

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of August 18, 2008

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, August 18, 2008 at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.

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

Roll Call

Minutes of the July 21, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and minutes of the August 11, 2008 Regular work session were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Mrs. Metzler distributed a handout and gave a brief report.

Recognition of
Visitors

Mr. Badams reviewed the AYP status.

Superintendent's
Report

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$499,367.75 as of July 31, 2008 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of July 31, 2008.

Treasurer's Reports

Mr. Maksimuk reviewed the 2007-2008 General Fund Year End Report.

Mr. Maksimuk reviewed the 2007-2008 Budgetary Transfers.

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

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$38,503.92; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$754,180.01; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$122,888.76, and Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$11,966.14.

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$55,753.27 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$5,702.43.

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

Special Education Parent Handbook – Exhibit F – Motion: To approve the Special Education Parent Handbook as outlined in **Exhibit F**.

Legal Advisement

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

Exoneration of Delinquent Taxes – **Motion:** To approve removal of delinquent taxes for the years indicated and all future years as requested by the Erie County Bureau of Revenue and Tax Claim.

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

Finance

Purchase of New Kubota Tractor – **Motion:** To approve the purchase of a new Kubota M6040HDC tractor at a cost of \$36,755.97 from A.R. Beatty Diesel through State Contract No. 2420-02.

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

Building and Grounds

Utilization of School Facilities – **Motion:** To approve Girl Scouts – Troops #187, #87, #300 to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on the following dates (at no cost to district):

Mondays:

September 8 and 22, 2008
October 13 and 27, 2008
November 10 and 24, 2008
December 8, 2008
January 12 and 26, 2009
February 9 and 23, 2009
March 9 and 23, 2009
April 27, 2009

May 4, 2009 and **Motion:** To approve Girl Scouts to use the facilities for Leaders’ Meetings at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center on the following dates (no cost to district):

Tuesdays:

September 23, 2008
October 21, 2008

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

Appointments: - **Motion:** To approve Ms. Remle Elmer as Seneca High School Guidance Counselor effective August 22, 2008, at Step 1, Masters, at a salary of \$36,353.00; **Motion:** To approve Ms. Lindsey Ross as Seneca High School Special Education Teacher effective August 22, 2008, at Step 1, at a salary of \$35,444.00; **Motion:** To approve Ms. Therese Elder as Campus Wide Level IV Housekeeper – 2nd Shift, Class B position, 8 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$10.35 per hour, effective August 26, 2008; **Motion:** To approve Ms. Dorene Johnston as Campus Wide Dining Room Aide, Class C position, 3 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$9.45 per hour, effective August 26, 2008; **Motion:** To approve Ms. Melody Mountford 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 August 26, 2008; **Motion:** To approve Ms. Rebecca Groenendaal as Campus Wide Behavioral Support Aide, Level I, Class B position, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$10.88 per hour, effective August

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26, 2008; **Motion:** To approve Ms. Deborah McCandless as Campus Wide Behavioral Support Aide, Level I, Class B position, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$10.88 per hour, effective August 26, 2008; **Motion:** To approve Ms. Kathy Schreiber as Campus Wide Behavioral Support Aide, Level I, Class B position, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$10.88 per hour, effective August 26, 2008; **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Nancy Eibl as Campus Wide Special Education Secretary, Level I, Class A position, 8 hours per day, 260 days per year, at a rate of \$12.44 per hour, effective August 19, 2008, and **Motion:** To approve the following teachers as after-school tutors for the 2008-2009 school year:

Mrs. Kathy Holland	First Grade After-School Tutor
Mrs. Jeanne Eller	Second Grade After-School Tutor
Mrs. Janice Sayers	Third Grade After-School Tutor
Ms. Julie Sierota	Fourth Grade After-School Tutor

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

Conference Requests – Mr. Paul Semrau – Non-Violent Crisis prevention Intervention Training (CPI), Edinboro, Wednesday, September 3, 2008 through Thursday, September 4, 2008, \$273.00 (Funds from Special Education); Ms. Michelle Pisano- What’s New: An Overview of Changes in Chapters 14 and 711, Erie, Wednesday, September 10, 2008, \$66.00 (Funds from K-4 Learning Support); Mrs. Betty Jones – Certification and Sudoku – Solving the Puzzle, Tuesday, October 14, 2008, \$26.33 (Funds from Administration); Mrs. Donald Pearce – History in Our Backyard – Pittsburgh and the American Veteran, Pittsburgh, Monday, October 13, 2008, \$430.00 (Funds from Social Studies, Grade 4); Ms. Elizabeth Oslak – ECTS Counselors’ meetings, Erie, Dates to be determined, \$16.00 per meeting (Funds from Guidance, Grades 9-12), and Ms. Elizabeth Oslak – Erie County Counselors’ Meetings, Erie Dates to be Determined, \$26.00 (Funds from Guidance, Grades 9-12).

Approve Teachers’ Substitute List for the 2008-2009 School Year – **Exhibit G** – **Motion:** To approve the Teachers’ Substitute List for the 2008-2009 School Year – **Exhibit G.**

Approve Emergency Teachers’ Substitute List for the 2008-2009 School Year – **Exhibit H** – **Motion:** To approve the Emergency Teachers’ Substitute List for the 2008-2009 School Year – **Exhibit H.**

Approve Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2008-2009 School Year – **Exhibit I** – **Motion:** To approve the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2008-2009 School Year – **Exhibit I.**

Approve Plant Operation Supervisor’s Attendance at Meetings – **Motion:** To approve Plant Operation Supervisor’s attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings/trainings for the 2008-2009 school year:

1. Plant Operations Supervisor’s Meetings
2. Mandatory PDE Meetings/Trainings

Approve Transportation Coordinator’s Attendance at Meetings – **Motion:** To approve Transportation Coordinator’s attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings/trainings for the 2008-2009 school year:

1. Transportation Coordinator’s Meetings
2. Mandatory PDE Meetings/Trainings

Approve Information Technology Manager’s and Network and Computer System Supervisor’s Attendance at Meetings – **Motion:** To approve Information Technology

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Manager's and Network and Computer System Supervisor's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings/trainings for the 2008-2009 school year:

1. Information Technology Manager's Meetings
2. Mandatory PDE Meetings/Trainings

Approve Superintendent Secretary's Attendance at Meetings – **Motion:** To approve Superintendent Secretary's attendance for travel reimbursement at the following meetings/trainings for the 2008-2009 school year:

1. Personnel Meetings
2. Certification Meetings
3. Superintendent Secretary's meetings
4. Mandatory PDE Meetings/Trainings

Superintendent Incentive Bonus – **Motion:** To approve an incentive bonus to Mr. Jay Badams, Superintendent, in the amount of \$1,474.00 based on his 2007-2008 completed evaluation.

Change in Salary Step for Mrs. Michelle Leone – **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Michelle Leone's salary step to be changed from Step 2, at a salary of \$36,208.00 to Step 2, Masters, at a salary of \$37,117.00.

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

Approve Second Reading for Policy 1223 – Volunteer – **Exhibit J** – **Motion:** To approve the Second Reading for Policy 1223 – Volunteer – **Exhibit J.**

Approve Second Reading for Policy 4122.10 – Bullying – **Exhibit K** – **Motion:** To approve the Second Reading for Policy 4122.10 – Bullying – **Exhibit K.**

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

Approve Second Reading for Policy 6135.1 – Computer-based Education – **Exhibit L** – **Motion:** To approve the Second Reading for Policy 6135.1 – Computer-based Education.

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

Approval of Foreign Exchange Students for 2008-2009 School Year – **Motion:** To approve Youth for Understanding USA foreign exchange student, Oonariina Oinonen from Finland to attend Seneca High School for the 2008-2009 school year and to reside with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid, **Motion:** To approve Youth for Understanding foreign exchange student, Anastasia Vatamaniuc from Moldova to attend Seneca High School for the 2008-2009 school year and to reside with Mr. and Mrs. James Laupp, and **Motion:** To approve Youth for Understanding foreign exchange student, Beletu Hofstetter from Switzerland-Germany to attend Seneca High School for the 2008-2009 school year and to reside with Mr. and Mrs. David Kerner.

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Policy

Curriculum

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

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Free Lunch Participation and Activity Fees Waived for 2008-2009 – **Motion:** To approve free lunch participation and activity fees waived for all foreign exchange students for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Mr. Ed Nientemp and Ms. Mary Beth Knappenberger gave an overview of the IU Consortium-based Autistic Support Classroom at Seneca High School.

Approve IU Consortium-based Autistic Support Classroom at Seneca High School – **Motion:** To approve hosting an IU Consortium-based Autistic Support classroom at Seneca High School for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Approval of Special Education Textbooks – **Motion:** To approve Special Education Textbooks.

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

Mr. Porter reported on Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Mr. Podpura gave a brief report on Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mr. Miller reported on Seneca High School. Ms. Knappenberger gave a brief report. Mr. Schultz gave an update on the Maintenance Department. Barb Schock gave an update on the Transportation Department. She will look into the cost of a spectator bus for away events. Mr. LaPlaca reported on the Technology Department. Mrs. Metzler gave a short report.

Principals’ Special Reports

Motion was made by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Duda, to contract Mayer Bros. to patch the school driveway potholes with a permanent fix, not to exceed an amount of \$7,500.00.

Building and Grounds

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

Approve Bus Routes for 2008-2009 – **Exhibit M** – **Motion:** To approve the Bus Routes for the 2008-2009 school year - **Exhibit M**.

Transportation

Contracted Transportation for 2008-2009 – **Motion:** To approve the following contracted transportation for the 2008-2009 school year:

Mrs. Karen Rose at the IRS prevailing rate

Mrs. Joyce Vallimont at the IRS prevailing rate

Transportation Requests – **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Altimier and her Grade K-5 students to travel to Waterford Fairgrounds, Gomo’s, and Quality Market, Waterford, Thursday, September 4, 2008, \$100.00 (Funds from I.U. 5); **Motion:** To approve Mr. Don Pearce’s Grade 4 class to travel to Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, New York,

Thursday, September 11, 2008, \$752.00 (Funds from Colonial Market and PTO); **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Altimier and her Grade K-5 students, to travel to Sunview Miniature Golf, Wendy's, Wal-mart, and Billings Park, Edinboro, Friday, September 19, 2008, \$135.00 (Funds from I.U. #5); **Motion:** To approve Mr. Don Pearce's Grade 4 class to travel to Fort LeBoeuf Museum, Waterford, Friday, September 19, 2008, \$190.00 (Funds from Colonial Market, Chaperones and Students), and **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Grade K to travel to Port Farms and Troyer Farms, Tuesday, October 14, 2008, Wednesday, October 15, 2008, and Thursday, October 16, 2008, \$125.00 per day for transportation (Funds from PTO).

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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. Smith, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Athletic-Extra Curricular Resignations – **Motion:** To accept the resignation of Mrs. Megan Michali for the position of Varsity Head Cheerleading Coach, effective July 24, 2008 and **Motion:** To accept the resignation of Mrs. Mary Ellen Messenger, Junior Class Advisor, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular

Additions to the Volunteer Coaching List – **Exhibit N - Motion:** To approve additions to the Volunteer Coaching List as outlined in **Exhibit N**.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments – **Motion:** To approve Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2008-2009 school year as follows:

Mrs. Margaret Wetmore	Head Cheerleading Advisor	Step 1	\$ 1,780.00
Ms. Sara Krol	Assistant Cheerleading Advisor	Step 1	\$ 889.00
Mr. John Erickson	Seneca High School Sports League Advisor	Step 1	\$ 1,104.00
Mrs. Susan Nolan	2010 Junior Class Advisor	Step 6	\$ 990.00
Mrs. Julie Canter	Seneca High School After School Supervision		\$ 19.19 per hr.
Ms. Liz Oslak	Seneca High School After School Supervision		\$ 19.19 per hr.

Student Activities Organization – **Motion:** To approve the Student Activities Organizations for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Curriculum Library Surplus – **Motion:** To declare the outdated material in the Curriculum Library as surplus.

Miscellaneous

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Duda, 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. Walko, Mr. Duda, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Books as Surplus – **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center Books as surplus.

Motion for approval was made by Mr. Watkins, 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. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Badams stated that a parent information night regarding student's use of computers, cell phones, etc. will be held at Seneca High School on August 21, 2008 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Board
Correspondence and
Dialogue

Mr. Duda relayed that he has not received much information pertaining to the proposed new police headquarter location.

Intermediate Unit

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mrs. Afton, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary