

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting of February 21, 2011

The Regular Board Meeting of the Wattsburg Area School District Board of Education was held on Monday, February 21, 2011 at the Wattsburg Elementary Center.

President Joseph Walko called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Mrs. Sue Afton, Mr. Eric Duda, Mr. Kerry Duncan, Mr. Bruce McCall, Mrs. Nancy McNally, Mr. John Rzepka, Mr. Kenneth Watkins, and Mr. Joseph Walko. The following member was absent: Mrs. Linda Smith. Also in attendance were Mrs. Nancy Sadaly, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Rinke, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Stephen Maksimuk, Business Administrator.

Roll Call

Minutes of the January 17, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and minutes of the February 14, 2011 Work Session Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. McCall to approve the minutes. In a recorded vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Minutes

In recognition of visitors, Mr. Walko introduced Mr. Jarmolowicz who addressed the Board with questions on the proposed tax rate increase advertised in the Times News. The Board answered his questions on the process of approving the budget and reasoning behind the tax rate percentage request.

**Introduction of
Visitors**

Mrs. Sadaly gave the Superintendent's Report. Mrs. Sadaly gave a rundown of what items would be covered at the Board Meeting.

**Superintendent
Report**

Mr. Maksimuk noted cash in the bank in the amount of \$4,611,226.00 as of January 31, 2011. And cash in the Capital Reserve in the amount of \$3,581.71. Mr. Maksimuk noted cafeteria amount of \$10,303.94. Mr. Maksimuk also reported the amount of the General Fund Bills (Exhibit A) to be \$132,030.17; General Fund Bills, Checks Already Written (Exhibit A1) to be \$1,055,387.37; General Fund Bills, (Exhibit A2) to be \$162,421.91; General Fund Bills, Cafeteria Bills, (Exhibit B) to be \$36,063.72; Cafeteria Checks Already Written (Exhibit B1) to be \$188.84; GESA Project Bills, (Exhibit C) to be \$92,185.28; Bus Garage Office Renovation contract Balance (Exhibit C1) of \$39,133.31. Mr. Maksimuk also noted cash in the SHS Activity Fund (Exhibit D) to be \$76,915.10 and cash in the Special Revenue Report (Athletics) (Exhibit E) to be \$1,547. **Motion** to approve the Business Administrator's Report by Mrs. Afton, seconded by Mr. Rzepka. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried

**Business
Administrator's
Report**

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mrs. McNally to approve termination at the conclusion of the 2010-2011 school year of the RCI agreement between the Wattsburg Area School District and the School District of the City of Erie that involves Wattsburg Area School District students attending Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Termination of
RCI Agreement**

Motion: by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve providing space for Safe Harbor Behavioral Health to establish an outpatient clinic in the Wattsburg Area School District at no cost to the district beginning upon approval from the state and continue through the 2011-2012 school year with the provision that this arrangement can be cancelled by either party with 30 days written notice. This agreement is contingent upon Safe Harbor Behavioral Health adding Wattsburg Area School District as additionally insured on their liability policy. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Safe Harbor
Behavioral
Health
Agreement**

Motion by Mr. Duda, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve the 2011-2012 adoption of the Operating Budget for the Erie County Area Vocational-Technical School, including Secondary Programs and Regional Career and Technical Center Adult Programs. The 2011-2012 General Fund Budget includes total expenditures of \$6,373,893 with total district secondary program contributions of \$3,815,770 noting a WASD contribution of \$312,279. . In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. The following member voted "No": Mr. Duncan. Motion carried.

**Erie County
Technical School
2011-2012
Budget**

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. McCall to approve the Erie County Special Education Transition Program Operating Agreement. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Erie County
Special Education
Transition
Program**

Motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve Girls Scouts of Western PA – Daisy Scouts use of the facilities of WAEC on February 23, 2011 for parents' organizational meeting and the use of WAEC Cafeteria on Wednesdays, March 2, 2011 through May 25, 2011 for Daisy Troop Meetings. and Lake Erie Regiment Winter Guard to use WAEC Gymnasium on Sunday, March 13th; Saturday, March 19th, Sunday, March 20th; Saturday, March 26th, Sunday, March 27th and Saturday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 3rd, 2011 to hold their Winter Guard Teaching Weekend. No equipment needed, but will need floor covered with vinyl covering. Rate: Not to exceed \$104/day and to approve Wattsburg Little League to utilize the WAEC Gymnasium Monday through

**Use of
Facilities**

Thursday 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. Monday, February 28, 2011 through Thursday, April 28, 2011 for Open Gym and Skill Evaluation. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted “Yes”: Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Use of
Facilities**

Motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve the request from North West Tri-County Intermediate Unit for establishing a Life Skills classroom at Wattsburg Area Middle School. . In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted “Yes”: Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Life Skills
Classroom at
WAMS**

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve the following Personnel Appointments:

**Personnel
Appointments**

- Brian Boam and Jennifer Morris as Math Interventionists and Jennifer Decker and Carrie Kindel as Reading Interventionists at WAEC from February 22nd - March 18th, 2011 at the substitute pay rate of \$80 per day.
- Beatrice Wroblewski’s request to return to her previous position of Custodian Level III, Class B, 6 ½ hours per day, 210 days per year at an hourly rate of \$11.25 effective January 19, 2011. Her prior position was approved by the Board on December 20, 2010.
- Denise Hackenberg, Custodian Level III, Class B, 7 ½ per day, 235 days per year at the rate of \$11.25 per hour effective January 20, 2011.
- Penny Lorei Campus Wide Dining Room Aide, Class C position, 3 hours per day, 180 days per year, at a rate of \$10.26 per hour.
- Barry Duryea Campus Wide Custodian, Class B, 7 ½ hours per day, 235 days per year at the rate of \$11.25 per hour, effective February 22, 2011.

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted “Yes”: Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Motion by John Rzepka, seconded by Mrs. McNally to approve Tuition Reimbursement Stipend as outlined in Exhibit H to correct a clerical error of the amount reimbursed in January. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted “Yes”: Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Tuition
Stipend**

Motion by John Rzepka, seconded by Mrs. McNally to approve the addition of Jason Figurski and Joseph Will to the Teachers’ Substitute List for 2010-2011. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted “Yes”: Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Addition to
Teachers’
Substitute List**

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. McCall to approve the following Conference Requests:

Conference Requests

- MaryKate O’Connell, Audrey Coletta, Ron Gibbons, Melissa Doolittle, Carol Bucklin, and Shelley Ochterski – Visit to Titusville School District’s Early Childhood Learning Center, Titusville, PA, Wednesday, February 23, 2011. Cost \$288.78 Funding from Professional Development.
- Darlene McNulty and Jim Logan – Refresh, Recharge, and Rediscover your AR Program, Erie, PA Thursday, February 24, 2011. Cost \$172 Funding from Instructional Accounts.
- Lori Dellamedaglia, Ann Gavazzi, Audrey Coletta, and Joni Swackhammer – Essential Readings on Struggling Learners, Edinboro, PA, Thursday, February 24, 2011. Cost: \$360 Funding from Professional Development.
- Jeffrey Gifford – NW PA Athletic Field and Turf Conference, Meadville, PA on Tuesday, March 22, 2011. Cost: \$101.92 Funding from Maintenance.
- Karen Thomas – NOYCE Regional Conference, Greensboro, NC on Thursday, March 24 – Saturday, March 26, 2011 (needs a half day on 3.23). Cost \$266 Funding from Instructional Accounts.
- Janet Mullaney – Child Nutrition Director’s Retreat, State College, PA on Sunday, April 3, 2011 and Monday, April 4, 2011. (\$465) Funding from Nutritional/Food Services.

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted “Yes”: Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. The following member voted “No”: Mr. Duncan. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mrs. McNally to approve a Leave of Absence for Karla Kimmy, according to Article 12 of Local 1’s Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement, effective January 28, 2011 and to approve an intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Robin Dumas according to Local 2 Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement, effective February 9, 2011. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted “Yes”: Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Leaves

Motion by Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. McCall to approve the following additions to the Emergency Teacher Substitute List for 2010-2011 school year: Norman Babcock, Bradley Bierer, Patrick Fisher, Brian Forcht, Kelly Higham, Brian Martin, Dana McAlevy, Alexander Nye, Victoria Pavolko, and Kiel Wolf. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted “Yes”: Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Additions to
Emergency
Teachers’
Substitute List**

Motion by Mrs. Afton, seconded by Mr. Duda to approve the second reading of Policies 000's through 100's excluding Policy 140.1. . In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Second
Read WASD
Policies**

Motion by Mrs. Afton, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve the first reading of Policy 140.1. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**First
Reading
Policy 140.1**

Motion by Mrs. McNally, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to table the adoption of the 2011-2012 School Calendar. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Table
School Calendar**

Cindy Cass and John Praetzel presented to the Board an update on the Technology Department. Their accomplishments, their current status, and the problems they have encountered and the goals they would like to reach in the near future. They also answered questions presented by board members.

Technology

Motion by Mrs. McNally seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the following transportation requests:

**Transportation
Requests**

- The Medal of Honor Class to travel to Strong Vincent High School to continue Medal of Honor coursework, historical research and collaboration on Monday, March 7, 2011 at Strong Vincent High School, Erie, PA. (\$205) and to approve Medal of Honor Class to travel to East High School, Thursday, March 10, 2011 to attend the Medal of Honor Luncheon. Funds from Student Activities.
- The AF-JROTC students to attend ROTC Drill Competition at North Allegheny Intermediate High School, Pittsburgh, PA on Saturday, March 5, 2011. (\$485) Funds from Student Activities.
- The SHS Band Students to travel to Regional Band at North East High School, North East, PA on Wednesday, March 23, to Saturday, March 26, 2011. (\$510) Funds from Student Activities and Sub Account.
- Jeremiah Gibbons and Mr. Reid to travel to the PMEA/MENC National Competition All East Choir, Thursday, March 31, 2011 through Sunday, April 3, 2011. (\$1,386) Funds from Student Activities and Sub Account.
- The Autistic Support to travel to the bank, Asbury Woods & Papa Joes or Blasco Library and McDonalds, Wegmans, Erie, PA on Friday, April 1, 2011 (\$107) Funds from IU5.
- The Autistic Support to travel to Eastway Bowling Lanes, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Wal-Mart, Erie, PA on Friday, April 8, 2011 (\$105) Funds from IU5.
- The Autistic Support to travel to the Erie Zoo or Library, Arbys, and Wegmans, Erie, PA on Friday, April 15, 2011. (\$106) Funds from IU5.

**Transportation
Requests**

- The Autistic Support to travel to the Post Office, Glenwood YMCA, Tim Horton's, and Wal-Mart, Erie, PA on Friday, April 29, 2011. (\$105) Funds from IU5.
- The Autistic Support to travel to Shade's Beach or Bowling, CiCi's Pizza and Wal-Mart, Erie, PA on Friday, May 6, 2011. (\$114) Funds from IU5.
- The Girls interested in Math/Science to travel to Penn State – Behrend, Erie, PA on Tuesday, May 5, 2011. (\$360) Funds from Instructional & Sub Accounts.
- The Marching Band Students to travel to Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL. Wednesday, May 4, 2011 through Tuesday, May 10, 2011. (\$600/per student) Funds from Fund Raising. No cost to District.
- The Autistic Support to travel to McLane Church, Edinboro, PA on Friday, May 13, 2011. (\$132) Funds from IU5.
- The Autistic Support to travel to Lake Pleasant, or Millcreek Mall, Chick-fil-a, and Wegmans, Erie, PA on Friday, May 20, 2011. (\$114) Funds from IU5.
- The Autistic Support to travel to Asbury Woods & Papa Joes or Library and Chipotle, and Wal-Mart, Erie, PA on Thursday, May 26, 2011. (\$131) Funds from IU5.
- The Autistic Support to travel to Presque Isle and Sara's, Erie, PA on Friday, June 3, 2011. (\$107) Funds from IU5.
- The sixth grade students to travel to Waldameer Park, Erie, PA on Wednesday, June 8, 2011. (\$1,870) Funds from WAMSAG.

In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. McNally, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to authorize the Administration to solicit bids for one (1) 72-Passenger school bus and two (2) 24-Passenger cut away van school buses for the 2011-2012 school year. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. McCall, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

**Solicit
Bus Bids**

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve with regret the resignation of Matthew Calabrese as JV (First Assistant) Baseball Coach, Step 1 and Jeff Nichols as SHS Head Football Coach, Step 6 effective February 12, 2011. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mr. McCall, and Mr. Walko. Motion carried.

Resignations

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve the following Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments for 2010-2011:

Athletic/Extra-Curricular Appointments

- Matthew Calabrese as Head Baseball Coach, Step 1. (This salary based on the 2009-2010 salary schedule. The 2010-2011 salary to be determined on the settlement of the WASD WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.).
- Chris Rupp as Baseball Coach First Assistant, Step 1. (This salary based on the 2009-2010 salary schedule. The 2010-2011 salary to be determined on the settlement of the WASD WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.).
- Jeannie Burbules as 7th/8th Grade Volleyball Intramural Position (80 hours). (This salary based on the 2009-2010 salary schedule. The 2010-2011 salary to be determined on the settlement of the WASD WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.).
- Kristy Gnibus JV (First Assistant) Girls' Softball Coach, Step 1. (This salary based on the 2009-2010 salary schedule. The 2010-2011 salary to be determined on the settlement of the WASD WEA Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.).

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Rzepka to approve the addition of Kevin Woods to the Volunteer Coach List for the 2010-2011 school year and the addition of Rusty Yaple and Christine McCall to the Game Help List for the 2010-2011 school year. In a recorded roll call vote, the following members voted "Yes": Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Afton, Mr. Duda, Mr. Duncan, Mrs. McNally, Mr. Rzepka, and Mr. Walko. The following member abstained: Mr. McCall. Motion carried.

Volunteer Coaching & Game Help

During Dialogue time Mrs. Sadaly shared that there will be an article featured in the newspaper about Kim Webb who has applied for and secured two teacher grants with which she has purchased items for use in her classroom.

Board Dialogue

Immediately following the Regular Board Meeting, there will be an Executive Session in the DAO Conference Room.

There being no further business to come before the board, upon motion from Mr. Rzepka, seconded by Mr. Duncan the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Adjournment

Stephen J. Maksimuk
School Board Secretary