

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of November 19, 2007

The regular meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, November 19, 2007 at Seneca High School.

Mr. Elwin Rose called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Linda Smith, Kerry Duncan, John Rzepka, David Hinz, Joseph Walko, Eric Duda, Scott Rose, 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.

Roll Call

Minutes of the October 15, 2007 Regular Board Meeting, minutes of the October 29, 2007 Special Board Meeting, and minutes of the November 12, 2007 Regular Work session were reviewed.

Minutes

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

Mr. Vallimont commended the Superintendent and staff on how the emergency situation at the school was handled during the bad weather/power outage. He also commended Dr. Constantine on her hard work on the Gannon Pilot Program.

Recognition of Visitors

Ms. Shelly Ochterski, a teacher, relayed information regarding the "Trail of Lights" fundraiser.

Question was raised as to when the book room would be open again. Mr. Badams relayed that as soon as they were sure nothing is contaminated it will open.

Megan Todd, a student from the elementary Center, commented regarding the cafeteria and the process of taking trays up at the end of the lunch period.

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$4,913,431.02 of October 31, 2007 and cash in the capital reserve account in the amount of \$3,581.71 as of October 31, 2007.

Treasurer's Reports/
Payment of Bills

Mr. Maksimuk reported the amount of General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A" to be \$147,177.51; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A1" to be \$956,299.73; General Fund Bills, Exhibit "A2" to be \$215,076.95; Checks Already Written, Exhibit "A3" to be \$73.31, and Cafeteria Bills, Exhibit "B" to be \$41,826.11.

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

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the Seneca High School Activity fund to be \$61,048.88 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) to be \$9,758.84.

Seneca High School
Activity Fund/
Special Revenue
Report

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

Appointment of the School Dentist for the 2007-2008 School Year – **Motion:** To approve the School Dentist as Dr. Kurt Johnson at \$3.00 per exam for the 2007-2008 school year.

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

Approve School Physician for 2007-2008 School Year – **Exhibit F** – **Motion:** To approve St. Vincent Medical Group as the school physician at \$14.50 per exam for the 2007-2008 school year as outlined in **Exhibit F**.

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. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hinz, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Per Capita Tax Exemptions – **Exhibit G** – **Motion:** To approve Per Capita Tax Exemptions as outlined in **Exhibit G**.

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

Remove from the Table the PDE Shared Services in Common Cents Initiative – **Motion:** To remove from the table the motion to consider participation in the PDE Shared Services in the Common Cents Initiative.

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

PDE Shared Services in Common Cents Initiative – **Motion:** To consider participation in the PDE Shared Services in the Common Cents Initiative.

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

Installation of Plaque – **Motion:** To approve the installation of a small plaque recognizing Mark Bean and Son Construction on the new ticket booth.

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

Building Requests – **Motion:** To approve Adult Basketball Organization to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Thursdays, beginning November 29, 2007 through May 29, 2008 (No Cost to District) and **Motion:** To approve Boy Scouts to use the facilities at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center for Boy Scout Den Meetings, second Tuesday of each month, beginning December 10, 2007 (No Cost to District).

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

Legal Advisement

Finance

Building and
Grounds

Personnel

Appointments – **Motion:** To appoint Ms. Heather Kirk as Elementary Teacher for TEEP classroom at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center at Step 2 (pro-rated) at a salary in accordance with the bargaining unit agreement, effective October 16, 2007; **Motion:** To appoint Mrs. Serena Anderson as the Elementary Teacher for Tutoring Program at Sunny Acres Lowville location, three days a week for two hours each day after school, at a salary in accordance with the bargaining unit agreement, effective November 20, 2007; **Motion:** To appoint Mrs. Carol Cook as Campus Wide Housekeeper – 1st Shift, Level IV, Class B position 7 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$9.93 per hour, effective November 20, 2007; **Motion:** To appoint Ms. Heather Johnston as Campus Wide Cafeteria Aide, Level III, Class C position, 3 1/2 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$9.06 per hour, effective November 20, 2007, and **Motion:** To appoint Ms. Carrie Maines as Wattsburg Area Middle School Health/Physical Education Teacher at Step 1, at a salary in accordance with the bargaining agreement, effective November 27, 2007.

Conference Requests – Mrs. Betty Jones – Personnel Meeting, Edinboro, Tuesday, November 20, 2007, \$22.00 (Funds from Administration); Mrs. Melanie Lang and Mrs. Sue Green – CPI Certification, Edinboro, Wednesday, November 28, 2007 and Tuesday, December 4, 2007, \$357.00 (Funds from All, Grades K-4); Ms. Lesa Kimball – PenmnData, Edinboro, Thursday, November 29, 2007, \$22.00 (Funds from Business Office); Mr. Christopher Ward – Leadership for Student Achievement Conference, Edinboro, Thursday, December 6, 2007, \$40.00 (Funds from Substitute Account); Mrs. Betty Jones – PASPA Workshop on Certification, Edinboro, Thursday, December 6, 2007, \$22.00 (Funds from Administration); Mr. Raymond Ng and Mrs. Andrea Hart – Secondary Math Networking, Edinboro, Tuesday, December 11, 2007, \$15.00 each (Funds from Math, Grade 8 Account); Mr. Jay Badams, Mr. Tom Rinke and two teachers – Project 720, State College, Sunday, December 16, 2007 through Wednesday, December 19, 2007, \$1,772.00 (Funds from Project 720 Grant, Grades 9-12); Mrs. Julie McGaughey – Gifted Networking, Edinboro, Wednesday, February 13, 2008 and Thursday, May 8, 2008, \$83.00 (Funds form Gifted, Grades K-12), and Mr. Curt Spicher – American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) National Convention, Fort Worth, TX, Tuesday, April 8, 2008 through Saturday, April 12, 2008, \$320.00 (Funds from Physical Education, Grades 5-8).

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”: Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Hinz, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Remove from the Table Discussion of Kelly Services – **Motion:** To remove from the table the discussion of substitute housekeeping services.

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”: Mr. Hinz, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Leave – **Motion:** To approve a leave of absence request without pay from Mrs. Brenda Nowakowski to commence on November 12, 2007, not to exceed thirty days with the stipulation this request does not set precedent.

Family Medical Leave – **Motion:** To approve a Family Medical Leave for Mr. Mirchael Ellicott, effective January 3, 2008, in accordance with Policy 4152.4 – Anticipated Disability/Medical Leave.

Termination – **Motion:** To approve the termination of Mr. Michael Fogle, Bus Driver, effective November 8, 2007.

Additions to the Emergency Substitute List – Exhibit H – Motion: To approve additions to the Emergency Substitute List for 2007-2008 as outlined in **Exhibit H**.

Additions to the Teacher’s Substitute List – Exhibit I – Motion: To approve additions to the Teacher’s Substitute List as outlined in **Exhibit I**.

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”: Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. S. Rose, Mr. Rzepka, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hinz, and Mr. E. Rose. Motion was carried unanimously.

Approve Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – Motion: To approve the Policy Committee Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2007.

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

Student Activities Request – Motion: To approve Seneca High School, Select Choral Students, Grades 9-12, to travel to PMEA All-State Chorus, Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA, Wednesday, April 16, 2008 through Saturday, April 19, 2008, \$740.00 (Funds from Students Activities Account).

Approve Curriculum Committee Minutes – Motion: To approve the Curriculum Committee Minutes for November 12, 2007.

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

Request to Travel to “Bodies” Exhibition – Motion: To approve Seneca High School Science and Health Careers Academy students to travel to the ”Bodies” exhibition in Pittsburgh on a date to be determined in May 2008 with the expectation that there will be a parent information night, a parent letter, and detailed brochure sent to parents, \$346.00 per bus (Transportation funds from Career Field Trip Grant).

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

Mrs. Mullaney reported on the cafeteria.

Mr. Porter, Mr. McGarvey, and Mr. Rinke gave an overview of the PSSA test results for their schools.

Mr. Miller reported on Seneca High School. Mr. Podpura gave a brief report on Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mr. Porter reported on Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Barb Schock gave an update on the Transportation Department. Mr. Schultz reported on the Maintenance Department. Mr. LaPlacca gave a brief report on the Technology Department. Mary Beth Hengelbrok gave a report.

Transportation Requests – Motion: To approve Seneca High School Entrepreneurship Academy, Grades 9-12, to travel to Gannon University, Erie, Thursday, November 29, 2007, \$170.00 (Funds from Careers Grant and Substitute Account); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Science and Health and Arts Academies, Grades 9-12, to travel to Edinboro University of PA, Monday, December 3, 2007, \$130.00 (Funds from Careers Field Trip Grant); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High

Personnel (cont’d)

Policy

Curriculum

Principal’s Special Reports

Transportation

School Academic Sports League to travel to Penn State Behrend, Erie, Saturday, December 8, 2007 for a competition, \$187.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account);

Motion: To approve Seneca High School Science and Health and Arts Academies, Grades 9-12, to travel to Erie Business Center, Monday, December 10, 2007, \$66.00 (Funds from Careers Field Trip Grant); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Social Skills Class, Grades 9-12, to travel to Habitat for Humanity, McDonald's, and Community for Caring, Erie, Wednesday, December 12, 2007, \$105.00 (Funds from Careers Grant); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School, High School Choir, Grades 9-12, to travel to Wattsburg Area Elementary Center and St. Boniface School, Monday, December 17, 2007, for a performance, \$55.00 (Funds from Student Activities); **Motion:** To approve Seneca High School Academic Sports League to travel to Gannon University, Erie, Saturday, January 5, 2008, for a competition, \$192.00 (Funds from Student Activities Account); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Grades 5-8 students, to travel to the following locations for participation in lifetime sports activities, Thursday, January 31, 2008:

Peak n' Peek Ski Resort (Skiing and Tubing)

Skateway Roller Rink

North East Lanes

Igloo Ice Arena

Behrend College – Junker Center/McDonald's

(\$1,050.00 (Busing) Funds from Students and WAMSAG); **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, Grade 3 students, to travel to Warner Theater and Old Country Buffet, Erie, Friday, April 4, 2008, \$1,565.00 (Funds from PTO), and **Motion:** To approve Wattsburg Area Middle School, Grades 5-8 students, to travel to Erie Sea Wolves Game, Erie, Thursday, May 8, 2008, \$3,640.00 (Funds from Student Activities).

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

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Resignations – **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Chief David Holmes as Wattsburg Area Middle School 7th/8th Grade Girls' Soccer Coach, effective October 30, 2007; **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Chief David Holmes as Seneca High School JV Girls' Soccer Coach, effective October 30, 2007; **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Mrs. Maxine Tonks as Homework Detention Monitor for 5th Grade, effective October 15, 2007; **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Ms. Laura Whitton as Seneca High School Colorguard Instructor, effective October 27, 2007, and **Motion:** To approve the resignation of Mrs. Yvonne Hammill as Co-Head Boys' Soccer Coach, effective November 7, 2007.

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments for 2007-2008 – **Motion:** To appoint Mrs. Sheri Hoffman as a Homework Detention Monitor for 5th Grade, effective November 20, 2007 at a contracted hourly detention rate in accordance with the bargaining unit agreement and **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mr. D. J. Bross as Wattsburg Area Middle School 7th/8th Grade Wrestling Coach – Intramurals (80 Hours) at a salary in accordance with the bargaining unit agreement.

Approve Athletic/Extra-Curricular Committee Meeting Minutes – **Motion:** To approve the Athletic/Extra-Curricular Committee Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2007.

Transportation
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Athletic/Extra-Curricular

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

Athletic/Extra-Curricular (cont’d)

Mr. Vallimont commented on the PSSA results the principals reported on. He also suggested that the Special Education Director attend quarterly Board meetings.

Board Correspondence and Dialogue

Remove from the Table the Special Education Transition Program – **Motion:** To remove from the table the motion to approve participation in the Special Education Transition Program at the Erie County Technical School at an initial facilities cost of \$9,250.00 and an annual fee at a range from \$1,738.00 to \$4,169.00.

Erie Vo-Tech School

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, Mr. Hinz, Mr. Walko, Mr. Duda, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. E. Rose. The following members present voted “No”: Mr. S. Rose and Mr. Duncan. Motion was carried.

Special Education Transition Program – **Motion:** To approve participation in the Special Education Transition Program at the Erie County Technical School at an initial facilities cost of \$9,250.00 and an annual fee at a range of \$1,738.00 to \$4,169.00.

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

Mr. E. Rose relayed that an Executive Session would be held at the Administration Building at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss negotiation issues.

Executive Session

As there was no further business to discuss, upon motion made by Mr. Hinz, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Adjournment

Cheryl Nye
School Board Secretary

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