

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of November 15, 2004

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, November 15, 2004 at Wattsburg Area Middle School. Boy Scout Troop 133 led in the flag salute.

Mr. Elwin Rose called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Linda Smith, Kerry Duncan, David Hinz, Joseph Walko, Eric Duda, James Thompson, and Elwin Rose. Also in attendance were Mr. Frank Bova, Superintendent, Mrs. Lee Constantine, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Maksimuk, Business Manager. Mr. Scott Rose arrived at 7:53 p.m. Mr. Arlington was absent.

Roll Call

Minutes of the October 18, 2004 Regular Board Meeting, minutes of the November 8, 2004 Regular Work Session, and minutes of the November 10, 2004 Special Board Meeting were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Mrs. Hengelbrok reported on the Earth Force program.

Recognition of Visitors

The band was invited to the meeting to play, as they recently won the championship. The Board acknowledged the band and held a brief recess (7:42 p.m.) for a reception for them. The meeting reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

Reception

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$3,438,251.24 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$38,447.66 as of October 31, 2004.

Treasurer's Reports

Motion for approval of the treasurer's reports was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hinz. In a recorded roll call vote, all members present voted "Yes." Motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of general fund bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$42,647.70; checks already written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$334,343.84; general fund bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$264,184.28; checks already written, Exhibit "A3" to be \$461,975.62, cafeteria bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$34,045.76, Seneca High School Renovation Project-Construction Fund, Exhibit "C" to be \$761,905.72, and Seneca Renovation Project-Construction Fund, Exhibit "C1" to be \$11,988.16.

Payment of Bills

Motion to approve payment of bills was made by Mr. Hinz, seconded by Mr. Walko. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Hinz, Mr. Walko, Mr. S. Rose, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. E. Rose. The following member voted "No": Mr. Duda. Motion was carried.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$56,384.39 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (athletic) to be \$2,480.28.

Seneca High School Activity Fund Report/Special Revenue Report

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

Procure Services of Negotiator – **Motion:** To direct the administration to procure the services of Knox Law Firm, Attorney Mark Kuhar to represent the district in contract negotiations.

Legal Advisement

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

Legal Advisement
(cont’d)

Regional Choice Initiative – Exhibit F – Motion: To adopt a resolution supporting the participation of Attorney George Joseph in future mediation sessions with the parties to the litigation pending in Erie County Court of Common Pleas at No. 60001-2004.

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

Per Capita Tax Exemptions – Exhibit G – Motion: To approve Per Capita Tax Exemptions for the 2004-2005 school year as outlined in **Exhibit G**.

Finance

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

PlanCon Part H – Project Financing – Exhibit H – Motion: To approve PlanCon Part H – Project Financing for the Seneca High School Renovation Project.

Building and Grounds

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

Award Bids for Maintenance Utility Vehicle (Gator) – Exhibit I – Motion: To award the bid for a maintenance utility vehicle to Gallup & Tenhaken Co., Inc. at a bid amount of \$15,609.56.

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

Building Requests – Motion: To approve the Pennsylvania State University - Erie County Cooperative Extension to use the facilities at Seneca High School for a 4-H Achievement Night, Saturday, November 20, 2004, \$200.00 (Funds from Pennsylvania State University – Erie County Cooperative Extension); **Motion:** To approve Adult Recreation Group to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Middle school for Recreation Basketball, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for two hours, December 2, 2004 to May 1, 2005 (No cost to District); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Little League to use facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for sign ups, Tuesday, February 8, 2005 and Wednesday, February 9, 2005 (No cost to District); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Little League to use facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for training from Monday, March 7, 2005 through Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. for 3 ½ hours (No cost to District); **Motion:** To approve the Wattsburg Area Little League to use facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for a coach meeting, Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. for 2 hours (No cost to District), and **Motion:** To approve the Wattsburg Area Little League to use facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for pictures, Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. for 3 hours (No cost to District).

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

Personnel

Appointments – Motion: To approve Ms. Carrie Applequist as the Cafeteria Level III, Class C Position at Seneca High School, 4 ½ hours per day, 180 days per year, at a salary of \$8.35 per hour, effective November 1, 2004; Motion: To approve Ms. Barbara Maleski as Custodian Level IV Housekeeper – 1st Shift at Seneca High School, Class B Position, 7 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a salary of \$9.15 per hour, effective November 15, 2004; Motion: To approve Mr. Donald Golombieski as Custodian Level IV Housekeeper – 2nd Shift at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Class B Position, 6 ½ hours per day, 210 days per year, \$9.15 per hour, effective November 15, 2004, and Motion: To approve Ms. Robin Dumas as Custodian Level IV Housekeeper – 2nd Shift at Seneca High School, Class A Position, 8 hours per day, 260 days per year, at a salary of \$9.15 per hour, effective November 15, 2004.

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

Conference Requests – Mr. Ken Berlin – C.P.I Recertification, Edinboro, Wednesday, December 15, 2004, \$20.00 (Funds from Administration, Grades 5-8 and Mr. Ron Bennett – PETE and C (PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference), Hershey, Sunday, February 20, 2005 through Tuesday, February 22, 2005, \$855.00 (Funds from Technology).

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

Approve Additions to the Emergency Substitute Teachers’ List for the 2004-05 School Year – Exhibit J – Motion: To approve additions to the Emergency Substitute Teachers’ List for the 2004-05 school year as outlined in **Exhibit J**.

Approve Additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2004-05 School Year – Exhibit K – Motion: To approve additions to the Service Personnel Substitute List for the 2004-05 School Year as outlined in **Exhibit K**.

Approve Additions to the Teachers’ Substitute List for the 2004-05 School Year – Exhibit M – Motion: To approve additions to the Teachers’ Substitute List for the 2004-05 school year as outlined in **Exhibit M**.

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

Student Activity Requests – Motion: To approve Seneca High School, Mrs. Sharon Gdaniec, Ms. Laura Vogel, and Drama Club, Grades 9-12, to travel to Cannon Theater, Toronto, Canada, to view the musical, “Wicked,” on a Saturday between Tuesday, March 8, 2005 through Sunday, April 24, 2005, \$130-\$160 each (Funds from Students/Teachers/Drama Club) and Motion: To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Mrs. Donna Banks, and Grade 8, to travel to Harrisburg and Gettysburg, for their eighth grade trip, Friday, May 13, 2005 through Sunday, May 15, 2005, \$190.00 per student (Funds from Students and Fundraisers).

Curriculum

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

Mr. Porter reported on Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Mr. Berlin reported on Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mr. Rinke gave a brief report on Seneca High School. Mr. Bennett gave a brief report. Mrs. Mullaney reported on the cafeteria status. Mrs. Metzler gave a brief report.

Principals' Special Reports

Transportation Requests – **Motion:** To approve St. Boniface School, Grades 2-3, to travel to Vision and Blindness Resource Center, Erie, Wednesday, December 1, 2004, \$90.00 (Funds from St. Boniface School); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Mr. Pearce's Grade 4 Class, to travel to Erie History Center and McDonald's Restaurant, Erie, Friday, December 3, 2004, \$100.00 for busing (Funds from PTO and students); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School, French 2, 3, 4, Grades 10-12, to travel to Bertrand's Café' Francais, Tuesday, December 7, 2004, \$27.00 per student, \$88.00 for busing (Funds from students); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Grade 2 classes of Mrs. Mattocks and Mrs. Wnukowski, to travel to Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Veterans Affairs Medical Center and McDonald's Restaurant, Erie, Wednesday, December 8, 2004, \$240.00 (Funds from Students/Teachers for Meals and PTO for busing); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School, Science Olympiad Team, Grades 9-12, to travel to Westminster College, New Wilmington, Friday, March 11, 2005, \$575.00 (Funds from Student Activities); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Mrs. Hengelbrok's Grade 6 Homeroom, to travel to Bayfront Center for Erie Bayfront Maritime Studies, Wednesday, May 11, 2005, \$255.00 (Funds from Students); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Mrs. Barnes' Grade 6 Homeroom, to travel to Bayfront Center for Erie Bayfront Maritime Studies, Thursday, May 12, 2005, \$255.00 (Funds from Students); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Mrs. Gregory's Grade 6 Homeroom, to travel to Bayfront Center for Erie Bayfront Maritime Studies, Friday, May 13, 2005, \$255.00 (Funds from Students); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Mrs. Szymanski's Grade 6 Homeroom, to travel to Bayfront Center for Erie Bayfront Maritime Studies, Monday, May 16, 2005, \$255.00 (Funds from Students); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Mrs. McNulty's Grade 6 Homeroom, to travel to Bayfront Center for Erie Bayfront Maritime Studies, Tuesday, May 17, 2005, \$255.00 (Funds from Students), and **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Mr. Logan's Grade 6 Homeroom, to travel to Bayfront Center for Erie Bayfront Maritime Studies, Wednesday, May 18, 2005, \$255.00 (Funds from Students).

Transportation

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

Contracted Services – **Motion:** To approve contracted services with Mrs. Mindy Gruver at 37 ½ cents per mile for 42 miles a day beginning October 7, 2004 for 45 days.

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

Athletic Resignation – **Motion:** To accept the resignation of Ms. Katie Giles, Wattsburg Area Middle School 7/8th Grade Intramurals Boys' Soccer Coach.

Athletic/Extra Curricular

Athletic Appointments for 2004-2005 – **Exhibit L** – **Motion:** To approve Athletic Appointments for 2004-2005 and **Motion:** To approve Athletic Volunteers for 2004-05.

Sport Leadership Days – **Motion:** To approve the participation of up to three student athletes and two coaches per team in Sport Leadership Days beginning with the spring sport season of the 2004-2005 school year.

Athletic/Extra
Curricular (cont'd)

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

Mr. E. Rose relayed that an Executive Session would be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

Executive Session

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. S. Rose, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary