

**WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 19, 2009**

The meeting of the Regular Work Session was convened on January 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Roll Call

Visitors and Guests were present to discuss with the Board support for Mr. Tom Mello as Baseball Coach. Other visitors discussed the need to have baseball statistics available and a request for funding for FBLA students to attend competition in Harrisburg.

Visitors and Guests

Mr. Maksimuk reviewed with the Board the Treasurer's Report for December 2008 and the list of General Fund and Cafeteria bills. These items to be placed on the agenda for January 26, 2009.

Business
Administrator's
Report

Motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Rzepka 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.

By-Laws – Methods
of Operation

The Board discussed the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit General Operating Budget for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$50,316,553.00 and a WASD contribution of \$26,684.81 for School Improvement Services. This item to be placed on the agenda for January 26, 2009.

Northwest Tri-County
Intermediate Unit
Budget

The Board discussed the appointment of the school dentist for the 2008-2009 school year. This item to be placed on the agenda for January 26, 2009.

Appointment of the
School Dentist

The Board discussed the per capita tax exemptions. This item to be placed on the agenda for January 26, 2009.

Per Capita Tax
Exemptions

The Board discussed the use of the following school facilities:

- Wattsburg Area Little League to use the facilities at WAEC for Little League Registration, Monday February 16, Tuesday, February 17, Thursday, February 19, Friday, February 20, Saturday, March 14 and Wednesday, April 15, 2009 (No Cost to the District).

Utilization of School
Facilities

This item to be placed on the agenda for January 26, 2009.

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Scott Rose to approve Wattsburg Wrestling Club to use the facilities at WAEC for Wrestling Pictures, Thursday, January 22, 2009 (No Cost to the District). In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Walko and Watkins, motion carried.

Wrestling Club
Facility Request

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Scott Rose to approve the resolution appointing Mrs. Emily Ewings as WAMS Acting Assistant Principal of the WASD from January 14, 2009 through June 30, 2009. In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Walko and Watkins, motion carried.

Acting Assistant
Principal at WAMS

Mr. Rzepka requested a Building and Grounds Committee meeting for Monday, January 26, 2009.

Building and Grounds
Committee

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Scott Rose to approve Ms. Amy Taylor as a day-to-day Substitute Teacher at WAEC, effective January 5, 2009 until elementary certificate is approved by PDE. In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Walko and Watkins, motion carried.

Additions to the
Teachers' Substitute
List

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve the following appointments:

Appointments

- Ms. Amy Taylor as a Temporary Substitute Elementary Teacher for Mrs. Emily Ewings.
- Mr. Joseph Graff, Jr. as SHS Temporary Substitute Industrial Arts/Technology Education Teacher from January 26, 2009 through the end of the 2008-2009 school year at the per diem rate of \$225.00 per day.
- Ms. Daniella Guarino as Campus Wide Housekeeper – 2nd Shift, Level III, Class B position, 6 ½ hours per day, 210 days per year, at a rate of \$10.35 per hour, effective January 20, 2009.

In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Walko and Watkins, motion carried.

The Board discussed a leave of absence for Mrs. Staci Wright effective January 7, 2009, according to Article 5, Section K, No. 3, of the Wattsburg Educational Support personnel Association ESPA/PSEA/NEA Local 2 Collective Bargaining Agreement. This item to be placed on the agenda for January 26, 2009.

Leave of Absence

Motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve Mr. Robert LaPlaca and Mr. John Praetzel-PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference – PETE&C, Hershey, Saturday, February 7, 2009 through Thursday, February 12, 2009, \$1,765.00 as per employment agreement (Funds from Technology). In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Duda, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Walko and Watkins, motion carried.

PETE & C
Conference

The Board discussed the following conference requests:

Conference Requests

- Mrs. Jan Pelensky-NAMI of Erie County Presents 2008-2009 Speaker Series Program, (Reactive Attachment Disorder "*When Love Is Not Enough*" Seminar Program, and "Understanding and Treating the Self Injurer: *Once and Obscure Psychiatric Symptom, Now An Alarming Mainstream Problem*" Seminar/Training), Erie, Thursday, February 26, 2009 and Thursday, May 7, 2009, \$55.00 (Funds from Guidance, Grades K-4).
- Mrs. Gina Rullo-Reactive Attachment Disorder – "*When Love Is Not Enough*" Seminar/Training. Thursday, February 26, 2009 (No Cost to the District).

This item to be placed on the agenda for January 26, 2009.

The Board discussed the tuition reimbursement stipends. This item to be placed on the agenda for January 26, 2009.

Tuition
Reimbursement

Motion by Mr. Scott Rose, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve the revision of the School Calendar for 2008-2009. In a recorded roll call vote the following members voted "Yes": Afton, Scott Rose, Rzepka, Smith, Thompson, Walko and Watkins. Mr. Duda voted "No", motion carried.

Revised School
Calendar

The Board discussed the following transportation requests:

Transportation
Requests

- WAEC Autistic Support, Grade K-5 students, to travel to Lakettes Gymnastic Academy, Fast Food Restaurant on Peach Street and the Library at the Millcreek Mall, Thursday, February 12, 2009, \$110.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- WAEC Autistic Support, Grade K-5 students, to travel to Eastland Bowling, Pizza Hut and Aldis, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, \$96.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- WAMS Science Olympiad Team, Grades 7-8, to travel to Clarion University, Thursday, March 26, 2009, \$210.00 for registration, transportation previously approved for SHS Science Olympiad Team whom they will travel with (Funds from Student Activities Account).
- SHS Student Ambassadors, Grades 11-12 to travel to Penn State Behrend, Tuesday, February 3, 2009, \$80.00 (Funds from Student Activities).
- SHS Academic Sports League to travel to Edinboro University to participate in regional competition, Friday, February 6, 2009, \$215.00 (Funds from Academic Sports League Account).
- SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Claytopia, Panera Bread and WalMart, Erie, Friday, February 6, 2009, \$95.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- SHS Academic Sports League to travel to Edinboro University to participate in regional competition, Saturday, February 7, 2009, \$175.00 (Funds from Academic Sports League Account).
- SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Big Lots and Wegmans, Erie, Friday, February 13, 2009, \$93.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- SHS Autistic Support students to travel to WalMart, Arby's, YMCA and Dollar Tree, Erie, Friday, February 20, 2009, \$92.00 (Funds from IU #5).
- SHS Autistic Support students to travel to Eastway Bowling, Wendy's and WalMart, Erie, Friday, February 27, 2009, \$85.00 (Funds from IU #5).

This item to be placed on the agenda for January 26, 2009.

The Board discussed the following athletic/extra curricular appointments:

Athletic/Extra
Curricular
Appointments

- Mr. Alex Kimani as WAMS 7th/8th Grade Boys' Soccer Coach, Intramurals, 40 hours at a rate of \$19.90 per hour, for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Mr. Rick Stoutamyer as SHS Head Baseball Coach, at Step 1, at a salary of \$2,999.00, for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Mr. Steve Carter as SHS Head Golf Coach, at Step 1, at a salary of \$1,979.00 for the 2009-2010 school year.

This item to be placed on the agenda for January 26, 2009.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Stephen J. Maksimuk
Assistant Secretary