

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of December 15, 2008

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, December 15, 2008 at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

Mr. Joseph Walko called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Linda Smith, Kenneth Watkins, John Rzepka, Sue Afton, Elwin Rose, Eric Duda, Scott Rose, James Thompson, and Joseph Walko. Also in attendance were Mr. Jay Badams, Superintendent, Ms. Nancy Sadaly, Assistant to the Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Manager.

Roll Call

Minutes of the November 17, 2008 Regular Board Meeting, minutes of the December 3, 2008 Organization Meeting, and minutes of the December 8, 2008 Regular Work Session were reviewed.

Minutes

Motion for approval was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mr. Duda. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted "Yes." Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion at large was made by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. Watkins, to nominate Mr. Elwin Rose as President emeritus of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education, in recognition of his decades of service to the community.

Recognition

In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted "Yes." Motion was carried unanimously.

On behalf of the bus drivers, Ms. Tammy Kimmy welcomed Mr. Walko as the new School Board President, thanked Mr. Elwin Rose for his dedication to the Board as President in the past, and wished Mr. Jay Badams good luck in his new position.

Recognition of
Visitors

Mrs. Sadaly gave a brief report.

Superintendent's
Report/Medal of
Honor

A video clip was shown on an Honor of Medal recipient who recently visited the Wattsburg Area School District.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount as \$3,462,151.64 of as of November 30, 2008 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of November 30, 2008.

Treasurer's
Reports/Payment
of Bills

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$60,332.45; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$1,015,372.09; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$122,241.42, and Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$34,934.37.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Rzepka. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted "Yes": Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Oil and Gas Lease – EXCO – North Coast Energy, Inc. – Exhibit F – Motion: To approve the Oil and Gas Lease Agreement with EXCO – North Coast Energy, Inc. as outlined in **Exhibit F**.

Legal Advisement

Motion for approval was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mr. Thompson. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Elwin Rose, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

IRS Mileage Rate – Motion: To approve the IRS Mileage Rate from \$.58.5 to \$.55.0, effective January 1, 2009.

Legal Advisement
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Motion for approval was made by Mr. E. Rose, seconded by Mr. Rzepka. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted “Yes.” Motion was carried unanimously.

It was relayed that a Finance Committee Meeting will be held on January 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Finance

Utilization of School Facilities – Motion: To approve Penn Lakes Girl Scouts Troop 184 to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center 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 District); **Motion:** To approve Spanish Club to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for Spanish Club Meetings, Thursdays, January 8, 22, and 29, February 5, 12, and 26, March 5, 12, and 26, 2009 (No Cost to District); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Wrestling Club to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Middle School on Saturday, January 24, 2009 and Seneca High School on Sunday, January 25, 2009 (No Cost to District), and **Motion:** To approve AASP Chapter #22 to use the facilities for PA State Inspection and Emissions Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2009 (No Cost to the District).

Building and
Grounds

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Watkins. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approve Acting Assistant Principal at Seneca High School – Exhibit G – Motion: To approve the resolution appointing Mr. Tom Podpora as Seneca High School Acting Assistant Principal of the Wattsburg Area School District from January 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009 as outlined in **Exhibit G**.

Personnel

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. S. Rose. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. E. Rose, seconded by Mr. Duda, that travel to conferences outside of Erie, PA not be approved until the end of the 2008-2009 school year, unless they are funded by a federal or state grant or if they are mandatory PDE meetings.

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, and Mrs. Smith. The following members present voted “No”: Mr. Rzepka and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Conference Requests – Mrs. Glenda Patterson – CFF Coaches and Media Specialist Collaboration, Edinboro, Tuesday, January 6, 2009, \$107.00 (Funds from Library, Grades 9-12); 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 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), and 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).

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Duda. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. Duda, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Walko. The following member present voted “No”: Mr. S. Rose. Motion carried.

Additions to the Emergency Teachers’ Substitute List – Exhibit H – Motion: To approve additions to the Emergency Teachers’ Substitute List for the 2008-2009 school year (See **Exhibit H**).

Open Records Officer Appointment – Motion: To approve the appointment of Mrs. MerriBeth Knappenberger as Open Records Officer for the Wattsburg Area School District.

Appointment – Motion: To approve Mrs. Julie O’Donnell as Temporary Full-Time Mathematics Teacher at Seneca High School for the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

Additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List – Exhibit I – Motion: To approve additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List as outlined in **Exhibit I**.

Special Sick Leave – Workman’s Compensation – Motion: To approve Special Sick Leave – Workman’s Compensation for Mrs. Paula Bessetti for 53 days.

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. S. Rose. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approve Second Reading of the Revision of Policy 1100.2 – Public Records – Exhibit J – Motion: To approve the Second Reading of the Revision of Policy 1100.2 – Public Records as outlined in **Exhibit J**.

Policy

Motion for approval was made by Mrs. Afton, seconded by Mr. S. Rose. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Student Activities Request – Motion: To approve Seneca High School Marching Band, Grades 7-12, to travel to Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL, Wednesday, April 15, 2009 through Tuesday, April 21, 2009, \$320.00 for Teacher Substitute (Funds from Substitute Account; Student cost absorbed by Fundraising Activities).

Curriculum

Motion for approval was made by Mr. S. Rose, seconded by Mr. Watkins. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. McGarvey reported on Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mr. Podpora gave a brief report on Seneca High School. Mrs. Rullo reported on Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Mrs. Mullaney gave an update on the cafeteria. Mr. La Placa gave an update on the Technology Department.

Principals’
Special Reports

Transportation Requests – Motion: To approve Seneca High School Chorus, Grades 9-12, to travel to Wattsburg Area Elementary Center and St. Boniface School, date undetermined, but after December 15, 2008, \$80.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Autistic Support Classroom to travel to Wegmans, Blasco Library, and McDonald’s, Friday, December 19, 2008,

Transportation

\$100.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to Eastway Bowling and Wendy's, Erie, Friday, January 9, 2009, \$87.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center autistic support students to travel to WalMart, Wendy's, and Eastside YMCA, Erie, Tuesday, January 13, 2009, \$95.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to Wegman's, Frontier Park, and Bob Evans, Erie, Friday, January 16 or January 23, 2009, \$105.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Autistic Support students to travel to Wegman's, Blasco Library, and McDonald's, Erie, Friday, January 16 or January 23, 2009, \$105.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve St. Boniface School to travel to the Warner Theater, Wednesday, January 21, 2009, \$70.00 (Funds from St. Boniface School); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Autistic Support students to travel to Eastland Bowling, local fast food restaurant, and Aldi's, Erie, Wednesday, January 28, 2009, \$95.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Autistic Support Classroom to travel to Salvation Army, WalMart, and the Millcreek Mall, Friday, January 30, 2009, \$85.00 (Funds from I.U. #5), and **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Academic Sports League, Grades 9-11, to travel to Gannon University, Erie, Saturday, January 10, 2009, for a competition, \$283.00 (Funds from Academic Sports League Account).

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. Duda. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Waktins, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations – **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Ms. Rebecca Piotrowski as Wattsburg Area Middle School 7th/8th Boys' Soccer Coach (40 hours) and **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Mr. Chris Boyd as Seneca High School Head Golf Coach, effective November 13, 2008.

Appointment of Seneca High School Volunteer Baseball Coach – **Motion:** To approve Mr. Andy Wells as a Seneca High School Volunteer Baseball Coach.

Appointment of Seneca High School Volunteer Baseball Coach – **Motion:** To approve Mr. David Ostrum as a Seneca High School Volunteer Baseball Coach.

Appointment of Seneca High School Volunteer Baseball Coach – **Motion:** To approve Mr. David Conroe as a Seneca High School Volunteer Baseball Coach.

Appointment of Seneca High School Head Softball Coach – **Motion:** To approve Mr. Mike Grove as Seneca High School Head Softball Coach at Step 6 at a salary of \$3,902.00.

Appointment of Seneca High School First Assistant Softball Coach – **Motion:** To approve Mr. Mike Zielewski as Seneca High School First Assistant Softball Coach at Step 6 at a salary of \$2,713.00.

Appointment of Seneca High School Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach – **Motion:** To approve Ms. Carrie Maines as a Seneca High School Volunteer Girls' Soccer Coach.

Appointment of Seneca High School Track and Field Head Coach – **Motion:** To approve Ms. Sandra Gulnac as Seneca High School Track and Field Head Coach at Step 2 at a salary of \$4,196.00.

Appointment of Seneca High School Track and Field First Assistant Coach – **Motion:** To approve Mr. Rich Durko as Seneca High School Track and Field First Assistant Coach at Step 6 at a salary of \$2,751.00.

Appointment of Seneca High School Track and Field Second Assistant Coach – **Motion:** To approve Mr. Tim Malinowski as Seneca High School Track and Field Second Assistant Coach at Step 3 at a salary of \$2,014.00.

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Athletic/Extra-Curricular

Appointment of Seneca High School Track and Field Second Assistant Coach – **Motion:** To approve Mr. Francis Kargbo as Seneca High School Track and Field Second Assistant Coach at Step 4 at a salary of \$2,119.00.

Appointment of Seneca High School Track and Field Vault Coach – **Motion:** To approve Mr. Brian Jones as Seneca High School Track and Field Pole Vault Coach – Intramurals – 45 Hours at a rate of \$19.90 per hour.

Appointment of Seneca High School First Assistant JV Baseball Coach – **Motion:** To approve Mr. Raymond Trejchel as Seneca High School First Assistant JV Baseball Coach at Step 1 at a salary of \$2,086.00.

Appointment of Wattsburg Area Middle School Cheerleading Advisor – **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Serena Anderson as Wattsburg Area Middle School Cheerleading Advisor, 40 hours, at a rate of \$19.90 per hour.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Walko. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. E. Rose, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Appointment of Seneca High School Head Baseball Coach for 2008-2009 School Year – **Motion:** To approve Mr. Tom Mello as Seneca High School Head Baseball Coach at Step 6 at a salary of \$3,902.00.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Watkins, Seconded by Mr. Walko. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. S. Rose and Mr. Watkins. The following members present voted “No”: Mr. Duda, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, Mr. E. Rose, and Mr. Walko. Motion failed.

Approve Seneca High School Textbooks/Materials as Surplus – **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Textbooks/Materials as surplus.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Walko, seconded by Mr. E. Rose. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members present voted “Yes”: Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Afton, Mr. E. Rose, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Badams gave a brief speech.

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular (cont’d)

Miscellaneous

Board Correspondence And Dialogue

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary

