

Wattsburg Area School District
Work Session Minutes
February 9, 2009

Board President, Joe Walko, called the Regular Work Session Meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held in the WAEC Auditorium.

ROLL CALL

Board Members James Thompson, Eric Duda, Sue Afton, John P. Rzepka, Kenneth Watkins, Elwin Rose and Joseph Walko were present. Acting Superintendent Nancy Sadaly and Acting Asst Superintendent Tom Rinke were present for the Administration.

No visitors wished to address the board at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mrs. Sadaly introduced Ms. Amy Taylor, Temporary Substitute 3rd Grade Teacher who wished to address the Board. Ms. Taylor expressed her thanks to the Board for giving her the opportunity. She stated how well the students reacted to the mid-school year change in their class. She noted many positive activities and lessons that were going on in the classroom.

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Walko relayed that with Mr. Steve Maksimuk's absence, Board Members had the February Business Report in their packet and any questions could be forwarded to Steve during the week.

LEGAL ADVISEMENT

Mr. Walko asked to consider the approval of the 2009-2010 adoption of the Operating Budget for the Erie County Area Vocational-Technical School, including Secondary Programs and Regional Career and Technical Center Adult Programs. The 2009-2010 General Fund Budget includes total expenditures of \$6,194,950.00 with total district secondary program contributions of \$3,597,016.00, as outlined in Item 1 of Supt.'s Report. This item is to be placed on the agenda for February 16, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Watkins to suspend rules per Policy 9341 to allow voting on action items identified on tonight's Agenda. In a voice vote, all members present voted "Yes", motion carried.

FINANCE

The Board discussed the per capita tax exemptions. This item is to be placed on the agenda for February 16, 2009.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve Wattsburg Little League to use the facilities at WAEC for practices, Fridays, February 13, February 20, February 27, 2009 and March 2009 at the discretion of the Activities Director (No Cost to the District).

In a voice vote, all members present voted "Yes", motion carried.

The Board discussed the remaining Utilization of School Facilities request by the SHS Boy's Basketball Team to use the facilities at the WAEC for a Banquet on Sunday, March 8, 2009 (No Cost to the District). This item is to be placed on the agenda for February 16, 2009.

PERSONNEL

The Board discussed the following Personnel Items and asked they be placed on the agenda for February 16, 2009:

Resignations

- To accept the resignation of Ms. Lynne Herman as Special Education Teacher to tutor students in Cyber Services after school, effective February 3, 2009 as outlined in Item 2 of Supt.'s Report.

Appointments

- To approve _____ as Special Education Teacher to tutor students in Cyber Services after school up to two hours per student each week in the home at a salary per the bargaining unit agreement.
- To approve _____ as 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 February 17, 2009.
- To approve _____ 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 February 17, 2009.
- To approve the appointment of Mrs. Sharon Lorei as Career Academy Activities Assistant at SHS for up to five hours per week under Project 720 Grant funds for the 2008-2009 school year.

Conference Requests

- Mr. Vincent DiMichele-NAMI – Reactive Attachment Disorder, Erie, Thursday, February 26, 2009 (No Cost to the District).
- Ms. Donna Banks, Ms. Melissa Doolittle, Mrs. Sonja Meehan-NAMI – Reactive Attachment Disorder, Erie, Thursday, February 26, 2009, \$240.00 (Funds from Substitute Account).
- Mr. Randy Gunther, Mr. Curt Spicher, Mr. Rob Hart, and Mr. Tate Warren-Nike Coach of the Year Clinic, Pittsburgh, Friday, February 27, 2009 through Sunday, March 1, 2009, \$320.00 (Funds from Substitute Account).
- Mrs. Stephanie Welsler and Mr. Jacob Malec-CPI Full Certification Training (Crisis Prevention), Edinboro, Wednesday, March 4, 2009 and Thursday, March 5, 2009, \$490.00 (Funds from TEEP, Grades K-4).
- Mr. Jeff Gifford-Northwest PA Athletic Field, Turf, Golf and Ornaments Conference, Meadville, Tuesday, March 17, 2009, \$95.00 (Funds from Maintenance Account).
- Mrs. Lisa Zarger-PA Association of School Nurses and Practitioners Annual Education Conference, State College, Saturday, March 21, 2009, \$200.00 (Funds from Nursing Services, Grades 5-12).
- Mr. Vincent DiMichele-Understanding and Treatment of Self Injuries, Erie, Thursday, May 7, 2009 (No Cost to District).

Additions to the Emergency Substitute Teachers' List

- To approve additions to the Emergency Substitute Teachers' List for 2008-2009 school year as outlined in Item 3 of Supt.'s List.

POLICY

The Board discussed the approval of the first Reading of Policy 5122.11 – Positive Behavior Support Policy for Students Receiving Special Education Services as outlined in Item 4 of Supt.'s Report. This item is to be placed on the agenda for February 16, 2009.

CURRICULUM

The Board discussed the following Curriculum Items and asked they be placed on the agenda for February 16, 2009:

Adoption of School Calendar for 2009-2010

- To approve the adoption of the School Calendar for the 2009-2010 school year as outlined in Item 5 of Supt.'s Report.

Concerns were noted by Mr. Walko and Mr. Rzepka that the proposed Calendar mirror as close as possible to the Erie County Technical School and other Area School Calendars to minimize transportation cost.

Approval of Section 1502 Holidays for 2009-2010

- To approve the following Section 1502 holidays for the 2009-2010 school year:
 - December 24, 2009
 - December 28, 2009
 - December 29, 2009
 - December 30, 2009
 - December 31, 2009

Student Activities Request

- To approve SHS Band students to travel to West Lake Middle School, Erie, for Jr. District Band Performance, Saturday, March 28 through Sunday, March 29, 2009, \$300.00 (Funds from Student Activities and Substitute Accounts).

PRINCIPALS' SPECIAL REPORTS

Principals' Special Reports were to be scheduled at the Regular Board Meeting as normal.

TECHNOLOGY

Nothing noted for this month's report.

TRANSPORTATION

The Board discussed the following Transportations Items and asked they be placed on the agenda for February 16, 2009:

Transportation Requests

- To approve SHS Autistic Support students to travel to St. Boniface Church and Country Superette every Tuesday beginning February 17, 2009, \$47.00 each Tuesday (Funds from IU #5).
- To approve SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Salvation Army, WalMart, and Library at Millcreek Mall, Thursday March 5, 2009, \$90.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- To approve SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Wegman's, Blasco Library, and Trolley Ride to McDonalds, Friday, March 13, 2009, \$105.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- To approve SHS Grade 10 Career Academies students to travel to Erie Insurance, St. Vincent Health Systems, Eriez Magnetics, and City Hall, Tuesday, March 24, 2009, \$370.00 (Funds from IU Regional Career Education Partnership for Transportation and Sub Account for Substitutes).
- To approve SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Dollar Tree, WalMart, and Edinboro Borough Building, Friday, March 20, 2009, \$115.00 (Funds from IU #5).

- To approve SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Wegman's, Asbury Woods, and Papa Joe's, Erie, Friday, March 27, 2009, \$120.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- To approve WAMS Grade 7 students, to travel to Great Lakes Science Center, Cleveland, Ohio, Friday, April 3, 2009, \$1,882.00 (Funds from Students and Student Activities Account).
- To approve WAEC Grade 3 to travel to Warner Theater and Old Country Buffet, Erie, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, \$1,330.00 (Funds from PTO).
- To approve SHS College Bound Seniors to travel to Ambassador Suites for program that offers keys to college success, Monday, May 4, 2009, \$110.00 (Funds for Transportation from Regional Career Education Partnership and Sub Account for Substitutes).

Bus Bids

The Board discussed the recent Bid Opening for consideration of the purchase of Buses under the guidelines of the Transportation Plan.

ATHLETIC/EXTRA-CURRICULAR

The Board discussed the following Athletic/Extra-Curricular Items and asked they be placed on the agenda for February 16, 2009:

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations

- To accept the resignation of Mr. Brian Jones as SHS Pole Vault Coach - Intramurals, effective January 30, 2009 as outlined in Item 6 of Supt.'s Report.

Additions to the Volunteer Coach List for 2008-2009

- To approve additions to the Volunteer Coach List for 2008-2009 as outlined in Item 7 of Supt.'s Report.

VISITOR

Mrs. Postlewaite inquired about whether the District received approval for the Emergency School Day waiver for January 12, 2009 and how that would affect the end of the school year and Graduation. She requested that days scheduled for Easter Vacation be considered to replace Snow-days instead of extending the School Year.

Mr. Walko informed the Board that there would be an Executive Session after tonight's meeting to discuss personnel issues.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Temporary Recording Secretary,
John P. Rzepka / Board Member