to the
Emergency Teachers'
Substitute List

The Board discussed the following Act 80 Days for the 2007-2008 school year for parent conferences, staff development and dismissal at start of school year of a partial group of kindergarten students:

Act 80 Days

Wednesday, August 29, 2007 and Thursday, August 30, 2007	Kindergarten
Wednesday, December 12, 2007	½ Day WAEC
Thursday, December 13, 2007	½ Day WAEC
Friday, December 14, 2007	½ Day WAEC
Tuesday, January 22, 2008	½ Day SHS/WAMS
Thursday, March 13, 2008	Whole Day WAEC
Friday, March 14, 2008	Whole Day WAEC
Wednesday, April 23, 2008	Whole Day SHS/WAMS/ WAEC

This item to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

The Board discussed the following student activities requests:

Student Activities
Requests

- Mr. James Caspar and SHS and WAMS Grade 7-9 Band students to travel to Corry High School for Jr. District Band, Friday, April 11, 2008 through Saturday, April 12, 2008, \$369.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts).

- Mr. James Caspar and SHS Grade 10-12 Band students to travel to Hershey for the PMEA All State Conference, Wednesday, April 16, 2008 through Saturday, April 19, 2008, \$1,363.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts).

Student Activities
Requests (Continued)

This item to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

The Board discussed the following transportation requests:

Transportation
Requests

- WAEC, Grade 2, to travel to Tinseltown, Erie, Monday, March 17, 2008, \$1,198.00 (Funds from PTO).
- WAMS, Mrs. McNally's and Mrs. Turner's Grade 5 students, to travel to Edinboro Planetarium, Taco Bell/Dairy Queen, Edinboro, Monday, April 14, 2008, \$100.00 (Funds from WAMSAG).
- WAMS, Mrs. Shaffer's and Mrs. Tonks' Grade 5 students, to travel to Edinboro Planetarium, Taco Bell/Dairy Queen, Edinboro, Tuesday, April 15, 2008, \$100.00 (Funds from WAMSAG).
- WAMS, Mrs. Ward's and Mrs. Hoffman's Grade 5 students, to travel to Edinboro Planetarium, Taco Bell/Dairy Queen, Edinboro, Wednesday, April 16, 2008, \$100.00 (Funds from WAMSAG).
- WAMS, Grade 6 students, to travel to Waldameer Park and Water World, Tuesday, June 3, 2008, \$1,930.00 (Funds from WAMSAG and students).
- WAMS, Grade 5 students, to travel to Town of Dry Gulch, Findley Lake, New York, Tuesday, June 3, 2008, \$1,263.00 (Funds from WAMSAG).
- SHS Concert Band, Grades 9-12, to travel to Harbor Creek High School for Bands in the Round, Tuesday, March 18, 2008, \$91.00 (Funds from Band Account).

This item to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

The Board discussed the athletic appointments for the 2007-2008 school year at a salary in accordance with the bargaining unit agreement. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

Athletic/Extra
Curricular
Appointments

The Board discussed stipends for the musicians who will be practicing and performing for the musicals. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

Musical Stipends for
Musicians

The Board discussed declaring the old piano at WAEC as surplus. This item to be placed on the agenda for February 18, 2008.

Declare Piano as
Surplus

Mr. Elwin Rose informed the Board Members that there will be an Executive Session to discuss negotiations after the conclusion of tonight's meeting. There being no further business the Board adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Stephen J. Maksimuk
Assistant Secretary